



Weekly Bulletin



Pupils of the Week

Year 6

6CT - Erin W.
6EC - Lucia G.
6ED - Lily P.
6GD - Nyah P
6TC - Noah S.
6TL - William H.
6TM - Matthew G.

Year 7

7CD - Lewis G.
7CK - Heidi B.
7GB - Olivia S.
7JM - Harry S.
7LJ - Grace W.
7RJ - James M.
7RW - Joey M.
7SM - Harry M.

Year 8

8AC - Albie L.
8MB - Ethan R.
8MO - Kayden B.
8MT - Florence C.
8SB - Charlie A.
8TF - Sebastian P.
8TH - Scarlett H.

Entrance Bookcases

The entrance bookcases are now displaying books relating to French! Besides having more chances of landing a good job or advancing in your career, learning a second language can also give you an insight into other cultures. You will be more prepared and confident to travel the world and explore other people's ways of living.



School Meal Grab Bags

Just to let you know that pupils can now purchase a 'grab bag' at break-time which contains a sandwich, cake and small bottle of water. Now that the weather is getting nicer this will allow pupils to avoid the lunchtime queues and eat their packed lunch outside with their friends. The £6 limit for spending in a day will include the purchase of these 'grab bags'.



We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who made a donation to Kirkwood after the Mary Poppins Jr. performances on Friday 17th March. We collected over £320.

We were asking for donations in memory of Miss Hunt's mum, Kim, who was recently cared for, by the hospice, in her last few days.

If anyone else would like to donate, please do so at: [Make A Donation | The Kirkwood](https://www.thekirkwood.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate)
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Mary Poppins Jr.

Last week we were treated to five performances of Mary Poppins Jr. - this year's whole school musical. The performances were the culmination of six months of hard work from students who have dedicated countless after-school, lunchtime and Saturday rehearsals to making this production so special. And the end product was truly spectacular!

When watching the standard of talent on stage, it was hard to believe that this was not the production of a professional company, with so many incredible stand-out performances and moments to note including: a spellbinding 'Step in Time' tap dance, incredible acrobatics and dance routines, outstanding singing from both the cast and choir and acting which could rival that of the West End stars!

But what made this production particularly special were the many moments of magic throughout that left the audience questioning '*How did they do that?!*'- including, most impressively, Mary Poppins flying through the air during the song 'Lets Go Fly a Kite'!

This show has been a huge team effort with over 160 students involved, working on; sound, lighting, stage management, costume, props as well as the cast and choir themselves, and every single student should be extremely proud of their skill and commitment. Special praise goes to Lexi P. (Mary Poppins), Elijah W. (Bert) Annabel D. (Jane), Finn W. (Michael), Olivia R. (Mrs Banks) and Gabriel K. (Mr Banks) - whose portrayal of our lead characters simply dazzled; we have no idea how they remembered that many lines, song lyrics, and choreography! The Performing Arts department is bursting with pride and feels extremely privileged to work with so many talented, hard-working and passionate students. It is no surprise that so many students were emotional when saying goodbye to this show - it really was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

We have included a small number of photos in this bulletin but will upload a full gallery of pictures to our school website before the end of term.





Mary Poppins Jr. cont'd.

Thank you to all the families who came to watch. We have had some lovely letters and emails complementing our students and have included a selection here.

"We went to watch the Mary Poppins performance this evening and I just wanted to say, we were absolutely blown away. The talent in school is astounding."

"The show was absolutely fantastic! The talent among the cast was outstanding. I thought the girl playing Mary Poppins delivered such a professional performance both in her acting skills and her beautiful voice, I hope she pursues this. There were many others I could mention including Bert and the Banks family, the whole cast who were of such a high standard in both acting and singing and dancing. The backstage crew who managed the change of scenes, the whole show was so slick. The time you all spent in rehearsing these pupils must have been colossal. The set was wonderful and those 'magic' moments were simply amazing, left us saying how on earth did they do that? These pupils will always remember this, the team spirit, the new friends they made, how they managed to calm their nerves, to come out their comfort zone, all these are the understated extras when performing."

"Huge congratulations to all concerned. Hard to believe we were watching a school performance. Breathtaking."

"Wow what a fantastic show you have put on. Everything about it was practically perfect. Massive well done to you all."

"The show was a splendid demonstration of the value of such productions in the life of a school. The energy and boldness of the staging on what is a restrictive playing space and the obvious talent of some of the main actors were very striking; but perhaps even more impressive was the sense we had throughout of the commitment and focus of all performers. The looks on their faces told of how engaged they were in what they were doing – and what they were doing was for them very obviously fun. The contribution such enterprises as last week's performances of Mary Poppins Jr. can make to the growth of young people is incalculable – which is not to say, as some might observe, that because it cannot be counted or measured it is not worth the tremendous effort involved. At the very least, each of those young people will have made for themselves a set of good memories that some, at least, will still be recalling when they are my age. From the programme sheet, I think I counted 162 young people taking part in some capacity or other, large or small, in what must have been an enormous team-effort. And then there are the many staff who will have given time and energy over and above their contracted hours. Our congratulations and thanks once again to everyone involved."

