



School Bulletin



Recommended Reads

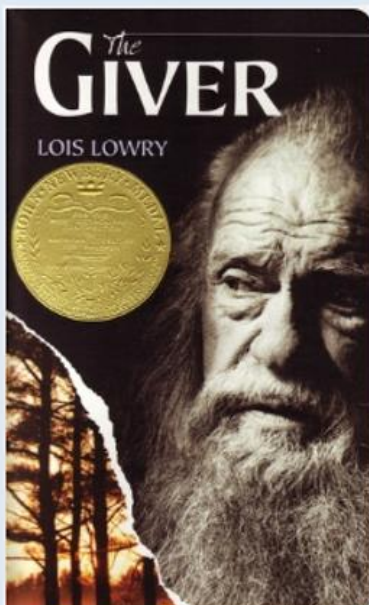
Yr6 Recommended Read



When Lucy and her siblings step through a wardrobe, they find themselves in the magical land of Narnia—a place frozen in an endless winter by the evil White Witch. But hope is not lost. With the return of the great lion, Aslan, a battle for Narnia’s future begins. The children must find their courage, face the Witch, and discover that even the smallest actions can change the world.

A timeless adventure filled with magic, bravery, and the power of good versus evil.

Yr7&8 Recommended Read



Jonas lives in a perfect world. There is no pain, no war, and no choices—everything is decided for you. When he turns twelve, he is chosen for a special role: the Receiver of Memory. As Jonas begins his training, he discovers the dark secrets hidden beneath his community’s peaceful surface. With the help of The Giver, he must decide if he will accept the world as it is or risk everything to change it.

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 7th February 2025, everyone at Scissett Middle School celebrated NSPCC Number Day. Our school joined hundreds of other schools across the UK to raise money for the NSPCC. The NSPCC is a charity who want to help every child to have a safe and happy childhood. Here is how we, at Scissett Middle School, celebrated it:

- Dress up for Digits Day
- TT Rock Star Competition 'NSPCC Rocks'
- Children learnt lots of interesting facts and solved different puzzles

Maths was also celebrated across all departments and here are some examples:

Humanities: Year 6 students looked at how much easier it is to do Maths with Islamic numbers than Roman Numerals and Year 7 and 8 students did a date matching exercise.

MFL: Focus was on numbers, particularly some of the bigger numbers that are tricky!

English: In English we looked at how important it is to know and understand maths vocabulary and the links between literacy and maths to help with things like reasoning and problem-solving.

Computing: Names of polygons from 3 to 10 sides. Calculating the turn angle needed using LOGO programming to draw each shape: $\text{Turn Angle} = 360/\text{number of sides}$.

Design and Technology: We set some maths design challenges ranging from weighing and measuring.



Government Breakfast Club Pilot

You may have seen our school has been selected to participate in the government Breakfast Club Early Adopters scheme - we are delighted to have been chosen.

As a participating school, we will receive early access to government funding to establish a free and universal breakfast club, set to launch at the start of the summer term. Under the scheme, we will be offering all primary-aged pupils (Year 6) a free breakfast and 30 minutes of pre-school childcare. We are in the very early stages of planning our offer and will release further details later this term.



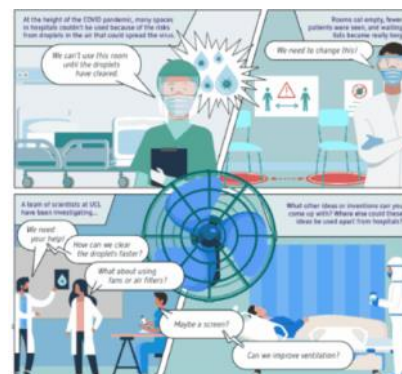
The British Science Week Competition

The scientists from University College London need your help!

