

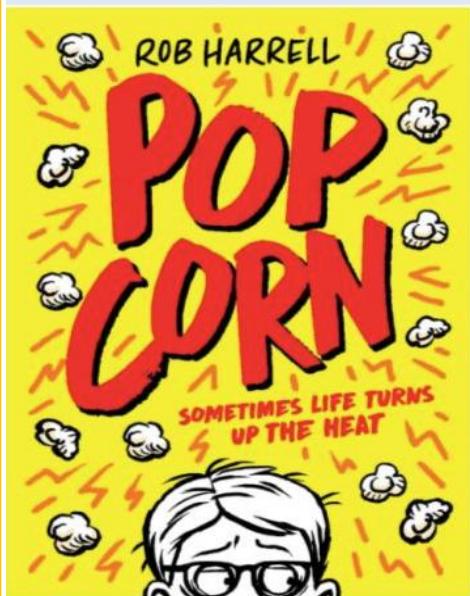


# School Bulletin



## Recommended Reads

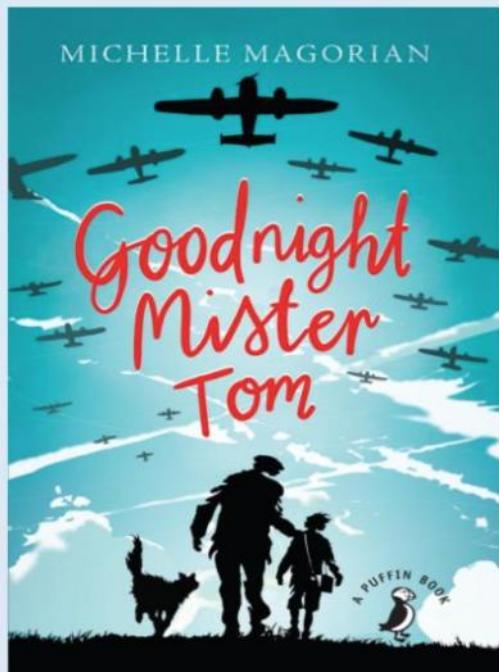
### Yr6 Recommended Read



Andrew's just trying to get through school photo day with one aim: a photo of him that his mum will like. But today of all days, the world seems out to get him. There's a bully, a science experiment gone wrong, scary news about his grandmother, and someone else's juice snot. Andrew struggles with anxiety, and the little kernel of worry in his stomach is getting hotter and hotter. Can he make it through the day without popping?

A heartfelt and laugh-out-loud-funny story about letting go of control and accepting help, interspersed with Rob Harrell's amazing spot art and comic panels that depict the real, difficult feelings of anxiety and OCD, as well as real tips for coping.

