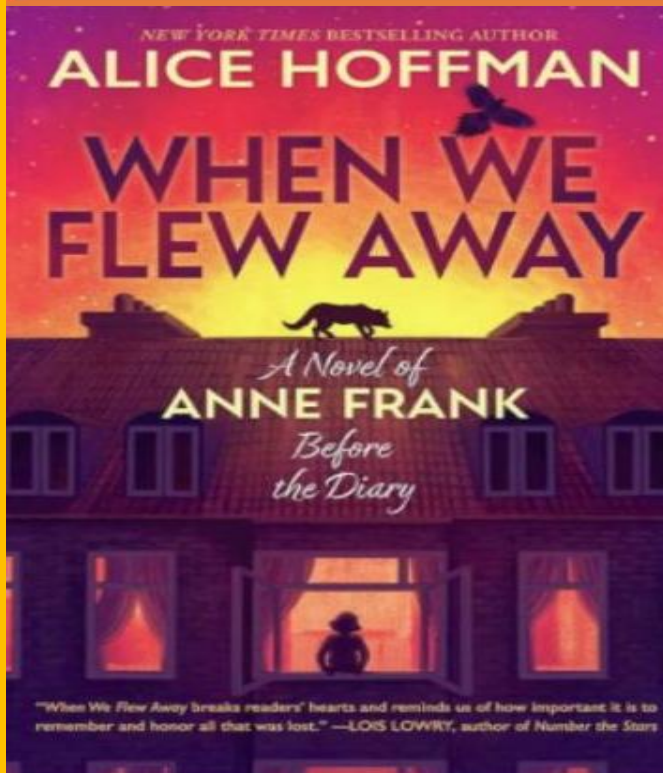




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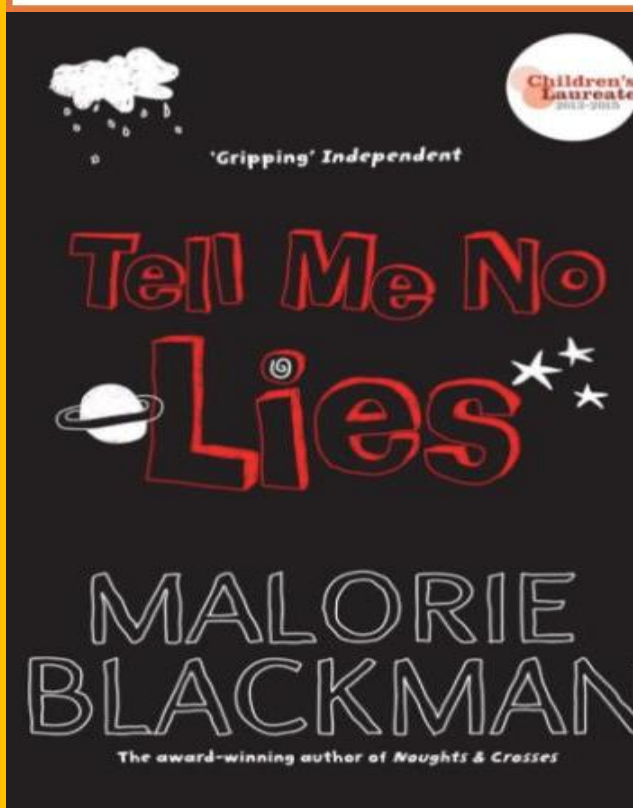
Yr6 Recommended Read



Millions of people know the story of Anne Frank and the famous diary she wrote in hiding. But what was her life like *before*?

In this moving book, author Alice Hoffman takes us back to Amsterdam during World War II. When the Nazis invade, eleven-year-old Anne's ordinary life is turned upside down by cruel new rules. Yet, even as danger closes in, Anne refuses to let her spirit be broken. Bold, creative, and full of mischief, she begins to find her voice and her passion for writing - a talent that will eventually change the world forever.

Yr7&8 Recommended Read



On the surface, Mike has it all. He's the popular new boy at school, sociable and quick to make friends. Gemma, on the other hand, feels completely invisible, both at home and to her classmates.

But their worlds collide when Gemma recognises Mike from an old newspaper clipping—and realises he is hiding a massive secret. He has told everyone his mum is dead, but Gemma knows the truth.

Driven to find out what he is running from, Gemma begins to untangle a web of secrets. Both teens are struggling with difficult family pasts, but as the truth starts to unravel, they are forced to face their deepest fears. Can honesty and friendship help them repair the damage, or will the lies tear everything apart?

Neilly Races

Well done to those who recently competed at Neilly Races. Over a series of 3 events, Olivia and Emily came first and second overall in their age group.



Water Safety Week



Pupils have been learning about water safety during form time this week and will be having a water safety assembly on the 30th June from the Fire Service.

[The Water Safety Code](#)

Chewing gum

A quick reminder that chewing gum is not permitted in school. Please remind your children that any students found chewing gum in lessons or at social times will receive a detention in line with our behaviour policy.

