



# School Bulletin



## Pupil Leaders

We are pleased to introduce our Pupil Leaders for this academic year.

Head Girl - Polly

Head Boy - Joseph

Deputy Head Girl - Millicent

Deputy Head Boy - Tobyn

They are supported by our Senior Pupils - Bethany, Iris, Lucas, Shea & Thomas



## Form Reading Time: Sharing Stories, Building a Love of Reading

Last year, we introduced Form Reading Time—a daily 20-minute session after lunch where pupils relax and enjoy being read to by their form teacher. This has quickly become a much-loved part of the day, giving pupils the chance to share quality time together.

Form Reading Time helps to build a sense of community and nurture a love of reading. Many pupils say it's one of their favourite moments of the day, sparking conversations and curiosity long after the bell rings.

Each year group enjoys a selection of carefully chosen books, such as:

- o Year 6: *Skellig* – David Almond; *The Final Year* – Matt Goodfellow
- o Year 7: *A Kind of Spark* – Elle McNicoll; *Bridge to Terabithia* – Katherine Paterson; *Toffee* – Sarah Crossan

Year 8: *The Wave* – Todd Strasser; *The Outsiders* – S.E. Hinton; *Long Way Down* – Jason Reynolds

You can support your child by asking simple questions such as:

- 'What has happened so far?'
- 'What do you think will happen next?'
- 'How would you feel if you were that character?'

By sharing powerful stories together, we hope to inspire a lifelong love of reading in all our pupils.





## BBC 500 Words Competition!

### Year 6 Future Writers' Chance to Shine!

50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous grand final at Windsor Castle in February 2026, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities. They'll even have the opportunity to meet Her Majesty The Queen! There are also lots of prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library.

For more information go to:  
[www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words)

Entries can be made through the website directly or through school by emailing [award@themast.co.uk](mailto:award@themast.co.uk)

Write a story YOU would love to read.

Submissions must be entered before  
9pm on Friday 7th November 2025!



Spelling, punctuation and  
grammar are not marked  
- it's all about creativity!



## PARENT COMMUNICATION

At school we encourage open communication with parents and will always work with families to resolve any issues or concerns. We have however, seen an increase in parents arriving at school at the start of the day and expecting to meet with a member of staff with no prior notice. This is not something which we can routinely accommodate as our members of staff are busy on duty, in pre-planned meetings and preparing for the school day.

If you do need to speak with a member of staff, please contact the school office to arrange this.

Thank you for your support.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

A massive “bravo” to everyone for making our European take on the Macmillan Coffee morning such as success. 😊

European Day of Languages was celebrated in a style!

Language quizzes, fun lesson tasks, EU themed outfits, multi-lingual banners, brilliant bakes and an elite race!



The MFL ambassadors in year 8 did us proud alongside many other members of the school community who gave up time to bake and help sell such culinary delights! Each form was asked to dress in the colours of their selected EU country and what a fabulous effort! It gave us an opportunity to celebrate linguistic diversity as well raise lots of money for a fantastic cause!

Forms who won the best dressed prize – 7CD and 6ED

Best baking prize when to Lexi in 8JMQ



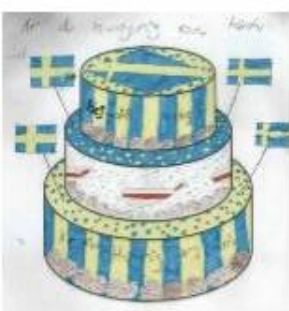
Pupils were asked to design some European style cakes and let their imagination run wild. Many entries were put on display in the hall for all to admire. “Merci beaucoup” for all the incredible designs. It was so hard to judge the top 3!

1<sup>st</sup> Prize went to Jessica W in 7SH for her beautiful design.

She even labelled it in multiple languages which was a lovely finishing touch! 😊

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize went to Darcy H in 7TM for her Swedish take on cake 😊

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize went to Elizabeth P in 8AC for her tasty travelling cake 😊





# MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



European Day  
of Languages

## Scissett Middle School Elite 5k



September has seen our annual MacMillan Cancer Support Elite 5k take place and what a huge success it was! We had 40 starting runners this year, from across the year groups, with the rest of the school out in full force. In their form classes, they were assigned a country to make a crossover to European Languages Day. They made such a huge effort with this, being dressed in their country's colours with brilliant banners supporting the runners. These showcased their learning and awareness of how to support in another language, which really added to the atmosphere! There was music, both through speakers and music being played by students. The runners themselves did incredibly well and finished in some very respectable times, with Isaac J coming 1st overall in a time of 20:08 and Niamh coming 1st overall girl in a time of 21:35. The grit and determination shown by all the runners was admirable and they should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to the wider school for their efforts throughout the week in PE participating in the On Mass 5k attempt and for raising sponsorship for such an impactful cause. Please kindly send in any remaining sponsorship to the office.



**We are extremely please to announce that we have managed to  
raise over £2,000 for this fantastic cause!**



**FFT Updates**

**Year 6** - The Year 6 pupils have been getting to grips with their knife skills in Food and Nutrition by practicing their bridge and claws techniques when creating some healthy eating fruit faces.



**Year 7** - The Year 7 pupils have created some seasonal cinnamon and blueberry muffins and have explored world foods, controlling the heat when making Stir Frys and Curries from scratch! The corridors have been filled with some delicious aromas!