### Yr7&8 Recommended Read



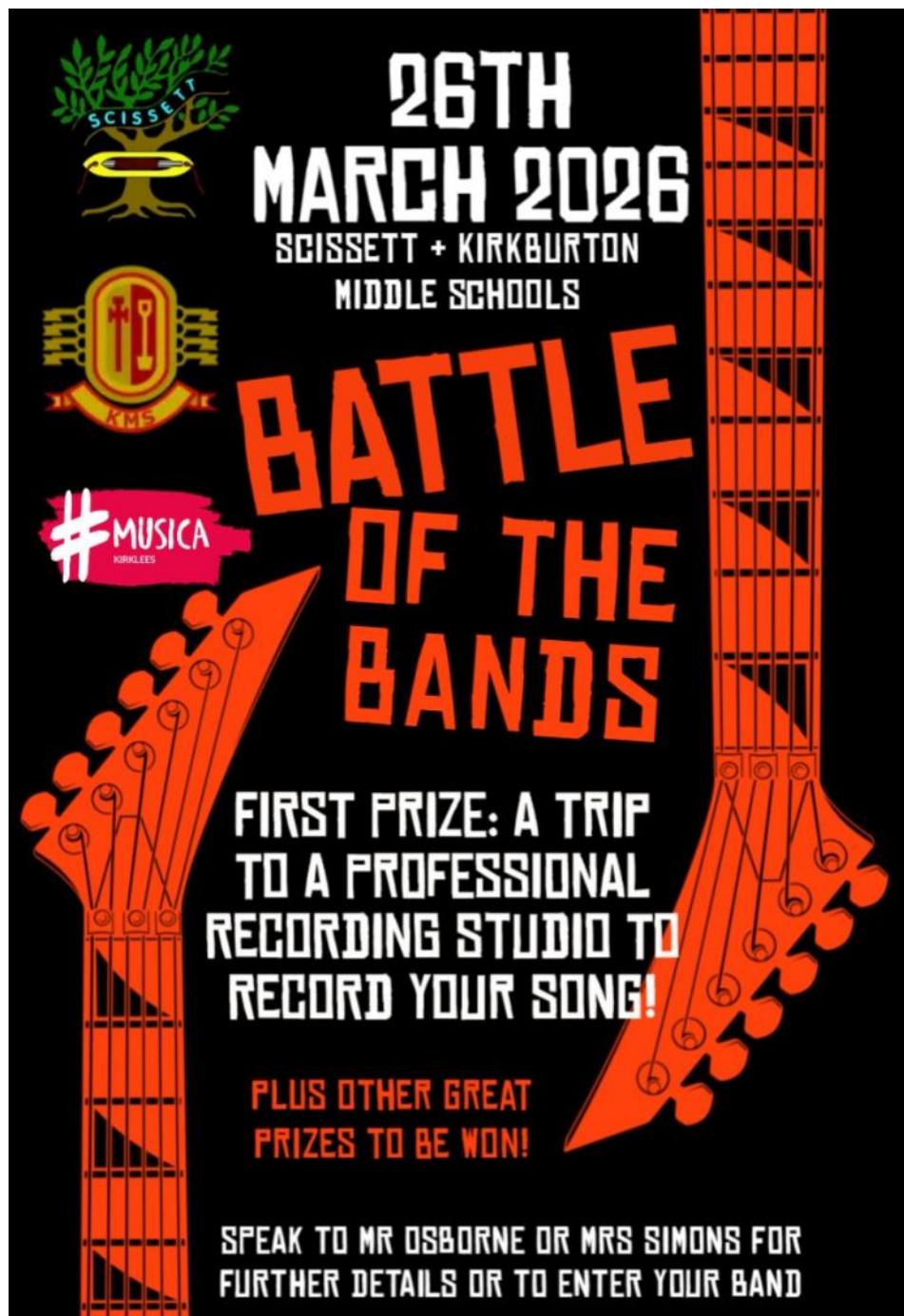
*Goodnight Mister Tom* by Michelle Magorian is the unforgettable story of young Willie Beech, evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the unlikely care of grumpy old Tom Oakley. But then his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother to return to London. As the weeks pass by Tom begins to worry when William doesn't answer his letters, so he goes to London to find him, and there makes a terrible discovery.

## Music Updates

The end of the Autumn term brought a number of exciting musical events. If you haven't already seen the posts on our Facebook page.

Please [click here](#) to see a highlights video of our Christmas concert, [click here](#) to see some clips of our pop choir's visit to some local nursing homes and [click here](#) to see some clips from the visits by the Musica Staff Orchestra and Musica Staff Pop Band for Year 6 and 8 respectively.

The new year is fantastic time to consider pursuing a new talent, so please consider whether instrument lessons could be right for your child. There are a number of excellent options locally that come highly recommended including Kirklees Guitar School in Denby Dale (who also teach piano, drums, singing), Skelmanthorpe Band (for brass & percussion) and of course Musica Kirklees, who can offer lessons in school. If you have any questions please email [mosborne@themast.co.uk](mailto:mosborne@themast.co.uk).



## Martial Arts Visit

Throughout the Autumn term all students enjoyed a taster session with 6-time martial arts world champion Rebecca Kane. Rebecca's project Empower Me, run in conjunction with Tracy Brabin, The Mayor of West Yorkshire and Alison Lowe, Deputy Mayor of West Yorkshire for Policing and Crime, looks to build resilience and confidence through self-defence martial arts sessions.

Some students were part of 'Masterclass' group who had weekly sessions to develop their skills further. We hope we will be able to invite Rebecca back in the future but in the meantime, please see attached the poster for details of how to sign up for a FREE scholarship with Rebecca in either martial arts or Irish dancing at her Huddersfield studio.



# K-POP DEMON HUNTERS

## SING-ALONG

10.30am - 12.00pm  
Saturday, January 24  
Shelley College  
Age 8+

**FREE**

**#MUSICA SHELLEY**

Watch the film and sing along with Musica Shelley!

Register using the QR code, at <https://forms.office.com/e/mD0VHMYHx4> or email [shelley@musicakirklees.org](mailto:shelley@musicakirklees.org) for more information

## James Dasalou visit

There's been a real buzz in school since we announced that former Olympic sprinter James Dasaolu, once the second fastest Briton in history, will be visiting us on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Full details can be found on the letter shared with all families last week but please note that sponsorship forms, along with any monies raises, need to be back in school by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## RMT & FFT lessons

Students have been busy in their RMT and FFT lessons. Here are a few pictures of angle poise lamps from Year 8 and fruit faces from Year 6.