Roman Army Workshop

Year 6 recently took part in an exciting Roman Army workshop, bringing their history learning to life. The children had the opportunity to see authentic replicas of Roman soldier armour and weapons and even try some of them on themselves. They learnt about the different formations used by the Roman army, including how soldiers worked together to protect one another in battle. The highlight of the day was putting their new knowledge into practice by recreating the formations as a group. It was a fun, interactive experience that helped the children gain a deeper understanding of life in the Roman army.



French trip

87 of our Year 8 students have recently returned from an inspiring visit to Northern France. Please see our school Facebook page for some photos and videos of what we got up to!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scissettmiddle/>



Huddersfield Town Partnership

We are very pleased to share that Scissett Middle has recently become a partner school of Huddersfield Town! As well as a shiny blue plaque that we are now proudly displaying in our school reception, this partnership brings lots of exciting benefits - including supporting our students' careers and education, signed memorabilia and match tickets for all students for a game next season! Up the town!



Water Bottles

As the weather is becoming warmer, can we please remind all parents to ensure their child brings a water bottle with them to school each day. As always, there is a hydration station available with free water at lunchtimes and pupils are able to refill their water bottles from the water fountains at breaktime. We also ask you to send your child with a hat and sun cream when necessary.

Thank you for your support.



Friday 19th June 2026

Summer Showcase

Next Wednesday (24th June) we hold our annual performing arts Summer Showcase. Please see the attached poster for full details!



Wind Band First School Tours

The Scissett Middle School Wind Band Tour had a fantastic time this week visiting Emley First School, Scissett CE Academy, Cumberworth CE First School, St Aidan's CE Academy and Scholes J& I School to perform in an assembly for their students. Warmly welcomed by all of our hosts, we introduced each of the instruments from our band and played a selection of pieces from How To Train Your Dragon, Star Wars and Pirates of the Caribbean. We are just getting together some more photo and video clips which we'll upload to our school Facebook page.

Our Wind Band rehearse every Wednesday lunchtime and is open to all students who play a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument. If your child is interested in learning one of these - or any other instrument - then please visit the Musica Kirklees website for information about the peripatetic lessons we can offer in school.



Free Software

In Computing, we try to use programs that pupils will be able to access at home, especially in those areas they may find more interesting and wish to explore. Below are some links to sites where pupils who have a computer at home will be able to download these programs for free to use in their own projects or extend their learning.

Scratch is used to introduce programming, and can either be downloaded or used online:

[Online version](#)

[Download Scratch](#)

All pupils have access to Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint through their school email address and usual password.

<https://www.office.com>

When we are working on design, image or video projects in Computing, pupils use a suite of programs - Serif PhotoPlus, PagePlus and MoviePlus. Although these programs are no longer available, the same company has made the core of these programs free as part of their new "Affinity Suite" which can be used for photoediting and desktop publishing. They are available here:

<https://www.affinity.studio>

Vue 2023 (a 3D graphics program used in school for Year 8):

<https://www.bentley.com/software/e-on-software-downloads/>

Download the Full Installer. At the bottom of the screen is the additional content (listed under Additional 3D Asset Collections)

As always, the Computing Help Site has videos which will support homework, revision and pre-learning for pupils:

[Computing Help Site](#)

Travel survey

We would really value your feedback on how your child travels to and from school. Please take a few minutes to complete our short Travel to School survey - your feedback will help us improve safety and sustainability for our whole community.

[Travel Survey](#)



Attachments

**Please find attached to this email, an important document from
Kirklees Council.**

Meet our Governors

John Jolly - Chair of Governors/Co-opted Governor

I have been a Co-opted member of the Middle Schools Local Governing Board since 2020 and currently serve as Chair. I have found being a governor a valuable experience. Being able to support and guide the schools in providing the highest standards of education is rewarding. The Mast academy have provided me with an excellent governor induction, ongoing training and support.

I have three children who all went to Kirkburton Middle School. My oldest two have both progressed to University. My youngest daughter is currently at Shelley College. I am now retired following a 35-year career in healthcare.

As a governor, I have undertaken a range of responsibilities, including oversight of, curriculum, standards and SEND. I particularly value the opportunity to work alongside school leaders, staff, and fellow governors to ensure that pupils receive a broad, enriching, and inclusive educational experience.

Year 8 Uniform Donations

As our Year 8 students prepare to move on, we would be very grateful for any uniform items that are no longer needed and could be donated to the school.

We will be arranging to collect any contributions from Shelley College on the last day of term. If you are able to send any items in with your child on that day, it would be greatly appreciated.

All donations will help to support other students and families within our school community.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Reminder – Borrowed Uniform Items (All year groups)

This is a gentle reminder to please check at home for any borrowed uniform items and return them to school as soon as possible. We are currently missing a number of items, particularly ties, and would greatly appreciate your support in helping us locate and return these.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Dates For The Diary

Wednesday 24th June - Summer Showcase, 6:30pm-8pm

Thursday 2nd July - Year 8 Leavers Assembly (for pupils only)

Friday 3rd July - Year 8 Flamingo Land Rewards Trip

Monday 6th July - Wednesday 8th July - Year 7 Kingswood Trip

Friday 10th July - Year 6 Rewards trip

Wednesday 15th July - Year 7 Rewards trip

Friday 17th July - Last day of term

