

# Newsletter

## Spring 1



### Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to this half terms newsletter and what a start we have all had to 2021! As this half term draws to an end at Bents Green School we are all really looking forward to when our students can return to school and we can start another 'new normal'. As a school community we are here to help, please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help you and your child.



I have been really proud of how our students have adapted once again and embraced the new Live Lessons. These are a great way to have structure to the day at home but also for your children to interact with their peers and friends.

For those who have been in school they will have seen a temporary repurpose of the Activity Suite to an Asymptomatic Covid testing area. This is running smoothly and again those students who have agreed to be tested have coped really well.

As important letter has been sent a very important letter to you via email regarding plans for September 2021 you can find it on our school website under Parents/Transition to Gleadless.

Stay safe and well and enjoy your half term.

Sacha Schofield

### Remote learning including link to live lessons

It is fair to say we have all had to learn new skills this half term! The teachers and TAs have been working hard to learn how to use the technology to teach students at home.

It has been such a pleasure to see so many of you join our live lessons, either with your tutors or part of the whole school live events taking place each day. We were delighted that over 90% of you were completing the work set at home and engaging well with the remote learning offer.

We are really hoping everyone will be back in school full time very soon, but for now, please keep logging onto the class sites to access your daily activities and join us every day at 10am for more live lessons!

Sacha will be leading our first assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10am. If any parent/carers has any issues or concerns about the remote learning curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss.

Claire Bailey, Deputy Headteacher

## Meet the safeguarding team

Ringinglow

Ringinglow

Gleadless

Gleadless

Westfield



Sacha Schofield



Cathy Varley



Aileen Hosty



Louise Usher



Alex Walker

The Safeguarding team at Bents Green School regard the safeguarding of children as our main priority. We believe that we all have the right to be happy, to be safe and to learn. We all have the responsibility to make this happen. Safeguarding is about keeping children safe by protecting them from harm, supporting their development and making sure they grow up in a safe environment.

As a parent/carer, sometimes you may experience challenges when you feel like you would benefit from help for yourself, or your child or family. If you would like advice or support on any difficulties you or your child may be facing, or you feel like you are struggling to cope, please speak to one of the safeguarding team or your child's tutor team. Getting early advice and support really can help and resolve issues quickly. If you are concerned that a child may be suffering harm or neglect, ask to speak to our safeguarding team or call the Sheffield safeguarding hub on - 0114 273 4855.

## Help for students

**Kooth.com** is a free, safe and confidential way for young people to receive counselling, support and advice online, will still be accessible over the break from school. We know that there are times when life can feel like a struggle and some extra support can be needed. Kooth is accessible 24 a day, 7 days a week 365 days of the year and provides access to quality counselling from BACP or UKCP accredited counselling professionals via a text based format from 12noon to 10pm on weekdays, and 6pm-10pm on weekends, providing a much needed 'out of hours' service. Kooth is accessible from any device that can access the Internet, allowing young people to seek help and support at a time and location that is suitable for them.

Our community is here to support you through anything. Big or small.

Join Kooth



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Advice for Parents and Carers: Talking mental health with young people at secondary school

## The Mix

**The Mix** is the UK's leading support service for young people. We are here to help you take on any challenge you're facing - from mental health to money, from homelessness to finding a job, from break-ups to drugs. Talk to us via our online community, on social, through our free, confidential hotline or our counselling service.

**THE MIX**  
Essential support for under 25s

0808 808 4994



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### Support Chat

Talk about anything that's on your mind. A judgement-free zone to get and give advice within a group.

Sun to Thu at 8 - 9.30pm

### Coronavirus: Tips & Information

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### General Chat

A light-hearted chat for fun, distraction and a chance to unwind.

Sun to Thu at 8 - 9.30pm

### Covid Hardship Fund

If you are struggling to afford everyday essentials because of the pandemic, you may be eligible to apply for Covid-19 Hardship Related Assistance.

Further details are available on our website <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/coronavirus-hub/support-for-people#emergencygrant>

### Upcoming dates

**Mon 15 — Fri 19 Feb HALF TERM**

**Thurs 4 Mar**, World Book Day

**Mon 15 Mar**, Virtual Exams Information evening Y10 upwards, invite will be sent

**Fri 1 - Fri 16 Apr**, EASTER BREAK

**Mon 19 April**, all students back to learning

### Government help to support remote learning

Read more at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) about how companies are helping students to access remote learning



**Attendance during Lockdown**—If your child has a place at school during this lockdown period, please can we ask that you let school know if child isn't well and aren't able to attend. Thank you



**Don't forget to follow us on twitter**  
**@bentsgreensch**



Sign up to the school lottery at  
**bentsgreenschool.co.uk/parents/fobg**

### I'M BACK by Alfie

The day has come,  
I'm BACK I say,  
I find my seat  
And start the day.

Sharpened pencils,  
Big, big grin,  
I just can't wait  
To dive on in.

My teacher looks like  
So much fun.  
My learning here  
Has just begun.

I'll meet new friends  
And old ones too.  
I'm feeling GREAT!  
How about you?!

**Communications**—As a school we need to inform Parents/Carers of information as quickly as possible. If you have an email address or mobile telephone number that we don't have recorded at school, please let us know and we will update it for you. This will ensure you get up to date information from us.

**Twitter**—Our school twitter feed is regularly updated throughout the school day with information, ideas, good news, student work and links. Why not follow the school and see what the school community are doing.

If you and your child would like to share good examples of work or taking part in the live lessons why not photograph it and send it in or tweet it using @bentsgreensch and we will repost it.

We also have a regularly updated website if you need any information about the school.

**Free School Meals vouchers**—Just a reminder that Sheffield Council have sent letters to those families eligible for FSM with a half term voucher. If you would like help with that code, please call Ringinglow Road site on 0114 2363545 and ask for Juliette who can help you.

## News from Forest School—Earth Day 2021



This is a global environmental event celebrated every year on April 22. People from across the globe participate in action towards creating a healthier environment for future generations. At Bents Green School we are hoping to take part by having a day of exciting workshops and events.

We have partnered with the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust and Our Cow Molly Farm, (the one that is famous for the ice cream.) All being well, students will have the opportunity to milk a model cow and churn their own butter.

Other activities include art workshops reusing plastic materials & tree and wild flower planting.

If the day does not go ahead as planned due to further lockdown restrictions, we are determined to find a way possibly at a different time. We will also look at providing opportunities to do some of the activities remotely. After all, every day should be Earth Day! We will keep you posted.....

**Emily Whiteley, Outdoor Learning Coordinator**

**Half Term Activities**—even in lockdown there are plenty of things you can do

**The Sheffield Children's University Home Learning Challenges for the February half term are now available!**

The booklet contains 5 fun, home learning activities, crafts and games for families to enjoy, and collect CU credits for taking part too! You find a copy of these attached to the email, but here is a link to them too: <https://bit.ly/SCUFeb2021HomeLearningChallenge>

**Why not try some Andy Goldsworthy inspired art** like some of the students who need to attend our Ringinglow site have done. Or Google Andy Goldsworthy art for inspiration. These are a few ideas



**What ever you decide to do during the half term break we hope you enjoy it**

individuals matter.







# Bents Green School Photography Competition



## Theme: **Nature & Landscapes**

We would love to see lots of wonderful photos you have taken outdoors. The following things may inspire you:

1. Weather
2. Animals
3. Plants
4. Landscapes



### Rules

1. Please only enter one photo
2. You must take the photo yourself
3. No people in your photos please

Please send your entry to El Drayson by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb  
[edrayson@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:edrayson@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk)

There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes and all entries will receive a certificate.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Prize



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

