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"Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future."

Nelson Mandela



Over the last few weeks, we have seen in the news great debates about our government, and how the public feel they should behave, making it a topical time for our local MP, Miriam Cates, to visit our school.

It was a pleasure to see how confidently our School Council representatives presented themselves during the visit. Their behaviour and manners were exemplary, whilst asking the sort of thought-provoking questions you would normally expect on Question Time!

We can be hopeful that with the eloquence they displayed, and the integrity of their questions, that our pupils will have the potential to become successful politicians in years to come. They may be children today, but they are the leaders of the future.

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Charlotte Appleby
- Y3JT: Declan Hague
- Y3RD: Maisie Randall
- Y4CG: Carson Bullimore
- Y4KT: Darcy Hague
- Y4OS: Joel Couldwell
- Y5GG: Neve Smith
- Y5HK: Alfie Jackson
- Y5JH: Evie Aubrey
- Y6ER: Miley Ellison
- Y6MC: Ava Pedler
- Y6CH: Lucas Emson-Brown

Mrs Foster: Macy Jones
Miss Sheehan: Lana Horsfield
Mr Wright: Harriet Pickering

Lower School Lunchtimes: Maggie Jones
Upper School Lunchtimes: Tommy Siddall
Dining-Room: Iqra Sajid

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Jack Mitchell

Y4 - CAIRO

Harry Hanson

Y5 - BEIJING

Jack Prentice-Marsden
Shannon Taylor Cuss

Y6 - BUENOS AIRES

Madison Fletcher
Felix Bond
Molly Shaw
Alyssa Fletcher
Skye Pawson

Y3 - PARIS

Penelope Cawthorne
James Birch

Y4 - NAIROBI

Cordelia Hibbert
Bronwen Parfitt
Lottie Siddall

Y5 - TOKYO

Y6 - BRASILIA

Felix Bond
Molly Shaw

MIRIAM GATES MP VISIT

We were delighted to welcome Miriam Cates MP into school last Friday to meet our School Council. The children were intrigued to find out exactly what being the MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge entails and they had prepared some thought-provoking questions in advance. Miriam was also keen to ask some of her own questions to School Council about their important role within our school. We look forward to working with Miriam again soon.



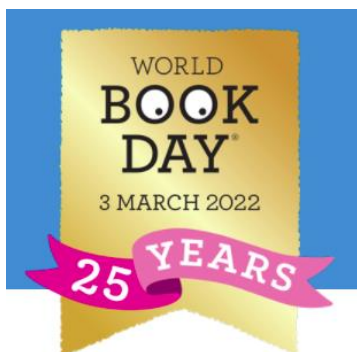
COVID UPDATE

We currently have numerous confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in school and this increase is affecting all year groups, and also school staff. We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and remain operational for our pupils. We are managing the situation with as little disruption to your child's learning as possible, so we ask you to please bear with us during this difficult time.

Please adhere to the guidance below in order to protect children and staff from further infection:

- 1. Action to take because of increasing COVID-19 cases in the school/setting:** To help reduce transmission of the virus, if you are advised that your child is a close contact, please test using daily LFD tests for 7 days. Each day, if the test is negative and your child is well, they can continue to attend the setting.
- 2. Action to take if your child develops COVID symptoms:** If your child develops COVID symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)) they should go for a PCR test.
- 3. Action to take if your child receives a positive LFD or PCR result:** If your child receives a positive PCR result or a positive LFD test result (whether they have symptoms or not) then they must isolate.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



WORLD BOOK DAY

As a school, we are very aware of the importance of our children becoming secure readers and having the pleasure of enjoying a good book. Over the years, celebrating World Book Day has become an important part of our school calendar. Due to Covid restrictions over the last two years, we have not been able to enjoy our usual book-themed day to its full potential. However, this year, SJS World Book Day is back on top form!

Planning is taking place for lots of fun book and author activities and we would like the children to dress as their favourite book characters. We can't wait to see all your amazing costumes on **Thursday 3rd March** and to spend the day celebrating books!

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Film Club will, unfortunately, be cancelled again next week. Choir and Running Club are taking place as normal on Monday 24th January.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

The Cross Country fixture this Saturday (22nd January) has had a change of venue. If you are interested, please meet Miss Hague at **Norfolk Park** at 9:30am.

RECYCLE 4 CHARITY - PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES



We are now collecting empty printer ink cartridges to recycle to raise money for school. If you have any printer ink cartridges that you would like to recycle, please ask your child to put it in the box at reception.

MENU FOR NEXT WEEK ...

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| All day breakfast | Homemade chicken enchiladas served with rice | Roast chicken served with roast potato | Homemade meat & potato pie | Fishfingers served with chips & ketchup |
| All Day breakfast | Quorn chilli served with wholemeal rice | Quorn fillet served with roast potato | Tomato and vegetable pasta bake | Cheese & onion quiche served with chips & ketchup |
| Seasonal vegetables Salad Fresh Bread | Seasonal vegetables Salad Fresh Bread | Seasonal vegetables Salad Fresh Bread | Seasonal vegetables Salad Fresh Bread | Seasonal vegetables Salad Fresh Bread |
| Ginger biscuits with fresh fruit | Chocolate & pear sponge served with custard | Fruit jelly | Apple flapjack Served with custard | Chocolate orange brownie |
| Homemade tray bake | Homemade tray bake | Homemade tray bake | Homemade tray bake | Homemade tray bake |
| Fresh fruit and yoghurt | Fresh fruit and yoghurt | Fresh fruit and yoghurt | Fresh fruit and yoghurt | Fresh fruit and yoghurt |
| Jacket potato with a choice of fillings | Jacket potato with a choice of fillings | Jacket potato with a choice of fillings | Jacket potato with a choice of fillings | Jacket potato with a choice of fillings |

SHEFFIELD LIBRARIES – MINI WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Sheffield Libraries have let us know that there is still time to take part in the online Winter Mini Challenge until Sunday 20th February 2022. All Sheffield Libraries will be promoting and supporting this online reading initiative and there is still time for children to get involved. It is free to take part, all children need to do is read at least three books to add to their challenge to unlock a virtual badge and a special certificate to print off. Children with Passports to Learning can earn three credits on completion of the challenge. To claim these all they need to do is print off their certificate and show it to their local library staff.

Head over to www.wintermini.org.uk for more details!