"I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the performance last night. What an amazing production, talented pupils and staff. Really well done, it truly was fantastic."

"I cannot tell you how beautiful I thought your production was. I was so moved. On at least three occasions I quietly sat there moved to tears, shaking my head in amazement, my mouth agape. You have given your students the most incredible experience. I am so very proud of you and what you have all achieved. I can't believe it. I absolutely adored it."



Sporting News

Y6 Girls' Football 2nd Team

On Wednesday 22nd March our Year 6 Girls' Football 2nd team went out to play against Honley and Marsden. There were two new players on the team and one returning, which was great. Despite not winning their games, they put up a really good performance, stopping the other team from scoring any more; they did have quite a few additional chances too! Again, some brilliant goalkeeping from Lilly W.

Team: Erin W, Isobel B, Livia B, Hadlai D-T, Nyah P, Polly T, Lilly W and Agnes W.

Player of the Match: Polly T

U11 Football at Reinwood Junior School

On Thursday 23rd March our Year 6 Boys Football team travelled to Reinwood Junior School to participate in Huddersfield Schools' Football. They played two games, competing against Reinwood and Marsden. Both games were very competitive, drawing 0-0 with Reinwood and and beating Marsden by 3 goals to nil.

Goal scores were George - 2 and Callum - 1.

All pupils representing the school well and making us all proud!

Team: Logan C, Callum C, Noah F, George J, Harrison M, Flynn S and Finn W.

Primary League Stars Regional Football Tournament

On Friday 24th March, our Year 6 Girls' Football 1st team had their second round of the Premier League Primary Stars competition, which was the regional round for the North of England. The girls represented Huddersfield Town and played in their strip.

The girls played some fantastic football, with some excellent switches and cross play between Paige, Olivia and Lucy. There was some strong defending, particularly from Poppy and Brielle. In other matches, it was also strong from Hadlai and Agnes, paired with some amazing saves from Amy.

They won 2 matches, drew 1 match and lost 3. This resulted in us coming 4th out of 7 teams on our side of the competition; but on goal difference, meant that we just missed out on qualifying for the quarter finals.

Team: Olivia H, Poppy S, Hadlai D-T, Amy C, Lucy L, Paige B, Brielle B-A and Agnes W.

Players of the Match: Paige & Poppy





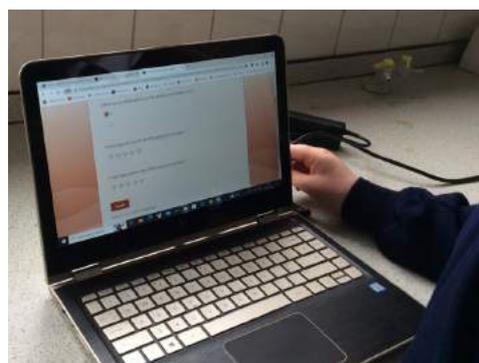
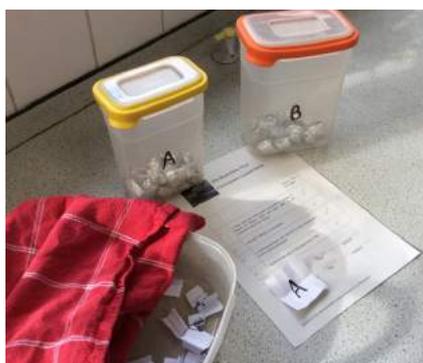
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Mock—Chocolate Trial

On Thursday 16th March a group of year 6 pupils were lucky enough to complete a workshop ran by Dr Catorina Parker. Catorina is a clinical scientist working in cancer research. With her expertise our pupils were able to learn about the first ever clinical trial ran by James Lind in 1747, and completed a mock chocolate trial.

During the mock chocolate trial pupils were allocated jobs such as lead researcher, statisticians, quality control and trial participants. The hypothesis they were testing stated that dark chocolate enhanced your mood better than milk chocolate.

Using the data we collected, we disproved this hypothesis, many more trial participants said milk chocolate enhanced there mood better than dark chocolate. I hope the pupils involved enjoyed this workshop and a massive thank you to Dr Catorina Parker for giving up her time to come into SMS during Science Week to run this amazing session.



Genetics Workshop—Extracting DNA

On Friday 17th March some year 6 and 7 pupils were selected to take part in a Genetics workshop lead by Dr Sharon Barrans.

Sharon is a clinical scientist working at HMDS. The session involved a hands on practical, extracting DNA from a strawberry and measuring much 'DNA' (string) we could fit into a 'nucleus' (kinder egg) when packaged in different ways, demonstrating why our DNA is packaged in sets of chromosomes.

Sharon also hosted a year 8 assembly, explaining the vast array of careers within the NHS and the different experiences and courses you can complete to secure a future jobs in the health care sector.

I hope the pupils involved enjoyed this workshop and assembly. A massive thank you to Dr Sharon Barrans for giving up her time to come into SMS during Science Week to run some fantastic sessions.

