

# HEATHER GARTH STAR

## Monthly News



ISSUE 30

AUTUMN TERM 1 2023

### REMINDER -

PLEASE NOTE - To book for the breakfast club, which is open from 7.30 am every morning, every school day, please contact Julie Quinn on 01709894149

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**SCHOOL BREAKS UP ON FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023**

**AND RETURNS ON**

**MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2023**

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE A LOVELY HALF TERM**

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### FUNDRAISING

Macmillan Coffee Morning, 27 September 2023 we raised £170.70.

Thank you for your continued support.

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#### COFFEE MORNING

Don't forget to visit our coffee morning every Wednesday

8.30am—10.00am  
in the Blue Building



Our Parent and Toddler runs:

Tuesday 8.30am—10.00am

PARENTS/CARERS/GRANDPARENTS -

If you have a toddler and would like to join us, please come along to the Blue Building.

YOU WILL BE MADE VERY WELCOME!

## Extra Curricular Clubs


### GRASSROOTS

Year Groups	Day of Club	Time of Club	Amount of Sessions
Years 1 and 2	Wednesday (8 November to 13 December)	3.05 pm – 4.30 pm	6 weeks No charge
Years 3 and 4	Thursday (9 November to 14 December)	3.05 pm – 4.30 pm	6 weeks No charge
Years 5 and 6	Monday (6 November to 11 December)	3.05 pm – 4.30 pm	6 weeks No charge

Year Groups	Day of Club	Details & Time of Club	Teachers	Amount of Sessions and Costs
Years 1 and 2	Thursday (9 November to 7 December)	Christmas Crafts - In the club the children will take part in a variety of different Christmas themed activities <b>3.05 pm to 4.05 pm</b>	Mrs Brown & Miss Walker	5 weeks £10.00
Years 3 and 4	Monday (6 November to 4 December)	Christmas Crafts – See above. <b>3.05 pm to 4.05 pm</b>	Mrs Brown & Mrs Little	5 weeks £10.00
Years 5 and 6	Wednesday (8 November to 6 December)	Christmas Crafts – See above <b>3.05 pm to 4.05 pm</b>	Mrs Brown	5 weeks £10.00

### HEART OF THE WOODS CHOIR

Year Groups	Day of Club	Details & Time of Club	Teacher	Amount of Sessions
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Autumn 2 Heart of the Wood Choir	Thursday – 09.11.23, 16.11.23, 23.11.23, 30.11.23 & 07.12.23 3.05 pm to 4.05 pm	Mrs Burgess	5 weeks No charge
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Autumn 2 Heart of the Wood Choir	Dress Rehearsal – Sunday 3 December 10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Mrs Burgess	
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Autumn 2 Heart of the Wood Choir	Heart of the Wood Performance – Saturday 9 December 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Mrs Burgess	



## WHOLE SCHOOL

### AUTUMN TERM 2 CALENDAR

#### REMEMBRANCE WEEK

**6 NOVEMBER 2023**

**Remembrance Sunday** is held in the United Kingdom as a day "to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts". It is held at 11am on the second Sunday in November (the Sunday nearest to 11 November, [Armistice Day](#), the anniversary of the end of hostilities in the [First World War](#) in 1918).

#### NON-UNIFORM DAY - TTRS DRESS UP AS A ROCK STAR

**7 NOVEMBER 2023**

Our 1st non-uniform day in order to raise funds to help reduce the cost of school educational trips for parents and carers. £1.00 Per child. Thank you for your continued support.

#### PARLIAMENT WEEK

**13 NOVEMBER 2023**

**UK Parliament Week**, previously called **Parliament Week**, is an annual series of events in the [United Kingdom](#) that aim to inspire interest in [parliament](#), [politics](#) and [democracy](#) and encourage young people and the public to engage with the UK's democratic system and institutions. Initiated in 2011, a week-long programme of events and activities is organised each year by the [House of Commons](#) and [House of Lords](#) of the [Parliament of the United Kingdom](#) in collaboration with hundreds of other organisations around the country including charities, schools, museums and community groups.

#### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK—ODD SOCK DAY


**13 NOVEMBER 2023**

The children will be taking part in various activities during the week in relation to bullying. As you know the effects of bullying can have a massive impact on all individuals. Anti bullying week is a great way to get involved, take a stand against bullying and raise awareness in school. **In support of Anti Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day, children are invited to attend school on Monday 13 November wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day** is an opportunity to have fun, be yourself and spread awareness of the core values Anti Bullying Week promotes.

