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Wow! Although this has only been a five-week half term, we have certainly started 2024 with a bang! Even this week has been packed to bursting with a wide range a varied experiences to add that little bit extra to our children's educations. We started the week with an assembly about Children's Mental Health Week – helping to empower our young people by equipping them with tools to express themselves and look after their mental health and wellbeing. On Tuesday, this was followed by Internet Safety Day where we were raising awareness and providing the tools so our children can be responsible and safe online citizens. We have then ended the week with two amazing Spelling Bee competitions, where our semi-finalists have impressed with both their spelling skills and good-natured competitive spirits. All of this, of course, with a spot of snow drama yesterday! It's not surprising that after such a busy week that everyone is ready for a rest. We hope you all enjoy half-term and look forwards to seeing you all, raring to go, on Monday 19th February!

# SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3MR: Matilda Levick • Y3\$K: Zachary Pickering
- Y3CB: Elliott Lonigro
- Y4KT: Ellis Chadwick
- Y4OS: Aether Pymer Bish
- Y5CH: Isla McGrail
- Y5GG: Harley Tollan
- Y5LH: Connor Powlesland
- Y6ER: Bronwen Parfitt
- Y6RD: Dylan Whiteley
- Y6SS: Carson Bullimore

Cedarwood Yard: Ava Jones Ball Games Yard: Violet-Skye Holmes Dining Hall: Laila Clarke Attendance & Punctuality: Rose Fletcher-Radion

Miss Sheehan: Darcy Ruddlesdin Mrs Saville: Lola Green Mr Tee: Caleb Tingle

### READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - PARIS

Mair Marshall-Gane Harry Powell

Y4 - PRETORIA

Martha Traill Georgia Woodhouse Marcie Anderson

**Y6 - BUENOS AIRES** 

William Powell Martha Sulikowska YG - BRASILIA

William Powell

### **SPELLING BEE**

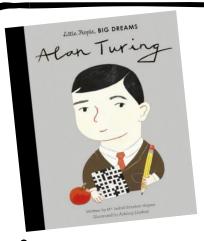
Yesterday, our semi-finalists competed head-to-head in a knockout in front of the rest of lower/upper school. Children were tested on words that they hadn't previously been given and dazzled audience members with their ability to spell some incredibly tricky words. Both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 contests were extremely tough but children rose to the challenge with such enthusiasm and positivity.

Congratulations to the following children who have progressed to the final and equally to the other semi-finalists who were so graceful in defeat. We are so proud of each and every contestant!

> Ciara Cooke Lily Broomhead Jake Wragg Marcie Anderson Elliott Lonigro



Alice Wright Darcy Hague Niall Pritchett William Powell Lottie Siddall



### **BOOK OF THE WEEK**

As we commemorate Safer Internet Day this week, we're diving into the inspiring tale of Alan Turing through the pages of "Alan Turing: Little People, Big Dreams" by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara. This beautifully illustrated book introduces our students to the life and legacy of a remarkable figure in computing history.

Alan Turing, widely regarded as the father of modern computer science, not only made ground breaking contributions to the field but also faced significant challenges during his lifetime. His story serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of online safety, privacy, and inclusivity in today's digital world.

# FAREWELL...

Farewell and thank you to our school cook, Mrs Cooper, who is off to pastures new. We are sure you will join us in wishing her the best of luck for the future.

Mellors, our catering contractor, are currently recruiting a new cook. In the meantime, one of their mobile cooks will be providing delicious school meals.

# **WORLD BOOK DAY**

We would like to draw parents' attention to World Book Day which is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Various activities will take place during the school day. More information will follow about the day's events but, for now, we would like to ensure parents are aware that children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the day.

### SJS AND THE MOBO AWARDS

This week, Sheffield hosted the MOBO Awards, which celebrates music of Black origin. To open the show, The Sheffield Music Hub recorded a city-wide musical performance of over 5,000 children. See if you can spot Miss Gillespie's class singing Blinded by Your Grace (part 2) – by famous UK rapper, Stormzy.

https://youtu.be/2UoSjeNn0xs?si=BW2U6IpNkPwVQUtM



#### PE TIMETABLE

Each week, please ensure your child wears appropriate PE kit to school on their class' PE day.

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Y6ER	Y3SK + SK's Maths Y6RD	Y3MR + MR's Maths Y5GG	Y3CB + CB's Maths Y5CH	Y4KT Y5GB Y6SS Y4OS Swimming

### MISSING UNIFORM

One of our Y4s has misplaced his uniform after a swimming lesson a couple of weeks ago. Over the half term week, we would appreciate if parents could check that their child's items of uniform are clearly labelled, If parents happen to come across any uniform with the surname 'Griggs' inside, please return it to the school office.

# **AQUA FEST**

This week a team of Y5 children went to Ponds Forge to participate in Aqua Fest – a swimming development festival providing a balance of competitive races and relays along with expert tuition from swimming coaches. Alongside the festival, the children enjoyed watching some professional divers preparing for the upcoming Olympics and the Sheffield Hallam elite swimmers being put through their paces! Well done to all children for their efforts. Overall the team finished in a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done team Stocky!



### **NEXT WEEK'S MENU**

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WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
MAIN DISH	Pepperoni pizza served with wedges	Chilli con carne served with rice	Roast Chicken served with mashed potato, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	All Day Breakfast	Proper fish and chips served with chunky chips and tomato ketchup			
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Margherita Pizza served with wedges	Macaroni cheese	Roast Quorn fillet served with mashed potatoes	Quorn All Day Breakfast	Cheese flan served with chunky chips and tomato ketchu			
accompaniments (5)	Garden Peas & sweetcorn Salad Bar	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Cauliflower and cabbage Salad Bar	Beans and tomatoes Salad Bar	Mushy peas Baked Beans Salad bar			
DESSERTS	Chocolate sponge and custard	Fruit sponge and custard	Lemon shortbread	Flapjack	Treacle sponge an custard			
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt			
JACKET POTATO AND STREET FOOD	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato  Cheese and ham panini served with wedges	Jacket potato			

EVENTS NEXT HALF TERM								
Feb 19 Read Around the World: Set off on your journey towards your 4th destination  Parents' Evening booking live on ParentMail	20	21	22 Spelling Bee: The Final!	23 Y4OS Swimming				
Feb 26 Y3 Parents' Session	27 Y4 Parents' Session	28 Y5 Parents' Session	29 Y6 Parents' Session	March 1 Y4OS Swimming				
March 4	5 Parents' Evening	6 Parents' Evening	7 World Book Day	8 Y4OS Swimming				
March 11	12	13	14	15 Y4OS Swimming Easter Egg Competition Open for Entries				
March 18	19 Read Around the World: Earliest arrival at your 4 <sup>th</sup> destination	20	21	22 Y4OS Swimming Y6 Robinwood 2024: Final Instalment Due (£106)				
March 25	26	27 Easter Egg Competition Deadline Disco (TBC)	28	29 Good Friday				

For events further ahead, please check our school calendar on our website.