



Weekly Bulletin



Pupils of the week

Year 6

Chelsea C	6CT
Lucia G	6EC
Annabel D	6ED
Jesse T	6GD
Finley B	6TC
Noah L	6TL
Oscar D	6TM

Year 7

Lewis G	7CD
Alex M	7CK
Olivia S	7GB
Thomas P	7JM
Jemima A	7LJ
Quinn M	7RJ
Enoma I-O	7RW
Charlotte S	7SM

Year 8

Will R	8AC
Holly G	8MB
Owen D	8MO
Florence C	8MT
Sam T	8SB
Izzy H-J	8TF
Jasmine A	8TH

In The News

Christmas Concert

A huge congratulations to all performers at the Scissett Middle School Christmas Concert on Wednesday 7th December. There was a fantastic array of performances including from the Pop Choir, Wind Band and the String Ensemble. We are really proud of the instrumentalists and singers across all year groups that performed solos; they showed excellent confidence, maturity and technical skill. A highlight of the evening were the two hilarious pantomimes, Cinderella and Goldilocks, which students from Year 7 had put together. A short video of concert highlights is going to be posted on our social media pages in the next few days. Thank you to the families who came to watch - we hope you left full of Christmas spirit and hope to see you again in February for our production of Mary Poppins.



Subject Spotlight

Harry Potter Studios

This week, the majority of our Y6 students have enjoyed a trip to Watford to experience the Harry Potter Studios Tour. Our children entered through the Great Hall doors; the exact ones that Harry Potter and the other first year students experienced in the actual movies. Giant Christmas trees beautifully decorated the hall, making the day even more mystical. Their magical and enchanting experience continued as they experienced many different stage props from the actual movies, including an interactive green screen, where the students were able to experience a flying broom stick, in an attempt to catch a golden snitch. The magic didn't stop there... Walking through the Forbidden Forest, students were delightfully jump scared, with many mechanical giant spiders falling from great heights.

Whilst at the studios, students were able to purchase their very own butter beer (non-alcoholic), which they enjoyed with their friends outside Number 4, Privet Drive. Without ear protection, we then walked through Mrs Sprout's greenhouse, where we uprooted many screaming mandrakes. The three-tier knight's bus was outside, waiting to journey further into the realms of magic. Back inside the studios, many students enjoyed the digital world of making the characters move. They were able to stand in front of a screen and move about, which then was mirrored on screen by the character of Dobby. Students were fascinated to see that this character was actually created using Xbox technology. Gringotts's bank certainly did not disappoint. Seeing the roller coaster cart which took Harry deep down into his vault and then witnessing all of the treasure locked away was thrilling. To finish the Gringotts's experience, we then came face-to-face with a fire breathing dragon! The studios tour finished with a walk through Diagon Alley and then seeing the construction of the Hogwarts Castle in its full glory. This really was a magical day, which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

We are very proud of the way that our students behaved on these trips; the coach company and the studios both commented on how good our students were. They only have around 7 months now to find out if they get into Hogwarts themselves. I wonder how many wizards we currently have at Scissett Middle School?



Sporting Success

Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics—Came 3rd overall. Very well done to everyone who participated.



The Entrance Bookcase

The entrance bookcases are now displaying PE and Sports-themed books. Many pupils might wonder just how PE and reading go together; reading is exercise for your brain! The library has many fiction and non-fiction books relating to sport, famous sporting figures and all other sporting endeavours. Many famous sports stars have also moved from sport into media, undertaking journalism and public relations training or degrees, which very much links to literacy.

The books will be in display in the entrance until early January, but there are many similar books available to borrow from the library right now.



Protecting Children From Winter Illness

Please [click this link](#) for guidance/advice from Kirklees Council on protecting your children from becoming unwell this winter.



Christmas Reading Challenge

<i>English Reading Christmas Calendar 2022</i>						1. Who wrote A Christmas Carol?	2. The book Letters from Father Christmas was penned by which famous author?
3. Complete the title of this book by Nicholas Allan: Father Christmas Needs a...	4. In which children's classic is it 'always winter but never Christmas'?	5. In what year was Clement C Moore's poem 'The Night Before Christmas' first published?	6. Which Beatrix Potter tale features a wedding that takes place on Christmas day?	7. Which book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler features an appearance by Father Christmas and is set in a snowy winter landscape?	8. In The Box of Delights by John Masefield, Kay Harker is on his way home from boarding school when he befriends Cole Hawlings, who is a...	9. In the Harry Potter series, what gift does Mrs Weasley famously give to her family members every Christmas?	
10. The Polar Express, which was made into an animated film, was originally written by...	11. Michael Morpurgo's The Best Christmas Present in the World features the discovery of an old letter from a soldier fighting in which conflict?	12. Which book by Susan Cooper is set during an unusually snowy Christmas?	13. In Jostein Gaarder's The Christmas Mystery, Joachim finds a story hidden in a magical...	14. McFly's Dougle and Tom first-ever children's book had a festive theme. What was its title?	15. Brian Wildsmith's A Christmas Journey puts a different spin on the Nativity, telling the story from the point of view of...	16. 'Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents' is the opening line from which classic children's book?	
17. Which poet famously wrote about his memories of Christmas as a child?	18. In Charles Dickens's famous story A Christmas Carol, what is the name of Scrooge's over-worked, underpaid clerk?	19. In Father Christmas Goes on Holiday by Raymond Briggs, which of these places does Father Christmas visit on his holiday?	20. In Jacqueline Wilson's book Hetty Feather's Christmas, which hospital does Hetty spend the festive holiday?	21. Which rabbit has trouble falling asleep in Peter Rabbit Tales: A Christmas Wish by Beatrix Potter?	22. In David Baddiel's book Virtually Christmas, who has to save Santa?	23. Which whale-based book has a chapter titled 'Merry Christmas'?	
24. What's the actual name of the poem that starts 'Twas the night before Christmas'?	25. In all of Shakespeare's plays, how many times is Christmas mentioned?	<p><i>"Books are a uniquely portable magic."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stephen King</p>					

School Library

After the wonderful success of our last out of hours Library Opening, we will be opening our doors open Wednesday 14th December from 3:40pm to 5:30pm. We will have Christmas crafts and snacks available and we look forward to seeing you there.



Scarlet Fever & Strep A

I'm sure you will have seen the news reports about the rising cases of Scarlet Fever and invasive Group A Streptococcal across the country.

Yesterday, we contacted the local health protection team in Kirklees who have advised the following:

'Scarlet fever occurs most often in the winter and spring. Symptoms include a rash, a sore throat, flushed cheeks and swollen tongue. Generally, Scarlet Fever is a mild illness which children recover from quite quickly'.

If you suspect that your child has scarlet fever, then you should contact NHS 111 or your GP. Early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications. If a child has scarlet fever, they need to be kept at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

For further information/guidance follow the link to the [NHS Guidance](#).

We understand that parents may be concerned but please rest assured that we have reviewed our infection control measures in school to ensure everything is being done to prevent any spread of infection.

Dates for the diary

Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th December—Whole School Pantomime Trip

Tuesday 13th December — Dress Different Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 15th December— Christmas Quiz