Can you help University College London (UCL) by coming up with a new idea or invention to improve the health of the air in our buildings? This year, our special category is open to young people aged 11-14, 14-16 and 16-19, as well as older primary aged children, aged 8-11, who are interested! Choose an indoor public space where you often spend time – this could be an area where you learn, or a place you visit regularly like a library, café or cinema. Do you think the air in this space is healthy and clean? Why? Come up with an idea or invention to change the air in your chosen space, making it healthier to breathe. How will it work? Could it be used in other public places too? You might have a brand-new idea, or you might come up with something that already exists but re-imagined in a unique or creative way. The researchers at UCL have considered lots of different ideas for improving air quality and preventing the spread of viruses in hospitals. For example, you could think about face masks, curtains and screens, ventilation, fans or air filters. Then think carefully about how you will lay out and present your idea. You should consider how best to communicate your research so that it is clear and logical. You could create a set of instructions, a detailed diagram or you might like to develop an eye-catching poster!

Task:

- Create a poster showing your idea on Change and Adapt
- The poster can be A4 or A3, landscape or portrait
- You can be as creative as you like adding in pop up pictures, different materials such as wool, paint crayons and lots more!
- You can work on your poster individually or as a team
- Poster must have your **name and form** written clearly on the back
- Posters must be brought to Mrs Turner by **Thursday 20th March**
- The best posters will be submitted into the national competition run by British Science Association with amazing prizes up for grabs!



How will the posters be judged?

We wish that everyone could be a winner, but we only have a limited number of prizes. So, here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

- **Creativity in approach**
- **Scientific content**
- **Research content**
- **Viability**
- **Presentation and effective communication**



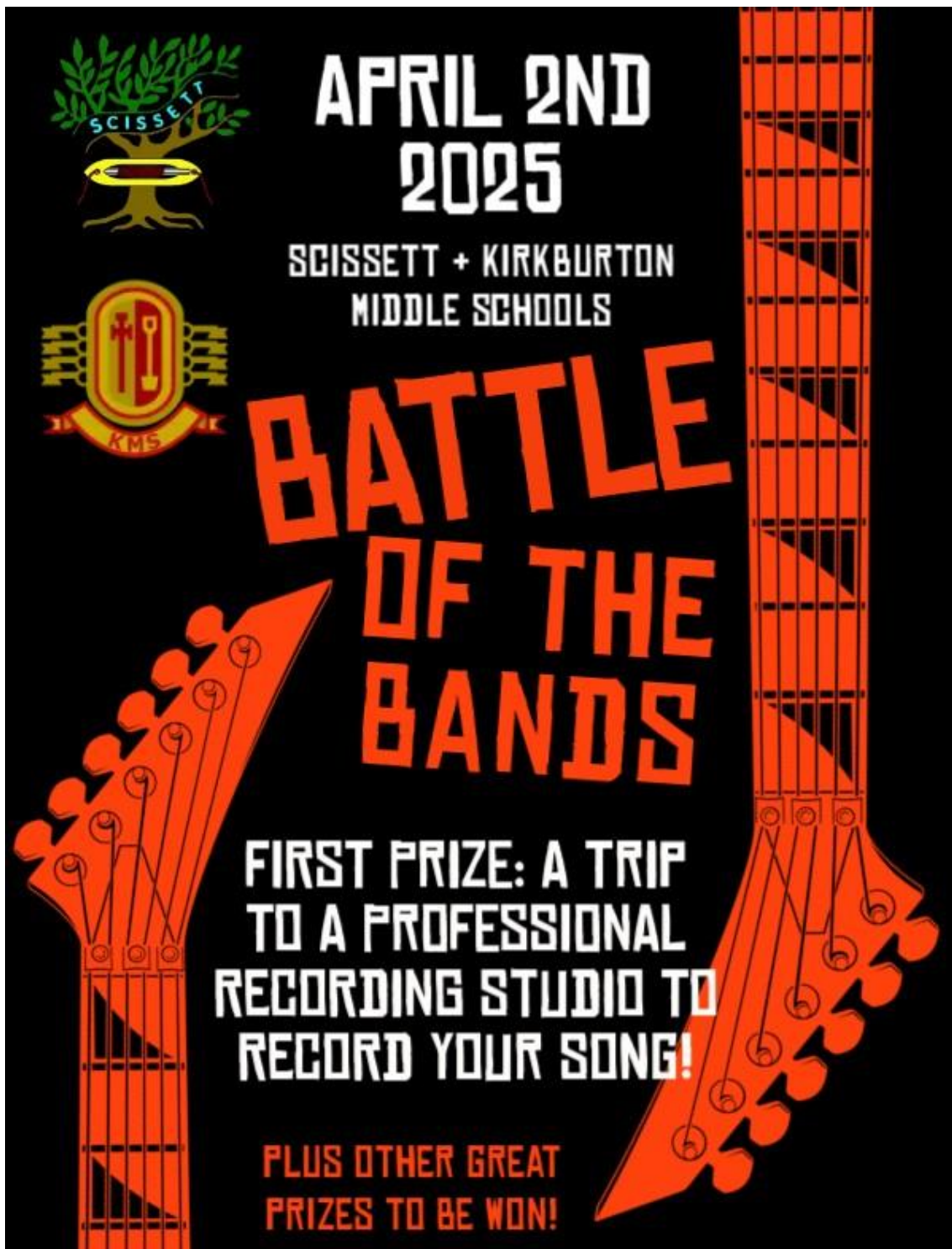
Researchers from the team at UCL, alongside members of the British Science Association, will shortlist entries, and a panel of judges will select a winner in each age category. Two runners up in each age category will be uploaded to our Facebook page and the public will decide on a 'popular vote' winner.

