

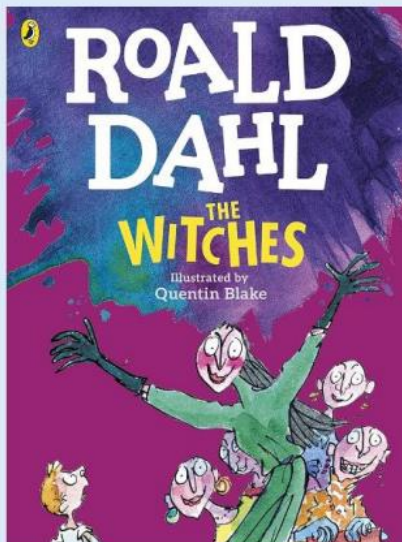


# School Bulletin



## Recommended Reads

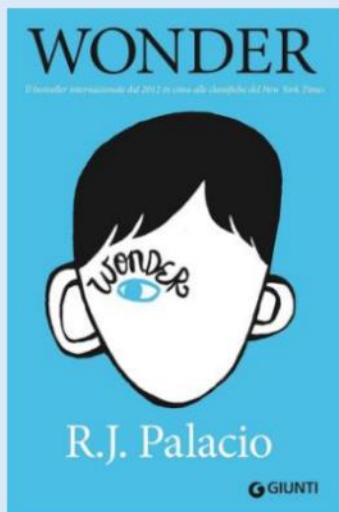
### Yr6 Recommended Read



*The Witches* by Roald Dahl is a thrilling and slightly spooky adventure that will keep you on the edge of your seat. The story follows a brave boy who discovers that witches are real—except they're not like the ones in fairy tales. These witches are secretly plotting to rid the world of children, and they look just like ordinary women! With the help of his grandmother, the boy must outwit the witches and stop their evil plan. Packed with magic, suspense, and Dahl's trademark humour, *The Witches* is a must-read for anyone who loves a good adventure with a bit of a scary twist!

Available in the library

### Yr7&8 Recommended Read



*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio is a heartwarming and inspiring story about a young boy named Auggie, who was born with a facial difference. After years of being homeschooled, Auggie faces the challenge of attending a new school, where he must navigate bullying, kindness, and friendship. The book shows the importance of empathy, acceptance, and being kind to others, no matter how they look on the outside. Told from multiple perspectives, *Wonder* is a beautiful reminder that everyone has their own story, and it's what's inside that truly matters. It's a must-read for anyone learning about kindness and the power of resilience.

Available in the library

**Afternoon Reading Time**

This half-term we are reading the following new books in afternoon reading time:



The Year 6 pupils are reading Coraline by Neil Gaiman, a dark and thrilling tale about a young girl who discovers an eerie, parallel world that mirrors her own but harbors sinister secrets. As she ventures deeper, Coraline must use her courage and wit to escape and save her real family from a dangerous “Other Mother.”



The Year 7 pupils are reading The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin, a clever, puzzle-filled mystery in which sixteen seemingly unconnected heirs are brought together to solve the mystery of eccentric millionaire Sam Westing’s death. As they compete in a high-stakes game, secrets unravel, and each character must use their wits to uncover the truth and claim the inheritance.



Year 8 pupils are reading The Wave by Todd Strasser is a thought-provoking novel based on a true story, where a high school teacher’s experiment to demonstrate the rise of fascism spirals out of control. As students embrace the strict rules and unity of “The Wave,” they begin to lose their individuality and question their morals, revealing the dangers of groupthink and blind obedience.

Here is a reminder of some questions to support your children’s understanding of what they have been reading and to open up some discussion about the novels:

What has happened so far in the story?

What do you predict will happen next?

How do you think the story will end?

Why do you think the character did \_\_\_\_\_?

What would you have done if you were the character?

How would you have felt if you were the character?

What images do you see in your head when the story is being read?

How do you picture the characters in your mind?

What are you wondering about as your teacher reads?

What do you think will happen in the next part of the story?

**Scholastic Book Fair**

Next week (w/c 18th November) we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. The week-long event gives our pupils the opportunity to have a look at and purchase the books everyone is talking about! Children will be given a 'Wish List' to write down any titles that have caught their interest and take home for your viewing. You can then buy credit through the website (instructions are on the Wish List) allowing your child to collect their desired book the next day (if extra copies aren't available, they will be ordered and delivered to school).