November – January Term 1b/2a



# PE & Sport at...

...including match reports, updates, in house experiences, club updates and new opportunities!



**Year 7&8 Netballers** did fantastic in their match against KMS, demonstrating fast play and brilliant teamwork. It was brilliant to see their hard work and efforts paying off, with each team winning their match. We have got some more fixtures against local schools in addition to the Kirklees netball tournaments so continue to watch this space.



Save the date... TRIP ALERT!  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Invite only... the girls who have committed to practice throughout the year and represented school. Details to follow soon.



# Grandparents' Tea Dance

December 2025

A morning of mince pies,  
singing, dancing,  
musical performance  
and pure joy!

A unique experience for  
year 8 students here at  
Scissett Middle School

A chance to do  
something  
different!

An experience that takes  
students out of their  
comfort zone.

A rare and  
wonderful  
opportunity for  
grandparents to  
be part of  
school life!





What an absolutely fabulous event for all involved...

Year 8 students were busy during term 1b in their PE lessons doing ballroom dance. This is a unit that challenges them in more ways than one and gives them the opportunity to opt into do the Grandparents' Tea Dance. We had a good number of students who danced to the Jive, Waltz ad Cha Cha with both their partner and their grandparents. They enjoyed dressing up in more formal attire and showcased their dance skills with great success. The event was supported too by the school music department, with performances from the wind band, individual students from both year 6, 7 and 8. The carols were played with such precision and skill and were very much enjoyed by the audience.

An event that I'm sure all involved will remember for years to come!



The **Sportshall Athletics events** took place in December for Year 6 and just this month for Year 7 and 8. There were some fantastic performances from individuals, an event that was enjoyed by all. It's great to report that our year 7 and 8s qualified for the Kirklees Final in February at Leeds Road Sports Complex. This will see them compete against other school games areas within the borough in the different athletic events. Good luck to the teams competing and make sure you have your Weetabix!

The **Kirklees Cross Country FINAL for year 6** took place, with representation from our girls' team and 2 boys as individual runners and I am excited to say that our female runners have qualified for the West Yorkshire XC finals at Temple Newsam in March. It was a short but fast round again! A huge well done to Josh, Charlie, Iris, Maisie, Emily, Emily, Martha and Olivia. Good luck for March.

There will be further cross country opportunities throughout the summer term for any year 6s to get involved with.



**NEW  
OPPORTUNITY  
ALERT!**

**NFL Flag football is in the pipeline at Scissett Middle. A new, exciting and fresh opportunity for students, hopefully for the summer term. In the meantime, have a watch on youtube! It also makes its' debut in the 2028 Olympics in LA.**

Most football fixtures will start back up after February half term, with hopefully improving weather! Rugby fixtures are also coming up with one next week and also the week after! Good luck to the teams involved and we look forward to hearing how they get on!

Hockey coaches (who come in voluntarily) from Huddersfield Dragons will be available on MOST Thursdays up until Easter - 3:40pm - 4:40pm, weather permitting. We will absolutely be in touch if the coach can't make it on a particular week and cover isn't available but please ensure your child has a back up plan for getting home should the practice not go ahead.

Clubs do vary throughout the year for various reasons – uptake and interest from students, staff availability, external coach availability, weather and facilities. Please encourage your child to get involved in as much as possible, continue to listen to messages in sway communications and through PE as well as through emails home.

On the whole, PE kit has been brilliant and students have been well equipped for lessons. I would like to ask for your support in ensuring they have their PE kit every PE lesson, including additional layers for colder weather. A gentle reminder about some students doing Hockey in PE and having a gum shield and shin pads is strongly advised.

## National Apprenticeships Week

The 9th-15th February is National Apprenticeships Week.

During this week, pupils will learn more about this exciting career path and be taught about how each of their subjects links to the world of apprenticeships and work. If any parent would like to come in and speak to pupils about their work or professional life, please contact the office. The pupils would love to hear from you.

## Children's Commissioner – A Guide For Parents On Managing Children's Digital Lives

Please [click this link](#) to see guides and activities published by the Children's Commissioner on how parents and carers can support children managing their digital lives.

## Attachments

**Please see the important PSHE Updates document attached with this bulletin.**

## Dates For The Diary

**Monday 26th, Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th January** - Year 6 Harry Potter Trip

**Tuesday 27th January** - Year 6 Online Parents Evening

**Friday 6th February** - NSPCC Number Day (More information to follow)

**Monday 9th - Friday 15th February** - National Apprenticeship Week