



# School Bulletin



## Pupils of the Week

### Week Commencing 25th September

#### **Year 6**

6AC - Lucy V-M  
6JTH - Leni D  
6MB - Maisie S  
6MM - Freddie G  
6MO - Zane F  
6MT - Isabelle C  
6TF - Connor B

#### **Year 7**

7AWA - Analise F  
7CT - Lily R  
7ED - Logan C  
7GD - Max B  
7TC - Maisy F  
7TL - Joel G  
7TM - Noah S

#### **Year 8**

8AW - Toby B-H  
8CD - Livvy H  
8CK - Barney O  
8GB - Olivia S  
8JM - Harry S  
8RJ - Caitlin N  
8RW - Lily C  
8SM - Harry M

### Week Commencing 2nd October

#### **Year 6**

6AC - Elsie R  
6JTH - Polly S  
6MB - Ned S  
6MM - Lily N  
6MO - Thomas L  
6MT - Bobby E  
6TF - Masie F

#### **Year 7**

7AWA - Marc L  
7CT - Maymunah A  
7ED - Rufus L  
7GD - Max B  
7TC - Maisy F  
7TL - Paige B  
7TM - Esme P

#### **Year 8**

8AW - James M  
8CD - Zac H-S  
8CK - Barney O  
8GB - Olivia S  
8JM - Harry S  
8RJ - Caitlin N  
8RW - Abigail H  
8SM - Harry M

## Black History Month

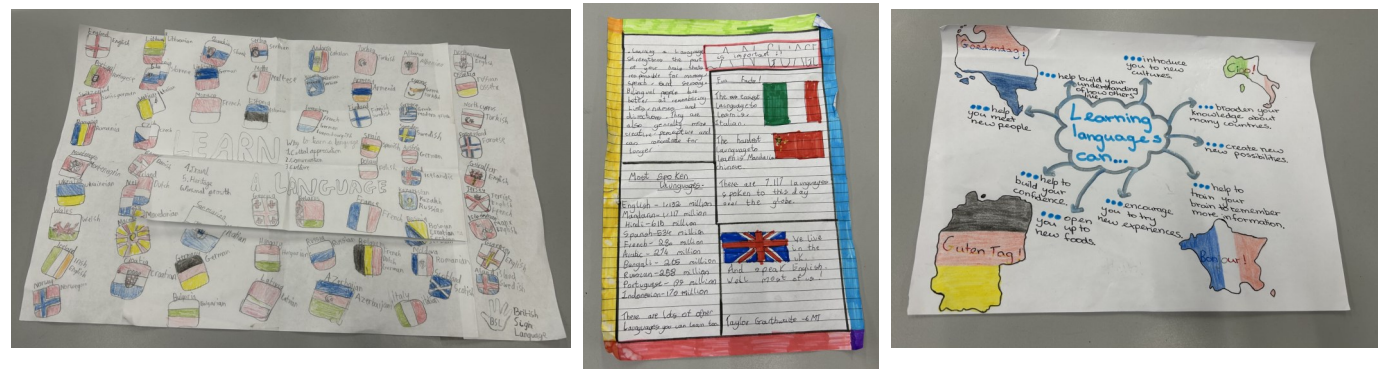


### Black History Month 2023 – Saluting our Sisters!

- Write a poem about a significant black woman or a number of women
- Your poem needs to show why she is/they are an inspiration to you!
- Deadline for entries is Friday 20th October
- Please hand your entries into your class teacher or you can email them to [rpocock@themast.co.uk](mailto:rpocock@themast.co.uk)

**European Day of Languages**

Tuesday 26th September was the annual European Day of Languages and all students were encouraged to submit a poster promoting the benefits of learning another language. We had some fantastic entries and all students who submitted a poster have received a small prize from Mrs Barker.



**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

On Friday 29th September we held our annual coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning. We have raised over £500 for this amazing cause and had some delicious cakes too!



**After School Dance Club**

The Performing Arts department are launching a brand new after-school Dance Club. This is open to everyone from the most experienced dancers right through to those who have never danced before. The sessions are free, and will be taught by an external teacher, Amelie, who is a senior pupil at Shelley College. Initially we will be working towards a performance at the Shelley Pyramid Dance Showcase before Christmas. The sessions will run from 3.45pm – 4.45pm on Mondays, beginning straight after the half-term break. If you would like to sign your child up then please email Mr. Osborne ([mosborne@themast.co.uk](mailto:mosborne@themast.co.uk)) before 20th October.

