



Weekly Bulletin



Pupils of the week

Year 6

McKenzie A	6CT
Archie C	6EC
Matthew S	6ED
Callum C	6GD
Sebastian M	6TC
William H	6TL
Oscar D	6TM

Year 7

Emily M	7CD
Thomas C	7CK
Ella K	7GB
Harry S	7JM
Caitlin N	7LJ
Ruby L	7RJ
Abigail H	7RW
Harry M	7SM

Year 8

Patrick P	8AC
Tommy L	8MB
Kara R	8MO
Johanna C	8MT
Samuel T	8SB
Charlie S	8TF
Jasmin A	8TH

In The News

Black History Month

To get to a better tomorrow, we can't just focus on the past. The past is in the past. We can acknowledge and learn from it, but to improve the future, we need action, not words. We need to come together around a shared common goal to achieve a better world for everyone. This year's Black History Month in October is more important than ever. It's not just a month to celebrate the continued achievements and contributions of black people to the UK and around the world. It's also a time for continued action to tackle racism, reclaim black history, and ensure black history is represented and celebrated all year round.

Each week we will be looking at a famous black person, this week it is Charles Richard Drew. He was an American doctor who developed ways to store plasma, which is the watery part of blood. Drew's research helped many sick and injured people, who could be given plasma as they needed it. During the Second World War Drew set up blood collection programmes for Britain and the USA. Eventually Drew left the program due to their refusal to treat the blood from black and white donors equally.



Spotlight Subject

Extra-Curricular Physical Education at Scissett Middle School

INTENT

At Scissett Middle School we aim to provide a broad and balanced extra-curricular programme to support and supplement curriculum PE. The extra-curricular programme is designed to develop students' physical literacy, build character, resilience and develop the skills and motivation to encourage young people to lead a healthy and active lifestyle.

IMPLEMENTATION

We endeavour to provide clubs during lunch time and after school. Clubs are open to everyone and aim to serve several purposes. They aim to help students develop their physical, cognitive, and social skills as well as preparing teams to represent the school in a range of competitions including the School Games, festivals, local and national competitions and ultimately for fun and to develop a love of movement.

We produce a timetable of clubs every half term which, is displayed on the school website. The clubs we provide often change each half term. They change to coincide with competitions that happen at different times of the year.

This half term, the following clubs have been available:

- Football for boys and girls in all year groups. The aim of which is to develop skills, have fun and prepare teams to represent the school in the Huddersfield School football leagues and cups.
- Hockey for boys and girls with the intention of developing skills, fun and preparing for festivals
- Cross country for all year groups to develop stamina and strength, for fun and to prepare for School Games Competitions.
- Netball for years 7&8 to prepare for Huddersfield schools' competitions.
- Rugby for all years with the intention of develop skills, for fun and to prepare for local competition
- Dance for all years with the intention of developing skills, for fun and to prepare to perform at local dance show cases.

Next half term we aim to provide opportunities in:

- Basketball
- Sports hall athletics
- Netball
- Hockey
- Dance

During the summer term we have provision for Cricket, Rounders, and Track & Field Athletics and compete local and national competitions.

At Scissett Middle School, we are lucky enough to benefit from the sport premium funding and there are times when we use this funding to employ coaches to supplement our extra-curricular provision.

IMPACT

Students benefit from access to a broad and balanced extra-curricular programme with equality of access at its heart. The school access a range of competitive and non-competitive competitions and festivals and enjoy high participation rates in all years for both boys and girls.



School Library

In honour of Black History Month, we have a section of the library promoting authors and characters of colour, celebrating black history and culture. You can see from the image that it has already proven popular - as by the time I went to take the picture, many of the books had gone!

We also have a section dedicated to horror, as spooky season is in full swing!

Parents and pupils can keep up to date with reading in school through our [Reading Ambassador blog](#), which can be found on our website and on Facebook.

- Mrs Hull



Survey

The West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) value the importance of engaging closely with young people in our communities, which is crucial in helping us understand and prevent violence. Consequently, we are writing to you to share our 2022 VRU Schools Survey.

The survey seeks your pupils' views and perceptions on various topics, including: community safety, available support, violence and social media. The survey should only take about 10 - 15 minutes to complete and can be completed on any electronic device.

More information on the Violence Reduction Unit can be found below. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd like any further information or have any queries.

[Violence Reduction Unit School Survey 2022](#)

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Mary Poppins

We are organising a trip to watch Mary Poppins in The West End, London on Thursday 17th November. (In previous years we have gone a bit later in the year but sadly the show finishes it's run at Christmas!) Our cast members have been offered a place on the trip and now we have a number of choir spaces available to fill.