**Year 8** - The Year 8 pupils have looked at the science of bread-making, and have created their own pizzas: including making the base in under an hour.

They have also taken on the role of pastry chefs, exploring the differences that fats make in pastry and making a cheese and onion pasty "Greggs" would be proud of.



**Trombone Lessons**

We are thrilled to see so many students starting instrument lessons for the first time this term. We currently have over 120 students learning a huge range of instruments. If your child is interested in learning an instrument in school please visit [www.musicakirklees.org](http://www.musicakirklees.org) for details and costs. If your child qualifies for free school meals then please email [mosborne@thmast.co.uk](mailto:mosborne@thmast.co.uk) to discuss how the school can support with the cost of lessons.

Excitingly we can currently offer FREE trombone taster sessions as part of Musica's 'spotlight on trombone' initiative. The trombone is a uniquely versatile instrument, featuring in orchestras, jazz bands and brass bands. Your child would receive three taster lessons and would be able to borrow a trombone to practice at home. Please see the flyer to sign up!

# Spotlight on...

# trombone

Sign up here for  
**FREE\*** taster lessons at your  
school with Musica Kirklees  
[www.musicakirklees.org/spotlight](http://www.musicakirklees.org/spotlight)



\*Subject to availability.  
Instruments provided.



[www.musicakirklees.org](http://www.musicakirklees.org)  
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Diwali Day Menu - Monday 20th October



# DIWALI

## DELIGHTS

Main

Dhaniya chicken curry

or

Tarka Dhal

served with plain white rice, coriander  
& onion salad

Dessert

Gulab jamun in cinnamon syrup

or

"Nankhatai" short bread biscuit

**CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT!**

### Extra Curricular

Parents should have received by email our extra curricular clubs brochure but if not, this is available on the ['extra-curricular' page](#) [our school website](#).

Extra-curricular activities are a great way to find new interests and hobbies and meet new people so please encourage your child to take part in as many as possible, activities they already enjoy and have an interest in and also to try something new. Club attendance also comes with those all important achievement points! Well done to all students who got stuck in so far!



### Empower Me

Scissett Middle is very lucky to have been selected to take part in a project called Empower Me, led by 6-time martial arts world champion Rebecca Kane. Run in conjunction with Tracy Brabin, The Mayor of West Yorkshire and Alison Lowe, Deputy Mayor of West Yorkshire for Policing and Crime the project looks to build resilience and confidence through self-defence martial arts sessions.



All students in Year 7 and 8 will enjoy a taster lesson with their form group at some point between now and Christmas. Some students who we feel will particularly benefit from the project will be part of a 'Masterclass' group and have eight weekly sessions with Rebecca to further develop their skills.

We will be sure to share some content from these sessions in future bulletins!

### Folk Band

Calling all musicians and singers! Please see details of a fantastic Skelmanthorpe based group run by folk musician Bryony Griffith. It's a great opportunity for young local musicians to come and learn some traditional local songs and tunes with performance opportunities and collaborations with other young musicians in Yorkshire.



**Folk Big Band for Young Musicians**  
**Aged 10 – 18**

**All instruments and voices welcome!**

Term-time Mondays from 5pm to 6pm

**NEW TERM STARTS SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

**NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME THROUGHOUT THE TERM**

Skelmanthorpe Community Centre, 32a Elm Street, HD8 9BH

£5 per session

Contact [bryonygriffith@gmail.com](mailto:bryonygriffith@gmail.com)

(concessions available for low income)



### Music Exam Success

Congratulations to Chloe, Year 7, who has recently passed her Grade 5 music theory exam. Chloe is a very talented pianist and is now working on her Grade 6 practical piano exam!

Please do keep us updated with any music exam successes. We don't get automatically notified but love to share them in this bulletin!

### Olio



**We're excited to announce that we've partnered with Olio to fight food waste!**

The Mast Academy Trust has started working with Olio to make sure no food goes to waste at our school canteens.

#### **How does it work?**

It's simple: Olio volunteers collect whatever food doesn't get eaten from our canteens. They then share any spare food with members of the local community - quickly and safely - via Olio's app.

Our spare food ends up feeding people in the local community, rather than going to waste. Plus, sharing food through Olio means we're helping care for the climate, too.

#### **How can you get involved?**

As well as offering schools like ours a way to redistribute delicious food, Olio is also a sharing app for local communities, on a mission to fight waste.

It makes it easy to pass on the things you no longer need — from food to furniture, and clothes to books — to people who live nearby. You can also use Olio to see what free food or household items you could collect in the local area.

#### **Want to take it a step further, why not volunteer with Olio?**

Volunteering isn't just a way to fight food waste. It's a way to support people nearby who in many cases are struggling to put food on the table (and get that feel-good factor knowing you're doing your bit to help your community).

Plus, Olio volunteers get to keep 10%\* of the food they collect, so it's a great way to access a bit of extra free food for anyone who might be struggling.

**Download Olio on Google Play or the App Store and get started today.**

\*For collections on the app labelled Save Me (normally collections post 10pm), our volunteers are allowed to keep 100% of the food they collect.

### Dates For The Diary

**Tuesday 7th October** - Year 6 Meet the Tutor Evening

**Friday 10th October** - World Mental Health Day

**Friday 25th October** - Last day of this half-term