**Harvest Collection - The Welcome Centre**

For our Harvest Collection, we are once again we are collecting donations for The Welcome Centre. Each form room has a donation box and we would be grateful for any items that you could send in with your child. Please can we have all donations no later than Tuesday 24th October. A list of items that The Welcome Centre are short of can be found here:

<https://www.thewelcomecentre.org/pages/donatefood>

Thank you!



**Northorpe Hall—Face to Face Sessions**

Please see below for details of parent workshops and information sessions being offered by Northorpe Hall.



**Rural Parent Workshop Offer (Face-to-Face)**

*We deliver the following information sessions each lasting 1 hour 30 minutes for up to 15 participants.*

Workshop Name	Overview
Introduction to Children and Young People’s Mental Health	Provides a general overview of good mental health and resources to support poor mental health and manage emotions.
Understanding Behaviour as Communication	When young people behave in ways we find difficult, we need to understand why they may be behaving in this way and what they could be trying to communicate to you.
Understanding and Supporting Anxiety	Information about what anxiety is and resources to support and manage anxiety when this becomes overwhelming.
Positive Communication and Attachment	Understanding the importance of relationships, how we talk and interact with young people to minimise communication breakdown and develop trust.
An Introduction to Self- Harm	Self-harm is an expression of emotional pain. Learn more about self-harm and how you can support young people who are harming themselves.
Maintaining Positive Emotional Wellbeing	Looking at self-care to enhance our sense of positive wellbeing.
The Teenage Brain	Information on the changes which occur in teenagers and how we can support them constructively through this time of change.
Supporting Sleep	An overview of the science of sleep, consequences of poor sleep and suggestions on how to improve sleep.
Promoting and Developing Self-Esteem and Resilience	Low self-esteem can have a massive impact on emotional and mental wellbeing, so this session provides tips in building confidence and a growth mind-set.
Children and Young People’s Emotional Wellbeing in the Digital Age	Exploring the positive and negative impact of technology on mental health and wellbeing and how to build digital resilience.
ASC Awareness	Take the opportunity to see what autism is from the perspective of autistic people through videos and obtain an understanding of autism and the neurodevelopmental pathway.
ADHD Awareness	An introduction to ADHD in children and young people, including strategies for parents / carers to utilise at home and information about the neurodevelopmental pathway in Kirklees.
Healthy Relationships with Food	A look at the relationship between food and mood, how to make food fun and look at behaviours that may indicate there is an issue.
Back to School Support for Parents and Carers / Managing Change and Transition	An exploration of common anxieties and worries that children and young people face when returning to school / starting a new school, including strategies for parents to help to manage these periods of transition.

**Open Access Information Sessions can be booked directly here:**

<https://chewsnews.northorpehall.co.uk/workshops.php#>

Please see the next page for workshop dates.

**Northorpe Hall—Workshop Dates**

**Online and Face to Face Parent/Carer Information Sessions**

<https://chewsnews.northorpehall.co.uk/workshops.php#>

Date & Time	Information Session
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm-7:30pm	The impact of the digital age on mental wellbeing
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm-2:30pm	Understanding Behaviour as Communication
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm-2:30pm	Introduction to Children and Young People's Mental Health
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am-11:30pm	The Teenage Brain
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am-11:30am	Healthy Relationship with Food
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm- 7:30pm	The Teenage brain
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm-2:30pm	Positive Communication and Attachment
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am-11:30am	Understanding and Supporting Anxiety
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 1:00am-11:30am	Promoting Self-Esteem and Resilience
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm-2:30pm	Introduction to Self-Harm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm-2:30pm	The impact of the digital age on mental wellbeing

**Congratulations!**

A huge congratulations to Iris in Year 6 – an outstanding singer and performer who has recently won a very competitive regional talent competition.

She now progresses to the national final, hosted by Vernon Kay and judged by a celebrity panel! What a superstar. Well done Iris and good luck!



**Sporting News**

Work is currently happening behind the scenes for another successful Netball Super League trip in addition to Kingswood. Watch this space for more information.

We have launched a new physical activity initiative - The Mindful Mile. Students are invited to use the track on a daily basis at breaks and lunchtimes. There are various awards that students can get both individually and as a class. We currently have 27 students on the red award - 10 miles, 10 on the yellow award - 15 miles, and 1 on pink - 25 miles (Well done to Will B in 8AW) - fantastic effort!! Milestones go right up to 500+ miles. Please encourage your child to get involved on a regular basis.

