



School Bulletin



Welcome Back!

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new Year 6 parents and welcome back to our 7 and 8 parents. We hope you have had a wonderful summer!

At Scissett Middle School we send out a school bulletin to inform parents of all the wonderful events that are happening within school such as: school trips, workshops, visiting speakers and clubs that are available for your children to join. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the successes of your children, whether that be a sporting success, musical talent or any other achievements. We also use this space to make you aware of important upcoming dates. This year we have made the decision to send out our bulletins monthly.



Quarry Bank Mill

Last week our Year 8 pupils went on a trip to Quarry Bank Mill just outside Manchester. The trip built on what the pupils had learnt in Year 7 about life in the Industrial Revolution. We went into the mill and saw some of the machines in operation and saw first hand how loud and dangerous they were. The highlight of the trip was a visit to the Apprentice House to see how children who had been sold to the factory would live.

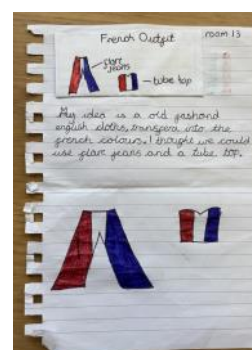
We would like to say a big thank you to all of the pupils for being so well behaved and an absolute credit to the school.



European Day of Languages

On Thursday 26th September, we celebrated 'European Day of Languages'. Pupils spoke in multiple languages when taking the register, got to learn some interesting facts about language learning and even got chance to hear some of their teachers speak a foreign language. Across the curriculum we promoted the importance of MFL learning and got pupils to see the benefits of connecting with others both now and in future careers.

We also launched a competition to design an outfit to promote a love for language learning and we got some outstanding entries. The winning pieces are below alongside some other great designs. Bravo!



Bus Bay update

Given the recent heavy rainfall, you may have been surprised to see the bus bay completely clear of water. We are very pleased to inform you that work was undertaken during the summer to address the very long standing issue of flooding in the bus bay. Many of you will remember the challenges this caused to the safe movement of children both in and out of school at times last year.

The school is delighted the situation has finally been addressed and would like to thank Denby Dale Parish Council for funding the project. We hope the drainage won't be tested too much this autumn/winter however, this is probably wishful thinking!

Girls' Football U13 League Fixture...

The U13 Kirklees girls' Football got underway with Scissett having two matches vs King James' and Kirkburton. The girls showed fantastic skill and resilience up and down the pitch. They secured two wins, which is a great start to the league! Two very promising performances indeed - top job girls!



Football Girls on tour at...



30 year 7 & 8 girls had the opportunity to go to St George's Park, the home of England Football. Despite a lot of rain, the girls had a fantastic time, developing their skills and resilience. They got to experience the facilities used by the top England football teams, also seeing many of the trophies and historical figures previously involved in football. Ironically, there was a #letgirlsplay Barclays football partnership conference taking place - good for the girls to see that the planning/networking is taking place to improve the opportunities for girls.





Invasion Games Festival

13 year 6 girls had a fantastic time at the girls' Invasion Games festival held at Newsome Academy. They played netball, football, dodgeball and hockey, where they developed attacking and defending skills. It was great to see them being respectful towards each other and the other girls in attendance, displaying manners throughout the event. A great representation for SMS and for year 6! Well done!

Scissett Middle School Elite 5k In aid of



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The winning

2024 has seen us complete our first Elite 5k in support of Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research UK. A fantastic whole school event, with staff and students cheering on 26 Year 6, 7 and 8 students in and around the track. There was music, dancing, cheering and a boat load of positive vibes – a great Friday afternoon!



What an amazing achievement by all the runners, who completed the 5k race within 30 minutes. Special mention to;
1st place – Joe M (Year 7)
2nd Place – Niamh S (Year 6)
3rd Place – Erin W (Year 8)
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED!!





Join the BBC 500 words competition!

This is **YOUR** chance to shine!

50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous grand final at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities.

There are also lots of prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library.

For more information go to:

www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

To enter, please see Mrs Ward in room 3

Write a story **YOU** would love to read.

Submissions must be entered before
9pm on Friday 8th November 2024!

Spelling, punctuation and
grammar are not marked
- it's all about creativity!



Joel Foster

This week we were very lucky to be visited by upcoming singer-songwriter Joel Foster. Soon to embark on a headline UK tour, Joel has previously appeared on The Voice and his recently released singles are getting big streams. He performed a fantastic set of original and cover songs to our Year 7 & 8 students and also gave a talk about how cyber-bullying affected him in his teenage years. If your child enjoyed Joel's performance then tickets are currently on sale for his Manchester show on 5th December! Please see our school Facebook page for some short videos of Joel's visit.



Instrument Lesson

We've seen a huge number of students getting signed up for instrument lessons since September. Students can learn just about any instrument in school with Musica Kirklees. If you would like to go ahead with instrument lessons for your child, you can complete an online application on the Musica Kirklees website. (www.musicakirklees.org) The website also contains further details, including helpful video guides to choosing an instrument to learn. If your child is eligible for free school meals then please contact Mr Osborne (mosborne@themast.co.uk) to discuss how the school may be able to support with the cost of instrument lessons.

Well Done

A huge congratulations to Iris, Year 7, who recently won a prestigious regional talent competition on the Isle of Wight with this spellbinding performance of Defying Gravity from Wicked. Iris now moves forward to the national competition in November. Well done Iris!

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Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 8th October - Year 6 Meet The Tutor Evening and World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 15th October - Selected pupils to help at our Open Evening - arrive at 4:45pm

Friday 25th October - Last day of this half-term

Monday 4th November - School re-opens following the half-term break