Does your child meet **ALL** the following criteria?

- Auditioned for Mary Poppins
- Has been offered a role in the choir
- Definitely going to be part of the choir when it forms after Christmas

The total cost of the trip is £49. We do understand this is a significant cost but by comparison, the same seats are on sale for £99.50 for the ticket alone for other performances later that week. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, the entire cost of the trip would be met by the school and lunch will be provided on the day.

Sign-up sheets will be going to form groups on Monday morning. Alternatively, you can email mosborne@themast.co.uk by 9am on Wednesday 14th October to add your child's name to the sign-up list. If the number of sign-ups exceeds the spaces available a random draw will take place that day.



Sporting Success



Under 13's Girls Football — Lost Both Matches — Kirkburton (4-0 to them), Colne Valley (6-0 to them).

(Player Of The Match: Gracie M)

Year 6 Girls Football — Lost All Matches - Reinwood (12-0 to them), (3-0 to them), (7-2 to them)

(Player Of The Match: Isabel B)

Year 6 Girls Football — One Draw, One Win — Marsden (1-1 draw), Oak (5-0 to us)

(Players Of The Match: Poppy S & Georgina S)



Lost Property

Each week our pile of unnamed lost property gets ever bigger and in our current financial climate this puts a big strain on family budgets to have to replace uniform and equipment. Could you **please** name your child's uniform and equipment and we will ensure that it does get back to them. PE is a hotspot for losing uniform, please remind your child to check they have everything in their bag before they leave the changing rooms. We also have a growing mountain of lunchboxes and water bottles. We try to post pictures of these items in our Facebook group in the hope that parents might recognise them.

Please ask your child to come to look outside the office to see if any of the lost property is theirs.



The Welcome Centre — Harvest Collection

Each year our school asks for donations from pupils, parents and staff that can be given to The Welcome Centre.

The centre helps local families and individuals in crisis with food, toiletries, and other essential items. They also provide advice, guidance, and support to address any underlying issues.

Please find below the list of items that The Welcome Centre accepts.

Any donations that you are able to make will be greatly appreciated. We will be accepting these starting from Monday next week, outside the school office.

Please [click here](#) if you would like any more information on The Welcome Centre.

Baby food
Beans/Spaghetti
Biscuits
Cat and dog food
Cereal/ cereal bars
Chapati flour
Coffee
Cooking oil
Crackers
Cup a soup
Fish and meat paste
Fresh fruit
Fresh vegetables
Gluten-free items



Gravy granules
Instant noodles/rice/pasta
Jam/marmalade
Long-life milk
Nuts
Peanut butter
Pulses
Rice
Spices
Squash
Stock cubes
Sugar
Tea
Tinned food

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 18th-Friday 21st October— Quarry Bank Mill Trip for Year 8

Friday 21st October—Quiz Night—Everyone Welcome, book a table on ParentPay for £5 (for up to 5 people)

7pm – 9pm

Thursday 24th November & Thursday 1st December— Year 8 Subjects Parents Evening

4:30pm-7pm

Friday 2nd December— Christmas Fayre

6pm—8pm

Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th December—Harry Potter Trip for Year 6

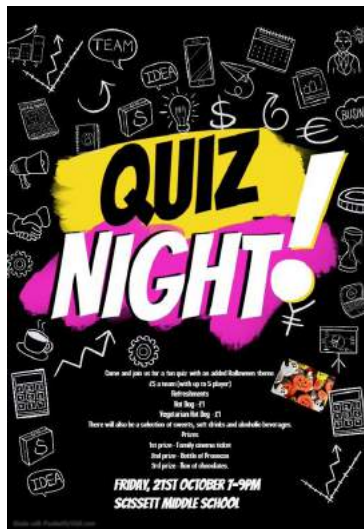
(Please can payment be made on ParentPay)

Wednesday 7th December— Christmas Concert

7pm start

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

(Please can payment be made on ParentPay)



A poster for a 'Christmas Fayre' with a white background and red and green text. At the top, there are illustrations of a reindeer, a Christmas tree, and a gift. The text reads: 'Christmas Fayre on Friday 2 December 2022 6.00 til 8.00pm'. Below this, it says: 'Come to Scissett Middle School for our amazing annual Christmas shopping experience, an opportunity for you to do some Christmas shopping whilst the children are busy playing games.' It also mentions: 'See Santa in his grotto for a very reasonable £2.50' and 'There will also be a bar and lots of other refreshments.'