**Y7 Boys Football** - On Wednesday 27th September, the boys played away at Holmfirth in a Schools Cup game. Holmfirth fielded a very strong side with a number of academy players representing their school. We battled hard in tricky windy conditions and restricted them to only one goal at half time. Downwind second half we created a number of brilliant chances but just couldn't find the back of net. Callum managed to break the deadlock and finished off a great counterattack, however we still trailed 2-1. Chasing the game in the final seconds the home side added another to make the final score 3-1, but a brilliant battling performance again from the lads.

**Y6 Girls Football** - On Thursday 28th September, the girls played their 1st match of the season against Marsden Primary School at home. Both sides played some brilliant football and there were plenty of goals on show. Unfortunately, we were outscored on the day 4-3 but the girls played brilliantly, the pick of the bunch being Lottie who scored two cracking goals. It was some of the girls' first time playing 7-a-side football which made it even more impressive. Hopefully with some more training sessions we'll be ready to win our next game. Well done girls!

**Music and Performing Arts Updates**

- If your child is interested in starting musical instrument or singing lessons then please visit the Musica Kirklees website ([musicakirklees.org](http://musicakirklees.org)). There is lots of information, including videos to help choose an instrument to learn. As explained in previous bulletins, if you're your child is eligible for free school meals, please contact Mr Osborne directly ([mosborne@themast.co.uk](mailto:mosborne@themast.co.uk)) as the school can subsidise the cost of lessons.
- Our extra-curricular Performing Arts lunchtime clubs have got off to a fantastic start. The Wind Band and String Ensemble have got off to excellent starts with many new members impressing with their great attitude and musical skill and students have also been having a lot of fun at Rock Band Club and Garage band Club. Miss Johnson and Mrs Mann have launched Year 7 Drama Club and now 45 students have started work on a fantastic Pantomime. Pop Choir is also thriving, with a great turnout and some excellent arrangements of Imagine Dragons, Coldplay and Taylor Swift coming together. Please do check the clubs lists and encourage your child to attend!
- All parents of Year 7 students will have received a letter this week regarding our trip to watch a pantomime in Halifax on Wednesday 20th December. Please read this carefully and ensure you have given permission on Parent Pay by Friday 13th October. Will not be able to add any students on after the deadline, as the theatre are only ringfencing enough tickets for us until this date.
- We are delighted to announce that Scissett Middle School has once again been awarded Music Mark status in recognition of our commitment to providing all students with a high quality music education, both within the classroom and extra-curricular. Congratulations to Mr Osborne and the rest of the Performing Arts department for this excellent achievement once again!



**Science Ambassadors**

Massive congratulations to our Science Ambassadors for 2023-24:

James M (8AW), Caitlin N (8RJ), Juniper R (8RJ), Alex W (8RW), Thomas P (8JM), Alex (8CK ), Harry S (8JM ), Sam S (8JM), Barney O (8CK), William B (8AW)

We look forward to working with you to promote science in a way that sparks curiosity and interest within Scissett Middle School.

We would also like to introduce our Deputy Science Ambassadors, who will be working alongside the team to promote the amazing world of science:

Lucy M (7GD), Lucas B (7TL ), James F (7GD), Max B (7GD), Zak J (7TC), Amy C (7TC), Darcey G (7TC).



**Pupil Privacy Notice**

Can we please draw your attention to our Pupil Privacy Notice which can be found on the Policies page of our website: [www.scissettmiddle.com/our-school/policies](http://www.scissettmiddle.com/our-school/policies) Please scroll to the bottom of the page to view the Privacy Notices.

**Careers Fair**

Please see below for information about an upcoming Careers Fair at **Shelley College**.  
We would love to encourage our pupils and families to attend.

**CAREERS FAIR**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

A special invite to families at Scissett and Kirkburton Middle Schools  
Please join us at **Shelley College** between 3pm – 6pm



**Dates For The Diary**

- Tuesday 10th October** - Year 6 Meet The Tutor Evening and World Mental Health Day
- Wednesday 11th October** - Year 6 Meet The Tutor Evening for 6MO Only
- Tuesday 17th October** - Selected Year 8 pupils to help at our Open Evening - arrive at 4:45pm
- Wednesday 18th October** - Year 6 SATS Parents Evening – 6pm start  
(Letter with more information to follow next week)
- Friday 27th October** - Last day of this half-term
- Monday 6th November** - School re-opens following the half-term break
- Friday 24th November** - Christmas Fayre