#### FS2—YEAR 6 NASAL FLU IMMUNISATIONS

**14 NOVEMBER 2023**

Nasal flu immunisations will be administered to children in school on Tuesday 14 November 2023. Please note, vaccines WILL NOT be given without the consent of the parent or legal guardian. To give consent please go to [www.barnsleysais.co.uk](http://www.barnsleysais.co.uk) enter the school code, which is BN139748 and complete the consent form.



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## AUTUMN TERM 2 CALENDAR

### CONT'D

#### CHILDREN IN NEED

**17 NOVEMBER 2023**

Your child can come to school dressed in Pudsey Bear colours—yellow, red or white, or something spotty or both. **(NO FACE PAINT PLEASE).** **We are asking for children to bring £1.00 for non-uniform.**

**All proceeds will go to Children in Need.**

#### CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

**1 DECEMBER 2023**

Again we are holding a Christmas card competition in School. There will be a boy and girl winner from every class and one card will be chosen for Heather Garth's Christmas card this year. If your child would like to enter the competition they will need to design their card at home and bring to school no later than **9.30 am on Friday 1 December 2023.** Please make sure your child writes their name and class on the back of their Christmas card.

#### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - NON-UNIFORM DAY

**15 DECEMBER 2023**

Our 2nd non-uniform day in order to raise funds to help reduce the cost of school educational trips

For parents and carers. £1.00 Per child. Thank you for your continued support.

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY & CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

##### Christmas Raffle

Loads of Fantastic prizes to be won including Food/Spirits/Wine Hamper/Toiletries/ Chocolates and loads more!!! Please remember that all profits from the raffle will go towards the school fund.- 2 strips will be sent home with your child—£1.00 per strip.

**20 DECEMBER 2023**

##### Christmas Dinner

Please remember that if your child does not want a Christmas dinner they will need to bring a packed lunch from home. **If your child is going to bring a packed lunch please let their class teacher know by Friday 1 December 2023.** Christmas dinner is £2.50 per child - please make sure there are sufficient funds on your child's dinner account.

**Again, this year if your child wishes, they can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper on Christmas dinner day.**

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

**21 DECEMBER 2023**

Party food will be served for lunch, however if your child prefers they can bring a packed lunch from home. Party food from school is £2.50 per child.– please make sure there are sufficient funds on your child's dinner account. Party clothes may be worn but please ensure your child has **sensible footwear and a coat** for playtime and lunchtime.



**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**School breaks up on  
Thursday 21 December 2023**

**(Friday 22 December 2023 is an inset day)**

***and***

**we are back on  
Monday 8 January 2024**

***Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year***



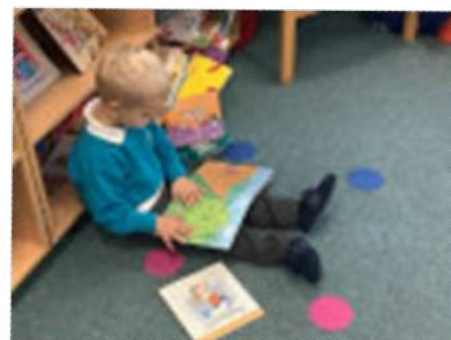
## FS1

We have had a wonderful first half term in FS1. The children have all settled in well and are adapting quickly to routines and expectations. Thank you to everyone who are supporting the children with their Learning Diaries at home.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic of 'Marvellous Me' and talking about and drawing our families and homes and our likes and dislikes.

We have been reading the story 'The Colour Monster' which focuses on different emotions and we have discussed what makes us have different feelings, such as what makes us happy, sad or excited. The children have talked lots about what makes them happy, such as playing with their friends at school, their favourite sweets and ice-cream flavours and spending time with their families.

The children have focused on developing their writing skills through fine motor activities such as Dough Disco and 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle' which involves 'flipper flappers' and lots of different dance moves to support gross motor development. The children enjoy picking the music to accompany our sessions and have made fantastic progress so far.



Our children have lots of time to explore our continuous provision, engaging in learning both indoors and outdoors. We have also enjoyed using our new road as well as role-playing using our 'traffic lights', 'petrol pump' and 'car wash'.

