



School Bulletin



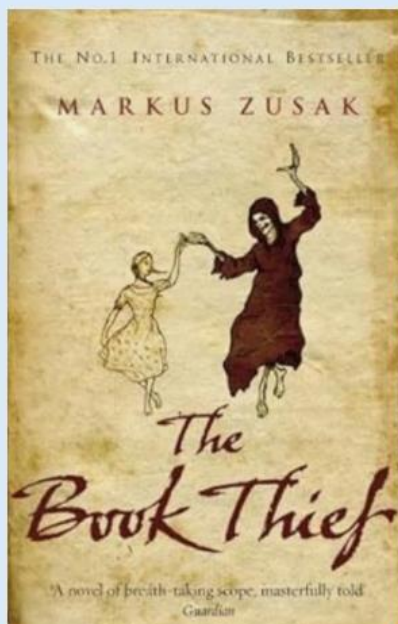
Recommended Reads

Yr6 Recommended Read



In When the Sky Falls, author Phill Earle weaves a poignant tale of friendship and resilience set against the backdrop of World War II. The story follows Joseph, a young boy grappling with the chaos of war while seeking solace in an unexpected friendship with a wounded animal. If you enjoyed *Coraline* and *Seven Ghosts*, you'll love this touching narrative that explores themes of courage and compassion amidst adversity. Earle's writing captures the essence of childhood, even in the darkest of times.

Yr7&8 Recommended Read



Set in Nazi Germany, *The Book Thief* follows the story of Liesel Meminger, a young girl who finds solace in stealing books amidst the chaos of war. Narrated by Death, this poignant tale explores themes of friendship, love, and the power of words. As Liesel navigates her tumultuous world, she discovers the transformative impact of storytelling. If you liked *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* or *The Wave*, you'll love this beautifully crafted novel.

Supporting All to Thrive

Oxford Brookes University are running a project investigating the educational opportunities, experiences and outcomes of children with special educational needs, disabilities, additional learning needs or support needs. Part of the project is an online survey which asks parents/carers of children aged 4-18 who have additional learning or support needs and/or disabilities about their child's educational journey.

Although the survey is part of a larger project focusing on children from Armed Forces families, the survey is open to ALL families with children who need additional support.

If you wish to take part in the survey please access this via the link below:

[Supporting All to Thrive survey](#)

A note from the university - *This would help us so much with our project and the project findings will help support policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders to target resources to ensure children get consistent provision and support. Ultimately the aim is to support all children to thrive.*

PLEASE NOTE THAT TAKING PART IN THIS SURVEY IS ENTIRELY OPTIONAL



Supporting ALL to Thrive

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Life
Lessons

PSHE Updates



Y6
This half term Y6 have started a healthy lifestyles unit. This will be followed by 'Ourselves, Growing and Changing'. This unit includes key facts about puberty, which incorporates physical and emotional changes and menstrual wellbeing.

RE Scissett posts extra links and guidance. Make sure you follow us!

During the month of February school will look at Children's Mental Health Week, Safer Internet Day and Apprenticeship Week..

Five ways to wellbeing

Y7
Throughout this next half term, Y7 will move onto recapping their prior knowledge on the 'puberty' unit of work, which focuses on puberty and menstrual wellbeing. They will also look at the main changes that take place in males and females and the implications on emotional and physical health.

Y8
Y8 are looking at 'Internet Safety and Harms' and 'Online and Media.' This unit looks at rights, responsibilities and opportunities online; online risks and laws related to viewing and sharing harmful material. It also looks at how information is generated, collected and shared online. Pupils are shown what to do and where to go for support to manage issues online.

A more in depth guide to our programme of study for all year groups can be found on the school website.

If you would like any further information, you can also email aglencorse@themast.co.uk Andrea Glencorse is the strategic lead for PSHE

Ice Packs

We try to supply ice packs for any child who has a bump in school to reduce swelling and help with any pain for a short period. We purchased a number of these last term and are down to the last few again.

If your child has had an ice pack, and brought it home by accident, please could we ask you to return this to the school office as soon as possible.

Mission Christmas Thank you

Please see below a thank you letter from Cash for Kids following our Mission Christmas fundraising event.



**Cash for Kids North &
West Yorkshire**

51 Burley Road
Leeds
LS3 1LR

northwestyorks@cashforkids.org.uk ✉
0113 283 5680 ☎

Dear Friends at Scissett School,

Thank you so much for your support of Cash for Kids Mission Christmas and your amazing fundraising donation of £457.50.