Battle Of The Bands

On the evening of Wednesday 2nd April, 6 bands from Scissett Middle School will face off against 6 bands from Kirkburton Middle School at our annual battle of the bands competition. A mix of audience voting and an expert judging panel will decide who wins the grand prize of a half day visit to a professional recording studio. The evening will also feature a performance from The First Ones - a fantastic local band comprised of former SMS and KMS middle school students.

Within the next week, all bands wishing to put themselves forward for the competition will need to have their semi-final video filmed in school by Mr Osborne. Then a panel of school staff will decide which 6 bands will go forward to the live final on 2nd April.

Information on tickets will be shared soon. Well done all students involved so far!



Dance Club

A huge congratulations to all members of Dance Club who, on Thursday 27th Feb, starred in Strictly Pennine at the Lawrence Batley Theatre, Huddersfield. Performing a routine to 'Revolting Children' from Matilda, they brought huge energy and their feedback has been amazing. The effort they've put into this particular dance over the last couple of months has been massive and they really pulled it off on the night.

If your child is interested in joining dance club then please email mosborne@themast.co.uk. It's a free club, which runs on Mondays from 3.45 - 4.45pm and is led by Amelie Austin, an expert dance coach. The club is open to all students - whether experienced dancers or those trying it for the first time.

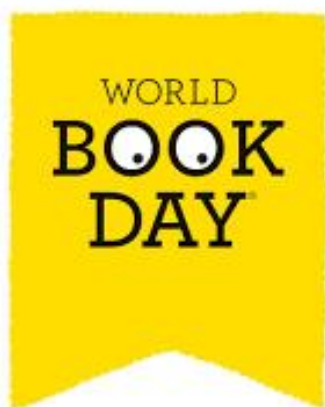
Well done Dance Club!

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day was a fantastic celebration of reading and storytelling! Throughout the week, pupils had the opportunity to purchase new books at the Scholastic Book Fair, which was as popular as ever. On World Book Day itself, we encouraged a love of books with our Book Swap, where pupils exchanged stories and discovered new favourites.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing pupils and staff bring literature to life by dressing up as their favourite book characters - the creativity and effort were truly amazing! Different departments across the school embraced the fun by coordinating their costumes around well-loved books, making the day even more special.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped make World Book Day such a memorable event. Keep reading and sharing stories!