Please remember: The Scholastic Book Fair is CASHLESS, so don't send money in with your child.

The more books purchased, the more free books the school is able to earn. This is help expand our highly used library.

Over 200 books to choose from

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**Thank you to Ackworth Guitar Setups**

We have just collected our latest batch of guitars that have been kindly repaired by the amazing team at Ackworth Guitar Setups. The owner, Tristan, is a former SMS student and generously gives his time and expertise to make sure we've got the instruments to keep our students playing. They are a great local business and have just moved to a new premises in Denby Dale Business Park. For anything guitar maintenance related we can highly recommend. Thank you Ackworth Guitar Setups!



Eco Elves Gift Giveaway

This year we are supporting The Bridge Community Hub’s Eco Elves Project, an exciting project aimed at fostering environmental awareness and sustainability within our community with an emphasis on social and economic welfare.

We are asking pupils to donate good quality toys that can be regifted this Christmas. These will then be used to support families and help reduce the financial burden that this time of year can bring.

**Good quality toys can be brought to school by Monday 2nd December.**

Parents can also get tickets for the gift-away to collect a toy.



The Bridge Hub

**Eco Elves 24**

**Gift-away & Family Craft Event**

Tuesday 10th December

Shepley Methodist Church – HD8 8DB

GET FREE TICKETS NOW





“NEW TO YOU can be good  
as NEW”



# Football Boys on tour at...



**ST. GEORGE'S  
PARK**

30 year 7 & 8 boys had the opportunity to go to St George's Park, the home of England Football. They had a brilliant time, seeing the facilities, having conversations about what they England teams do and how they progress from one pitch to another in addition to developing their skills and resilience. They also got to see many of the trophies and historical figures previously involved in Football. They represented school brilliantly, behaviour and attitude was exemplary.











# Whoosh... it's behind you!

Ice Hockey Sheffield Steelers match against Cardiff Devils on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – what a brilliant evening!!!

An over-subscribed, sell-out trip saw 150 students descend on McDonalds, where manners were impeccable, followed by attending Sheffield Arena to support the Sheffield Steelers. This gave students the experience of seeing live sporting action, different to the usual football/rugby that is often experienced in person/via the tv. It was brilliant to see how the game progressed and students erupted when the players scored, contributing fantastically to crowd support. I am thrilled with how many students were involved with this trip and based on its success, I will be most definitely including it in my trip proposals going forwards for future opportunities.



Students got heavily involved with the crowd entertainment and collectively took part in the Five Guys Dance competition. They managed to get a focus on the big screen and ended up winning the competition!! We received 2 vouchers, which went to Evan - 7AC and Scarlett - 7TF via a draw done back at school. 😊



*"Usually I'll wait until I get into the office the next day to contact groups, but I couldn't leave the arena without saying a huge thank you to everyone at Scissett Middle School for your support tonight. It was a bit of a slow first period but you really brought the noise and energy, and I'm positive that helped push the boys on to turn the game around! It was fantastic to see everyone dancing about and getting involved!"*

Email from Steelers Community Link at 10:26pm that same evening!





Year 6 Girls’  
Football  
Tournament –  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
many...

Year 6 girls played in their first football tournament on Monday 14th October. It was a great opportunity that our girls had, playing against lots of other schools and giving it a good go showing true Scissett grit! They developed their skills and created a good base for us to build on throughout the season. The resilience shown, particularly by Ember, Isobel and Arianna was brilliant! It was fantastic to see one of the teams come joint 3rd! A big well done to all involved!



It is worth mentioning here that we have also been awarded the “equal access school 2024” award by the Barclays Girls’ Football School Partnership. Equality is at the forefront of everything we do, week in, week out so to get this recognition is fantastic and I am sure you will agree, it’s brilliant for the girls. If your daughter has not yet got involved in extra-curricular football and would like to, drop us an email and get her involved. Likewise, if your daughter is interested in joining a community football club, have a look on the FA website or get in touch and we’ll provide some contacts. #letgirlsplay

Additional updates

The boys’ football teams have had a couple of matches so far, some great individual performances in these.

The Rugby team have also had one of their fixtures, developing their skills and experience in playing – fantastic to see new students getting involved with the team!

Please continue to support your child in getting involved with extra-curricular PE/Sport – in our next edit, I will have some figures for just how many are involved already.