We really do appreciate your help to support local children, who are at risk of waking up to nothing on Christmas Morning.

Thank you for helping Cash for Kids keep the Christmas dream alive. Together we can make such a difference to local disadvantaged children within West Yorkshire, York, Harrogate and the Yorkshire Dales.

Please stay safe and well.

Kindest regards,

Kayleigh Beecroft
Charity Fundraising Executive
Cash for Kids North and West Yorkshire
Kayleigh.beecroft@bauermedia.co.uk
0113 2835529

End of the day arrangements

Please could we ask that you ensure that your child knows their arrangements for getting home at the end of the day. We are having an increasing number of telephone calls asking for messages to be given to children about who is picking them up, where they need to go after school etc. These are often very near to the end of the day and it can be very difficult to ensure that these messages are passed on when there are nearly 600 children in school. Obviously we will always do this in an emergency but as a routine please can you agree these arrangements before your child leaves home.

Shelley Singers Satellite Choir

Would your child like to be part of an exciting new choir, running after school on Wednesdays 4-5pm? The choir is free to attend and run by specialist voice teachers from Musica Kirklees. Students who would like to attend need to sign up by following the QR code on the flyer. For further details email tricia.waller@musicakirklees.org or contact Mr Osborne (mosborne@themast.co.uk)

Musica Shelley

Shelley Singers Satellite Choir



New choir for school children in year 4 and above

Two 5-week courses running Wednesday evenings 4-5pm

Weeks 1-5
Scissett Middle School

Rehearsals 26th February - 26th March
Concert 29th March

Weeks 6-10
Kirkburton Middle School

Rehearsals 23rd April - 21st May
Details to be confirmed for concert



Sign ups close 21st February and 4th April respectively

Free to attend!*

*A commitment to attending sessions and the concert is required

Get in touch at tricia.waller@musicakirklees.org for more details

Spring Term Clubs List

SPRING TERM CLUBS 2025			
LUNCHTIME CLUBS			
Day of the week	Name of Club	Club Lead Person/s	Lunchtime
Monday	Art Club - Year 6	Mrs O Scouarnec	12:25 - 1:25pm
	Cross Country - All Years	Miss C Turnbull	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Dodgeball (All years)	Miss A Crossley	12:25 - 12:55pm
	French Songwriting (All Years)	Miss J Threlfall/Mr M Osborne	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Horrible Histories Club	Mrs K Maryam	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Lunchtime Homework Club (ICT Room)	Mrs R Pocock	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Puzzle Club	Mrs S Hull	12:25 - 12:50pm
	Textiles Sewing Bee Club - Year 6	Mrs C Dobson	12:25 - 1:25pm
Tuesday	Creative Writing Club (Room 3)	Mrs A Ward	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Dungeons and Dragons Club (All Years)	Mr M Haigh	12:25 - 1:25pm
	Maths Club - MyMaths, TT Rockstars, Maths Games & help with homework (ICT Room)	Mrs N Robinson	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Pop Choir	Mr M Osborne	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Quiz Club (Room 16)	Mrs B Baxter	12:55 - 1:25pm
	Rugby - Year 8	Mr J Morelli	12:25 - 12:55pm
Wednesday	Art Club - Year 7 & 8	Mrs O Scouarnec	12:25 - 1:25pm
	Big Think Club	Mrs A Glencorse/Mrs C Thornton	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Book and Biscuit Club (Library)	Mrs S Hull/Mrs A Ward	12:25 - 12:50pm
	Dodgeball (All Years)	Miss Crossley	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Dungeons and Dragons Club (All Years)	Mr M Haigh	12:25 - 1:25pm
	Film Club (Room 16)	Mrs B Baxter	12:55 - 1:25pm
	Lunchtime Homework Club (ICT Room)	Mrs R Pocock	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Wind Band	Mr M Osborne	12:25 - 12:55pm
Thursday	Drama Club - Year 6	Miss R Johnson/Mrs T Mann	12:45 - 1:25pm
	Maths Homework and Games Club (inc chess)	Mrs E Dacres	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Rock Band Club - Year 7 & 8	Mr M Osborne	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Textiles Club	Mrs C Dobson	12:25 - 12:45pm
Friday	Dungeons and Dragons Club (All yYars)	Mr M Haigh	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Lunchtime Homework Club (ICT Room)	Mrs R Pocock	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Real Cinema Club (Room 13)	Mrs S Hull	12:25 - 12:50pm
	String Ensemble	Mr M Osborne	12:25 - 12:55pm
	Textiles Sewing Bee Club - Year 7 & 8	Mrs C Dobson	12:25 - 1:25pm
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS			
Day of the week	Name of Club	Club Lead Person/s	
Monday	Homework Club	Homework Club Leaders	3:45 - 4:30pm
	Dance Club - All Years	Specialist Dance Teacher	3:45 - 4:45pm
	Girls' Football - All Years	Miss A Crossley	3:45 - 4:45pm
	Rugby - Year 7	Mr J Morelli	3:45 - 4:45pm
Wednesday	Homework Club	Homework Club Leaders	3.45 - 4:30pm
	Netball - Year 7 & 8	Miss A Crossley	3.45 - 4:30pm
Thursday	Homework Club	Homework Club Leaders	3.45 - 4:30pm