World Book Day Competition

To celebrate National Storytelling Week (1 – 9 February) and World Book Day (6 March), our pupils were given the fantastic opportunity to unleash their creativity by crafting their very own stories. This year's theme for National Storytelling Week, "Reimagine Your World," sparked a remarkable response, with a high number of submissions flooding in. Selecting a winner from each year group proved to be quite a challenge, but after much deliberation, we are thrilled to announce the following outstanding stories:

The Exhibition, by Katie S – Year 6

Katie takes us on a gripping journey with Alice, a young girl on an overnight Life Skills Club trip. As the story unfolds, nothing is as it seems, enveloping the reader in an atmosphere of mystery and suspense. The unexpected twist at the end had the judges on the edge of their seats—brilliantly done, Katie!

Arjun the Dinosaur Wrestler, by Daya G – Year 7

Daya introduces us to an extraordinary world where dinosaurs roam the Earth, and one boy dreams of becoming a Dinosaur Wrestler. The tale follows Arjun, a 13-year-old Neanderthal navigating wrestling classes with dinosaurs. Bursting with entertainment and fun, this engaging story brought smiles to the judges' faces.

The Silent Majority, by Lucy M – Year 8

In a world where women lack a voice and the right to vote, Alice embarks on a personal mission to challenge the status quo. Confronting a group of MPs, her determination to fight for women's rights makes for a compelling narrative that truly gripped our judges.

Congratulations to all our talented writers!

Introducing Larry....

We now have a visiting lizard, Larry the Bearded Dragon. Larry visits school once a week and is available for pupils to meet, pet and hold, if they wish.

For the right individuals, reptiles can offer a unique, calming, and educational therapeutic experience.

The unique texture of reptile skin can be fascinating. For some, touching or holding a reptile can be a grounding experience, providing a distinctive tactile sensation that distracts and calms the mind.

There's also an observed benefit in reducing fear and misconceptions. Interacting with reptiles in a controlled environment can help individuals overcome irrational fears and develop a sense of confidence and accomplishment.

There is a full risk assessment in place and pupils must use hand sanitizer immediately after touching Larry and then wash their hands as soon as possible.

Bearded dragons are omnivorous, however there will be no live foods (such as insects) brought in to school.

Larry is not kept in a communal area, therefore any pupil who does not wish to see him will not have to.

Welcome to Scissett Larry!



Easyfundraising

Treat yourself and raise a free donation for Scissett Middle School, Huddersfield this payday when you shop via #easyfundraising. Apple, Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos and many more are INCREASING their donations to us for this week only! If you're not supporting us on easyfundraising yet, now's the perfect time to get involved. [Sign Up Here!](#)

British Science Week Activities

As British Science Week enters its fourth decade, it's a great time to think about how the world is changing and how we can adapt to those changes.

You can think about all the types of change and adaptation we see in STEM – the options are endless!

Here at Scissett Middle School, week commencing the 10th March, we will be inviting pupils to take part in some fantastic lunchtime activities from making a reusable bottle garden, to investigating a waste free lunch and deep-sea yoga!

A selected group of pupils in year 6 and 7, along with our science ambassadors, will be taking part in a 'Clinical Trial' workshop with a wonderful guest speaker Dr Catriona Parker.

If you want to get involved, visit the British Science website for lots of different activities

[Activity packs - British Science Week.](#)



Year 7 Charity Day

Attention, students and parents! Get ready for a fantastic day on Friday, 14th March, as we hold our Dress Differently Day to support our chosen Year 7 charities! Let your creativity shine and wear your most outstanding outfits - but don't forget to donate your £1 plus on ParentPay. To sweeten the day, we'll also have a bun sale, and we need your help. Please bake or buy delicious buns for us to sell. Every penny counts towards these great causes, and together we can make a real difference! Let's show our school spirit and make this event unforgettable!

Please note - None uniform donations should be made on ParentPay and bun sale donations can be made with small change on the day.



Dates For The Diary

Friday 14th March - Year 7 Charity Day

Tuesday 18th March - Year 6 Parents' Evening (Face to Face)

Thursday 20th March - Year 7 Magna Trip

Tuesday 25th March - Year 6 Parents' Evening (Online)

Friday 4th April - Last day of term

Tuesday 22nd April - School re-opens following Easter Holidays