As the weather is starting to get colder etc. please can I ask that you send your child with underlayers (if they have them, not compulsory!), hats, gloves etc. so that they are warmer when they’re outside in PE, so that they continue to enjoy it and their experience is positive 😊.



The year 7 and 8 girls’ Netball teams have been busy training hard and playing a variety of games, home and away so far this season. 3 teams in year 8 each take their turn at different fixtures, with team 1 (left) just losing out on the last fixture by 1 goal – 13-12. A very good, close game. The year 7s have 2 teams and are developing their attacking and defending skills, understanding the need for getting into space!

All students who represent school in Netball and commit to weekly practice / matches are invited to the Superleague Netball Trip on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April, held at the Canon Medical Arena, Sheffield. Further details will be given nearer the time via email/parentpay.







Some of our students have accessed a number of sporting events organised by Panathlon. Here, they have demonstrated resilience, kindness and determination in a range of activities. It was brilliant to see their engagement and enthusiasm in their performance, so much so, I was thrilled when they came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall out of 7 teams, just missing out on the county finals.

They worked brilliantly with the student leaders running the activities, which was lovely to see. There are a number of further events throughout the year so do look out for them coming through. The next one is Football, an event for the boys and an event for the girls, so hopefully we'll have additional students again joining in these challenges.

Well done to all involved 😊







So far this autumn term Year 6,7 & 8 have competed in Kirklees Schools Cross Country events, who have truly showcased their determination and sportsmanship! In both the KS2 and KS3 events the atmosphere was electric as athletes from all year groups gathered to compete in what turned out to be a fantastic display of endurance and teamwork. We are incredibly proud of how well our athletes performed, demonstrating not only their physical capabilities but also their resilience and spirit. Each athlete brought their A-game to their race, and it was inspiring to see them push their limits whilst supporting one another along the way.

**Results**

Year 6 - Niamh (1<sup>st</sup>), Zosia (2<sup>nd</sup>), Rosetta, Eva, Lily Anne, Katie, Isla, Delilah, Isaac (1<sup>st</sup>), Nathaniel, Riley, Jack, Oliver, Kyan and Alfie.

Year 7 - Osariemen (1<sup>st</sup>), Carys, Aurora, Millie, Melissa, Joseph, Max, Jack, Harry and Ned.

Year 8 - Paige (1<sup>st</sup>), Erin, Olivia, Lorna, Oscar, Joshua and Max.

Their hard work and dedication in the lead-up to this event were evident, and we are grateful for all the effort they put into their training both in and outside of school. The year 6 girls were the overall winners of their event with the year 6 boys battling hard to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. We are still eagerly waiting for the results of the KS3 event!

We continue to promote healthy competition and active lifestyles within our school. Engaging in regular physical activity is crucial for development, both physically and mentally, having a significant impact on overall wellbeing.



**Christmas Concert**

Scissett Middle School’s Christmas Concert will be taking place on Thursday 12th December. This annual extravaganza will be a fantastic night for all the family and whether you have a child performing or not, we would love to see you there. Performances will be presented by the school's wind band, string ensemble and pop choir as well as a hilarious pantomime, rock bands and much more to get you in the festive spirit. Information about tickets will be shared in due course.

We also have a small number of slots for solo singers and instrumentalists. Auditions for these slots will be at lunchtime on Monday 18th November in Room 6 and pupils will need to have a 1 minute audition piece (it doesn’t need to be Christmas themed) ready for the day.



**LAMDA Exam Success**

Well done to these students who have recently been awarded a distinction for their LAMDA Grade 2 Devising Drama group exam. From Year 8; Tegan, Lorna, Finn, Lois and from Year 7; Elizabeth!

The group LAMDA sessions are offered by an external teacher, Mrs Gair, on Tuesday nights. If your child could be interested then for details about cost and arrangements, please email Mrs Gair at [mglamda@outlook.com](mailto:mglamda@outlook.com)



**Dates For The Diary**

- Friday 29th November** - School closed for Staff Training Day
- Friday 6th December** - Christmas Fayre, 6pm-8pm
- Thursday 12th December** - Christmas Concert
- Tuesday 17th December** - Orchestra Performance in school for Year 6 pupils
- Tuesday 17th December** - Year 7 Pantomime trip
- Wednesday 18th December** - Rock Band performance in school for Year 8 pupils
- Friday 20th December** - School closes for Christmas holidays
- Monday 6th January** - School re-opens following Christmas holidays