World Book Day Competition

To celebrate National Storytelling Week (1 – 9 February) and World Book Day (6th March), we're launching an exciting storytelling competition! We are asking students to write a 500-word story inspired by this year's National Storytelling Week theme: Reimagine Your World. This can be interpreted in any creative way – whether rewriting history, imagining a different future, or changing something about the world as we know it. Entries must be submitted by Friday 28th February. One winner will be selected from each year group and will be announced in our World Book Day assembly. Prizes include a £10 Amazon voucher.



Easyfundraising

Make Every Shop Count for Scissett Middle School in 2025

This year, you can help support Scissett Middle School every time you shop online - at no extra cost to you!

We've teamed up with Easyfundraising, where over 8,000 retailers will donate to our cause whenever you shop. From everyday essentials to big purchases, every shop can raise free donations for Scissett Middle School.

And there's more! For the next two weeks, if we can get 10 or more supporters to sign up, we'll earn a £1 bonus donation for every new supporter!

It's quick and easy to join - just click the link below to sign up:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/scissett-middle-school/>

We would be very grateful if you can help us make 2025 a fantastic year for Scissett Middle School by turning everyday shopping into meaningful support.

Thank you so much for your help! Please see Easyfundraising FAQs at the end of the bulletin.



Dates For The Diary

Friday 14th February - School closes for half-term break

Monday 24th February - School re-opens following half-term break

1 How does easyfundraising work?

easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into money for our organisation. When you use the easyfundraising website or app to shop with leading retailers, the retailer sends our organisation a free donation at no additional cost.



2 Which retailers will donate when I shop?

There are over 8,000 retailers available to shop with, including Amazon, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Trainline, Sainsbury's, Boots, Booking.com, Currys, Aviva, M&S, Debenhams, Waitrose, and Holland & Barrett. It means that no matter what you buy online, from travel and holidays to fashion, homewares, insurance, and groceries – you can raise free donations at no extra cost.



3 Will it cost me anything?

No! easyfundraising is completely free to use.



4 Will my shopping cost more?

Absolutely not! It's the retailer who makes the donation, not you. Your shopping experience is exactly as normal.



5 Who can see where I've shopped?

We can only see how much our supporters have raised – we can't see who you've shopped with, what was purchased or how much you spent.



6 What does easyfundraising know about my shopping?

So that the easyfundraising team can track the donations you've raised, easyfundraising know where you've shopped and how much you spent but what you've bought is your business!



7 **Is it safe? What does easyfundraising do with my data?**

easyfundraising is completely safe and secure and they will not sell or pass your data on. They are members of the Institute of Fundraising.



8 **How does our organisation receive the donations I raise?**

easyfundraising total up all the donations raised by everyone supporting our organisation every three months and sends them to us. You don't need to do anything to make this happen, it is all done automatically.



9 **Will I get a donation when I renew my insurance, telecoms or utilities?**

Some retailers have a clause that means they only offer a donation for new customers who have never shopped with them before. This is usually the case for retailers where you buy a policy from them such as insurance, utilities, mobile, broadband etc. Each retailer has their own page on the website where you can see their donation rates and terms and conditions.



10 **What is the Donation Reminder and is it safe?**

The Donation Reminder makes sure you never miss out on a donation for our organisation by alerting you if the retailer you're shopping with will donate. A reminder will appear on your screen whenever a donation is available. Click "Activate Donation" and you'll raise a FREE donation when you check out. It is safe and secure and won't slow your computer down.



11 **How do easyfundraising make money?**

easyfundraising is funded by the retailers. This means that retailers pay them a commission each time a sale is made with them through the site. This is separate to the donation you raise.

