

Headteachers Weekly Newsletter



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Messages:

Next Week: (after half term)

**What a week! It's been so busy but so much fun! Thank you for joining us for art lessons and reading with the children!
It's been a busy half term but we are ready to go again in spring 2 with lots more exciting events planned!**

Young Voices

We are very excited and can't wait for this event! Please see the email you have received this week with reminders and instructions! Do you know the lyrics? Are you ready?

Young Voices Lyrics: <https://greentopschool.co.uk/young-voices-lyrics/>

DISCO

Spring DISCO

Wednesday 21st February 2024

EYFS 2pm – 2:45pm

KS1 3pm – 3:45pm

KS2 4pm – 5pm

£2 entrance to the disco will include a hotdog and juice. Additional drinks and sweets will be available to purchase.

Uniform / clothes:

Nursery children are welcome to come to school in their DISCO clothes.

F2, Y1 and Y2 will be in school uniform and will get changed in class before the DISCO begins.

KS2 will be in school uniform for the day and change at home or during their club (if they attend a Thursday club).

Children will be collected from their usual doors after the DISCO

Monday

School opens after the half term break

Young Voices - see letter for detail if you are attending

Tuesday

Y3/4 off site visit - see letter for details

Trinity Academy delivering an English lesson in Y6 as part of transition

Wednesday

Y1 phonics family learning session 1 - please see the letter for details and the day you need to attend

DISCO - <https://greentopschool.co.uk/spring-disco/>

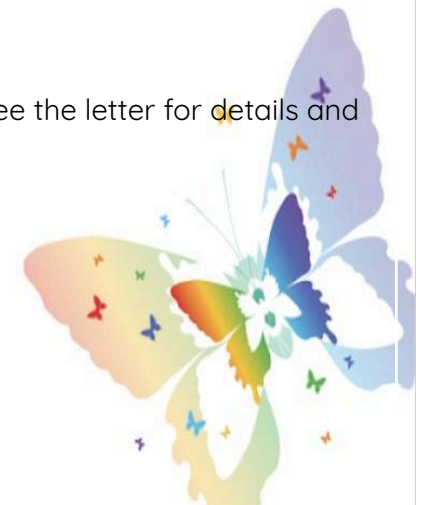
Y6 Bench Ball tournament at Trinity Academy

Thursday

Y1 phonics family learning session 2 - please see the letter for details and the day you need to attend

Y5/6 expert visitor

Spring two dates: *coming soon*



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NEW!!!! Extended Study New!!!!

Half Term Competition:

Safer Internet competition - see the blog -

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/safer-internet-day-competition/>

Half term fun:  February-half-term-activity-pack-2024-1.pdf

Phase Extended Study Pages

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/category/class-blogs/eyfs-extended-study/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/category/class-blogs/ks1-extended-study/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/category/class-blogs/lks2-extended-study/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/category/class-blogs/uks2-extended-study/>

Letter Join

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/accessing-letter-join-at-home-2/>

Super home learning from last term:



Expedition:

This week EYFS have had lots of fun exploring an alternative text to Goldilocks. The children read together 'Goldy luck and the 3 Pandas!' This inspired them to retell the story in many ways recalling lots of new vocabulary! The children then created dragon masks and lanterns!

This week in key stage 1 we have loved our art family learning sessions with all of our parents and carers. It has hooked our children in to our second case study, which is all about animals in the sea. Thanks so much to everyone who attended!

In Year 3/4 we have brought Case Study 1 to an end and reflected on our geography learning this half term. We have also completed our setting descriptions of Bear Island as well as continued our learning on climate change! It's been a very busy week with lots of beautiful work created!

Crew:

EYFS have been thinking about being a 'light Bulb Leo' this week sharing their ideas in play and asking questions to find out more. The children have enjoyed some calming and thoughtful activities as part of Children's Mental Health Week and E-Safety Day.

This week during children's mental health week, we have loved our brain breaks, which have all involved meditation and other methods to support us with our breathing, as well as teaching us different ways to regulate our emotions. It has been so calm. Well done years 1 and 2!

This week in Year 3/4 we have celebrated E-Safety Day and World Read Aloud Day. It was lovely to have our parents and carers in to listen to their children read and to celebrate reading! We also did lots of important learning around keeping ourselves and others safe online.

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Attendance shout outs:

Our attendance winners for last week were:

**Crew Overson
With 100% attendance**

Well done - great work!!



Beautiful Work:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-8s-beautiful-work/>

Final touchdown

Task: To write a description about the landscape and physical features that you can see in Canada or in Antarctica

I can see the
calming, cold lake.
In the distance
are high mountains heavily
reaching the sky.
The enchanting
colourful bluey
clouds are covering
the summit. All over
the ground were dry,
stony, dirt. I can
smell the fresh
air.

Blog of the week:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/nursery-say-thank-you/>

What a lovely idea! Well done nursery crew!



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Sharing our stories as we go...

Have you seen our recent XP Trust 'Sharing Our Stories' and 'Beautiful Work' blog post?