The children have quickly adapted to routines in the setting and our motto of 'Choose it, Use it and Put it away' and it is a pleasure to see all of our children engaged in their learning and making new friends.

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## FS2

We have had a brilliant first half term in FS2. The children have settled in quickly to our routines and are showing increasing independence. We have started our phonics and maths sessions and already children are making great progress. Some children are already blending sounds to read words! Thank you to all those families supporting your children with reading at home and to those that are completing homework in our yellow books each week.

The children have read the story 'The Colour Monster' which focuses on different emotions and we have discussed what makes us have different feelings. We have focused on developing our understanding of the words 'love' and 'calm'. We have learned about ways to keep ourselves calm when we become upset or feel angry.

The children have focused on developing their writing skills through fine motor activities such as daily Dough Disco and weekly 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle'. These fun activities take place alongside a lively piece of music and the children have shown a keen interest for these. Lots of Lego play and malleable activities such as playdough have supported our fine motor skills too.

As always, our children have lots of time to explore our continuous provision, engaging in learning both indoors and outdoors. We have particularly enjoyed building bridges, linked to our focus on 'The Gingerbread Man'. Lots of children explained that a bridge would have been a helpful for the Gingerbread Man to use to cross the river safely at the end of the story.

We have also noticed how the weather is changing and that leaves are starting to fall down from the trees. In FS2, we have enjoyed lots of discussions around Autumn changes. We have gone on walks around school and have used iPads to take photos of the changes.

We have loved talking about how we have all changed since we were babies. We have looked at photos of ourselves as babies, toddlers and now 4 and 5 year olds. Lots noticed how we have grown over time and how our hair has changed.



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## **AUTUMN TERM 2**

### **EYFS**

#### **FS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Our FS children will be taking part in two performances on Monday 11 December, one during the morning at 10.00 am and one during the afternoon at 2.15 pm. For those parents whose children attend Nursery for full days and FS2 please let a member of the FS staff know which performance you will be attending. On arrival please come directly to the school hall doors where you can sign in. Refreshments will be served and raffle tickets will be on sale prior to the concerts from 9.30 am and 1.45 pm respectively. The top gates will be unlocked at 9.25 am and locked at 9.55 am and unlocked at 1.40 pm and locked at 2.10 pm. If you are late arriving please go to the main reception.

**11 DECEMBER 2023**

#### **CHRISTMAS PANTO FOR FS2 & YEAR 1**

The coach will leave school at 9.00 am for a 9.30 am start at the Panto. The performance is due to finish approximately 12.00 pm and your child will have a late lunch at school. Please make sure the Panto has been paid in full and the consent form returned to school no later than Friday 10 November 2023.

**12 DECEMBER 2023**





## YEAR 1

This half term, Year 1's learning has been "All around me". In science, we have been learning all about animals including humans. We have learnt about the different groups of animals and their diets. We have also been learning about parts of the body and our senses.

In RE, we have been focusing on Christianity and sacred books from different religions. We have also listened to and acted out the story of Moses and David and Goliath through roleplay, "this was fun!".

In music, we have been learning all about pulse, beat and rhythm. We have also been singing and performing a selection of songs.

In DT, we designed and constructed our own windmills.

In PE, we have been building our skills and techniques in cricket. We have been learning how to ball, bat and field.



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## AUTUMN TERM 2

### YEAR 1

#### YEAR 1 - TOYS 'THEN & NOW' PARENT SESSION

**28 NOVEMBER 2023**

As part of Year 1's 'Toys, Then & Now' topic, you will be invited to come along to support your child to create their very own 'Victorian' toy. We will be creating toys such as ball and cup, Jack in a box, toy soldiers and paper boat models.

#### YEAR 1 HISTORY OF TOYS WORKSHOP

**5 DECEMBER 2023**

As part of year 1's learning 'Memory Box' we have invited History of Life to come in to school to deliver the above workshop. The workshop will allow children to have access to a wide range of exciting 'traditional toys' to play with, explore and have a huge amount of fun with. The children will also spend some time playing lots of traditional games, and learning the rules of the games, with their friends.

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## YEAR 2

In Year two, we began our Geography unit comparing UK and Kenya by looking at our local area.

We have looked at map skills and directions as well as looking at human and physical features of Bolton-Upon -Dearne. We loved our walk around the local area, spotting lots of geographical features and identifying building use and then we drew our own maps to show our route. In science we have been finding out about animals including humans. We have discovered the basic needs of all animals and how they grow and change from young into adults.