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/sharing-our-stories-02-02-2024/>



Shout out:

Thank you so much to our parents and carers this week who have been in for family learning events and our lovely reading morning or afternoon. It was so lovely to share these activities with you all!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/national-read-aloud-day/>
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/year-5-world-read-aloud/>
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/world-read-aloud-day-in-class-6/>
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-7-parents-carers-reading-morning/>
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/crew-knowles-world-read-aloud/>
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-10-read-aloud-day/>

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-8-family-learning-2/>
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/crew-barnett-family-learning/>
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/on-point-one-point-u5-family-learning/>
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/crew-ambler-family-learning-4/>

Message from 'The Friend's of GT':

Spring term plans:

Spring DISCO
Wednesday 21st February

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/spring-disco/>

Easter Fayre
Wednesday 28th March - more details to follow soon

Please contact us if you can support any of these events!



Coffee mornings


Our next coffee mornings are on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February.

If you are attending the Y1 phonics sessions from 9am, come and have a coffee beforehand.

If you are not joining the Y1 phonics session, you are still welcome for a coffee and a chat!

Weekly lunch menus:

Please find dinner menus attached:

 DINNER MENUS wc 30-10-23.pdf




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Communication	Sunset	School Drive
<p>Phase Leader email addresses:</p> <p>EYFS - Miss Carter - euys@greentopschool.org</p> <p>KS1 - Mrs Shaw - ks1@greentopschool.org</p> <p>Y3/4 - Miss Knowles - y3-4@greentopschool.org</p> <p>Y5/6 - Mr Mumby - y5-6@greentopschool.org</p> <p><i>In the first instance please speak to crew leader or class teacher.</i></p>	<p>Should you wish to access our sunset club you can book by contacting Mrs Fitzpatrick: office@greentopschool.org.</p> <p><i>Please include the following details: name, teacher, any allergies/dietary requirements, days required and a Contact number.</i></p> <p>Sunset club runs from 4pm to 5:30pm daily at £5 per day which should be paid in advance via ParentPay.</p>	<p><i>Driving into the school grounds</i> <i>Please DON'T drive into the school grounds to drop off in a morning and pick up at the end of the day. This is becoming extremely dangerous for our children. Please use Bridge Street car park and help us to keep our children and community safe!</i></p> <p>Please walk down the path and not the drive, keep yourself safe!</p> <p>Please dismount your bikes on the school premises for everyone's safety.</p>

Reminders

<p>Start of the day</p> <p>Thank you to everyone for making our new 8:30 start so successful. After giving everyone a full term to get used to this, from January we will now be starting learning at 8:35 rather than 8:45 so it is important that you arrive at school on time. The gates will also be locked at 8:45 rather than 9am. This has had a very positive impact in school and so we thank you for your support with this.</p> <p>We can't thank you enough for your efforts in being at school on time (8:30) this week. The change to the start of the day, which we started in September, has had a massive impact on</p>	<p>Communication</p> <p>If you use the Teachers2Parents APP for receiving school texts/emails please ensure you turn the notifications alert to 'on' so you don't miss any messages. For all the latest school news and information please visit our Green Top website and blogs.</p>	<p>Yellow T-Shirts</p> <p>Please can you ensure that you return yellow T-Shirts the week after your child receives the community crew award. We are getting low and don't want to have to take this lovely gesture away from the children due to them not being returned.</p> 
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school. The children are settled, focused and ready for learning. Thanks again for improving punctuality at Green Top!

Uniform

Please ensure you add your child's name to ALL of their belongings. We are improving the amount of lost property in school with the things we are putting in place but names not being added to uniform seems to be the main issue we need to resolve.

Also, if you require support with uniform, please contact us and we will support where possible.

Phase Leader email addresses:

EYFS - Miss Carter - eyfs@greentopschool.org

KS1 - Mrs Shaw - ks1@greentopschool.org

Y3/4 - Miss Knowles - y3-4@greentopschool.org

Y5/6 - Mr Mumby - y5-6@greentopschool.org

Health Advice from Doncaster Council

Please find attached a letter from Doncaster Council regarding back to school winter health advice.

Can I please remind you to contact the school office (01405 813181) to inform us when your child is ill. This should be done daily.

We are always available for additional advice should you require to check anything with us.

📎 Copy to PARENTS Letter to Head Teachers ...

PE Kits

Please ensure that PE kits are in school on PE days. It is important that the children have the correct kit and footwear to ensure safety during the lesson. We also don't want children ruining their school shoes due to wearing them for PE and if it is outdoors, covering their shoes and uniform in mud!

All bags and kits will be sent home on a Friday so corridors are clear. Please send children's clean PE kits back into school on a Monday morning ready for their PE lesson.





Squirrels

Seeking bright
eyed and bushy
tailed new
recruits

Squirrels. The newest branch of the Scouts family tree. Where 4-5 year olds can join in too.

This is an age when minds are fizzing, when energy and curiosity levels are sky high, when little lives are full of wow and wonder.

The Assembly Rooms, Thorne

Tuesdays 4-5pm

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