In Literacy, we have finished our first writing unit based on 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. We have written some super model sentences to create a class version of the story. The children then worked so hard on their own story about a different animal that was afraid. We were really excited for our visit from the Owl man and now we are writing a non-chronological report about owls using the information we have found out! In maths we started the term by working on place value. Children have been learning the value of digits and partitioning a two digit number into tens and ones. We have started our next maths unit which is addition and subtraction where we will soon be learning how to add two-digit numbers!

We can't wait for the next part of our learning which looks at Kenya and our parent/carer session which is on Tuesday 21 November!



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## AUTUMN TERM 2

### YEAR 2

#### YEAR 2 PARENT SESSION

**21 NOVEMBER 2023**

As part of our learning, you will be invited to join us between 1.45 pm and 2.45 pm for our parent session. Here you will join your child in drawing animals that live in Africa, make an African necklace, listen to African music and taste African fruit.

#### CHRISTMAS PANTO FOR YEARS 2—6

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## YEAR 3

In Year 3 the children have been learning about Food and Farming UK. This has been a Geography focus where we have been thinking about where our food comes from, including looking at arable and pastoral farming as well as the different places around the world that our food comes from. We were lucky enough to be visited by a real farmer too, who helped us look at the different crops that can be grown in the UK. This has linked nicely with our DT work where we have been able to make fruit kebabs using fruits grown in other countries and thought about seasonal fruit and vegetables of the UK.

In Science, we have focussed on nutrition and considered how we can have a healthy diet as well as thinking about why certain food types are good or bad for us and why. The children have been able to group foods based on what nutrition they include and write a small food diary which they have been able to analyse and suggest improvements for.

In literacy, we have looked at the story of 'Star in the Jar' and then created our own stories about Tom and the Star. The children have focussed on the different features of writing that they could include, such as adjectives, similes and use of speech. As a class, we have been working on our letter formation too to get ready to join our writing.



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## AUTUMN TERM 2

### YEAR 3

#### YEAR 3 PARENT SESSION

**24 NOVEMBER 2023**

The children will be taking part in Stone Age activities linking with our history work. We will be learning about the Stone Age and how it is followed by the Bronze Age and Iron Age and thinking about the achievements of these civilizations. By joining us on our parent session we will be able to share our learning with parents

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## YEAR 4

This half term, our learning has been all about 'Europe – Italy Focused'. As part of their geography learning, year 4 have learnt about the countries that make up Europe and their capital cities. What the physical geography of Italy is and how it compares to that of the UK, what the famous cities and landmarks are of Italy and how life in Italy compares to life in the UK.

As part of their science lessons, the children have learnt all about the digestive system, the different types of teeth in humans and their functions and how to construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. They have taken part in a practical activity that represented the digestive system and observed what happens to the enamel on our teeth (hardboiled egg shells) when left in a variety of liquids.

They have also learnt in computing how to access Microsoft Office 365 to collaboratively learn. This has included contributing to a shared piece of work, creating a digital survey and creating and sharing a Mi-



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## AUTUMN TERM 2

### YEAR 4

**1 DECEMBER 2023**

#### **YEAR 4 PARENT SESSION**

During the session you can enjoy a festive afternoon making Christmas crafts with your child

**11 DECEMBER 2023**

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**15 DECEMBER 2023**

#### **YEAR 4 SWIMMING**

The lessons will take place on **Friday mornings**, starting with an assessment lesson on **Friday 15 December 2023 from 11.00 am – 11.45 am and thereafter every Friday from Friday 12 January 2024 to Friday 22 March 2024 (excluding the February half term week).** (Please keep this in mind when you are booking any medical appointments etc.)

**Wath Leisure Centre rules - PLEASE SEE LIST OF RULES AND REQUIREMENTS RE SWIMWEAR, JEWELLERY, SWIM CAPS AND GOGGLES SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD.**

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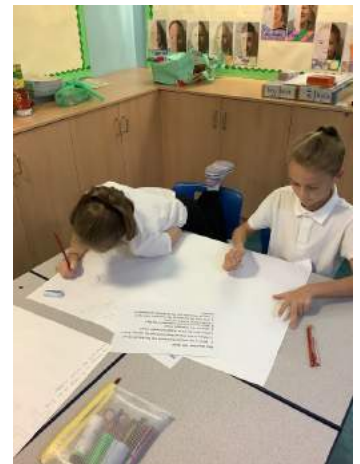




## YEAR 5



This term year 5 have had a busy one! We have spent time learning about the Amazon Rainforest and mapping the countries of South America. We have learnt about world lines and where is best to go on holiday for the sunshine! We looked at reasons why deforestation is happening and how the Earth needs the Amazon Rainforest, with it being 'the lungs of the Earth'.



During Science we have looked at Earth & Space and how the planets stay in orbit, as well as looking at and understanding night and day. This was perfectly timed with our artwork, as the children have created their own retrofuturism artwork based on space.



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## AUTUMN TERM 2

### YEAR 5

#### YEAR 5 PARENT SESSION

**17 NOVEMBER 2023**

Year 5 will be hosting an around the world themed 'School Quiz' for their parents and carers from 2.15 pm to 3.00 pm. Teams will compete for the grand title of 'Heather Garth's Quiz Champions'.

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## YEAR 6

This half term, in history, Year 6 have studied the impact of WWII on Britain. This included a fantastic educational visit to Cannon Hall Museum to experience a day in the life of evacuees.

We have learnt about what events led to the outbreak of World War 2. We also learnt about the Blitz and how this affected our locality, particularly our closest city of Sheffield. We looked at what it was like for those who were evacuated and how the role of women changed during this period. We spent time learning about the legacy of the World War on Britain.

In science we have been learning about light. We learnt that light travels in straight lines and what happens to light when it travels through prisms and water. We looked at light sources, what happens when we see and what happens to our eye when it is too light or too dark. We looked at reflection and how that can help us see behind us or around things. Finally, we looked at shadows and how they have the same shape as the object that cast them.

In RE, we have looked at the Sikh faith. We learnt more about their sacred text, the Guru Granth Sahib, why it is so special and how it is treated. We also learnt about significant and special places to Sikhs. This included learning about the importance of the Gurdwara, some of its features and pilgrimages around the world that Sikhs undertake.

In our computing lessons, we have focused on the importance of secret codes and Bletchley Park during WW2. We also looked at significant individuals who have had an impact on computer science today. We created a presentation and shared our findings with each other.

In DT, we designed and made a stuffed toy for an evacuee in wartime. We practised previously taught sewing skills as well as adding additional details.

In PE we have been working on two separate units. The first unit looked at developing dribbling and passing skills across a range of sports including hockey, football and basketball. The second unit was handball.



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## AUTUMN TERM 2 - YEAR 6

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### YEAR 6 CRUCIAL CREW

**13 DECEMBER 2023**

Every primary school in South Yorkshire is invited to spend the day at the Lifewise Centre on the set, which is used to work through a series of real-life scenarios related to personal safety in an interactive and exciting way. The scenarios cover issues such as arson, hoax calls, road safety, fire safety, travel safety, internet safety, and antisocial behaviour.

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## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US

TO HELP ARRANGE AND RUN FUN EVENTS FOR OUR  
CHILDREN

AND TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL

The PTA have carried out successful movie nights for the children this half term. We also have a selection of other activities planned for the rest of the school year. We have asked the children for their feedback about what has been done so far and what they would like to see in the future.

During this half term the PTA have successfully raised £239.90. Thank you for your continued support.

Future dates include:

**27 OCTOBER 2023**

### **END OF TERM TREAT SALE**

The PTA will be selling treats in the playground after school .

**7 NOVEMBER 2023**

### **PTA TOY SALE**

The PTA will be holding a second hand toy sale in the blue building on Thursday 7 November 2023 from 8.30 am to 9.30 am and from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

**5 DECEMBER 2023**

### **PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

It will start straight after school and will include drinks and cakes, tombola, games and a special visit from SANTA! The PTA have funded the presents from Santa for all children in school, there will be a small charge for siblings to receive a present. All cake & bun donations for the sale will be needed in school by Monday 4 December or the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Remember, many of these activities would not be able to take place without the support of our parents and carers so if you are able to help with anything at all please do get in touch. We will need people to help man stalls for the Christmas Fayre, put items together and wrap presents so if you think you would be able to offer any of your time please do get in touch. You can contact the PTA via our new facebook page. Search for us at Heather Garth PTA for all the latest updates and to find out more about what is happening.