

School Bulletin



Pupils of the Week

Week Commencing 15th January

Year 6	<u>Year 7</u>	Year 8
6AC - Melissa G	7AWA - Marc L	8AW - Toby B-H
6JTH - Aurora C	7CT - Harry A	8CD - Zac H-S
6MB - Ava F	7ED - Poppy S	8CK - Ben H
6MM - Noah S	7GD - Brielle B-A	8GB - Alfie C
6MO - Elizabeth H	7TC - Seb M	8JM - Harry S
6MT - Layla H	7TL - Lilly W	8RJ - Sophie K
6TF - Bethany B	7TM - Oscar D	8RW - Lola H-B
		8SM - Harry M

Happy New Year

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Scissett Middle School families a very Happy New Year and wish you all the best for 2024!



Rewards Assembly

We would like to say a big "Well Done" to all of our pupils who received an award in our Rewards Assembly that took place on the last day before we finished for Christmas. Throughout these assemblies, we handed out over 500 certificates in total. Pupils achieved a certificate if they were nominated in any of the following areas:

- Progress in Maths and English assessments (Y6 only)
- Demonstrating resilience in any subject
- Excellent perseverance in any subject
- Showing a curious and inquisitive side in any subject
- Making great links to further learning in any subject



Edulink - New Communication System

Edulink One is our new communication system which we will be using to send out any texts, emails, letters etc. This includes school reports and information about Parents' Evening. Shortly we will no longer use Groupcall (our existing system). It is really important, therefore, that you sign up to Edulink One if you have not already done so. Our records show that over 50, priority one, parents have not yet logged into the system. We have resent the login details several times and will continue to do so each week. If you have not received this please check your junk/spam folder in your emails.

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The Brunswick Centre

The Brunswick Centre is running a learning programme for parents/carers of transgender and genderquestioning young people next month and have asked me to share the following.

The programme will be a free 6-week course designed to give parents/carers of trans and gender questioning children the knowledge, tools and confidence to best support their kids. We will be covering everything from words and what it all means to pronouns; from transitioning to their child's rights in school. The course will be an informal and welcoming space for them to learn alongside other parents and ask any questions they may have.

It will run Monday evenings in a central location in Huddersfield for 6 weeks from Monday 5 February 2024.

To find out more and book a place, parents/carers can <u>click this link</u> or if you have questions, feel free to email on training@thebrunswickcentre.org.uk



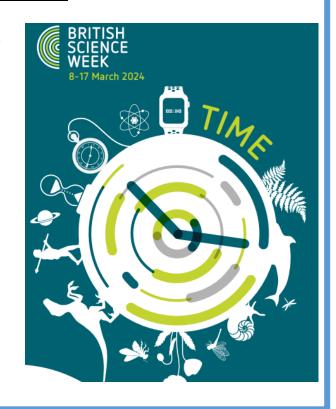
British Science week

The theme this year for British Science Week is 'Time'. We will be putting on activities for our students from Monday 11th - Friday 15th March.

It's the 30th anniversary of British Science Week and we would like to get some people in to celebrate this milestone with us, engaging our students in thinking about how science has changed over time, how your careers have developed over time or anything science related. You might also help us look to the future and show us where science may go!

If you or someone you know has a career or history in science and would like to come and do a talk or run a workshop for our students, we would love to hear from you.

Please email Mrs Turner (mturner@themast.co.uk).



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Thank You

Just as we are packing away all our Christmas decorations for the year, we are already planning for next year. A massive thank you to Direct Global Trading who have donated two fabulous 8 foot Christmas trees which will look amazing in our reception next year.





STEM Roadshow

On Friday 12th January, Year 7 students were treated to a roadshow delivered in partnership with BAE Systems, the Royal Airforce, and Royal Navy to celebrate STEM and the links made between the curriculum and job roles within the 3 organisations. The topic this year was 'Electricity'. Students were taught what electricity is, safety around electricity, electrical circuits, renewable and non-renewable energy sources in a fun, energy packed 1 hour show.













Dance Club

Our after school dance club is back up and running on Monday evenings from 3.50pm - 4.50pm. Fresh from a fantastic performance at the Shelley Pyramid Dance Festival before Christmas the group are now about to start work on a new piece and future performances. This is free and open to all students regardless of whether they already have dancing experience. We do have a limited number of spaces in the club so if any students are interested in joining then please email Mr Osborne (mosborne@themast.co.uk).

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Instrument lessons

As we kick off 2024 there could be no better time to consider starting instrumental lessons for your child. Learning a musical instrument is a wonderful and truly worthwhile thing to do. Research has shown that learning an instrument builds resilience, fosters creativity and boosts wellbeing. Students will build social skills and lifelong friendships by making music with others. Both a creative and academic pursuit, the skills will transcend the curriculum and help contextualise learning from other subjects. Employers and universities will admire the dedication and confidence demonstrated by musicians. The higher graded instrument examinations even carry UCAS points towards university entry!

Further details are available on the Musica Kirklees website www.musicakirklees.org including some helpful guides to choosing an instrument to learn. Lessons can be arranged by using the online form on their website. However, Musica Kirklees are also currently offering FREE 'Give It A Go' taster lessons! This involves your child taking part in 3 lessons on an instrument of their choice to see if this is something they would be interested in pursuing. If you would like to arrange Give It A Go taster lessons for your child then please follow this link for instructions.

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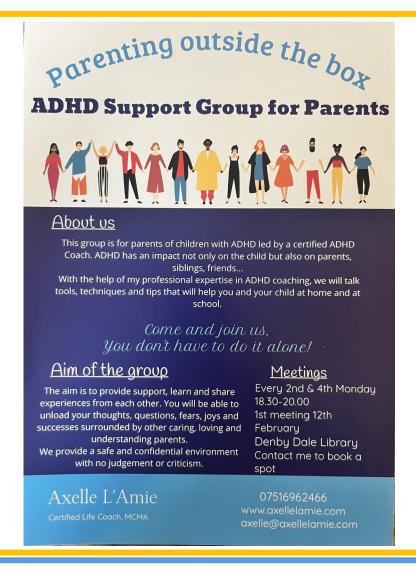
Congratulations to our LAMDA Drama group who recently scored a very impressive distinction (95%) in their recent Grade 1 Group Devising exam. The examiners feedback was extremely complimentary! Well done all.

Sportshall Athletics

On Thursday 18th January, students from Years 7 & 8 competed in a Sportshall Athletics tournament at Newsome High School. Some students had previously competed and for some, it was a new opportunity - all involved did absolutely brilliant and represented the school in such a positive way; demonstrating sportsmanship and the values of the school games.

Look out for more fixtures coming up and the new clubs timetable which will be on the website in due course. There will be some interform competitions on for all year groups in the coming weeks so watch this space and please encourage your child to be involved, reinforcing the wider benefits to PE and sport, focusing on health and wellbeing.

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Visiting School During The Day

If you need to visit us during the school day, please park in one of the Visitor Car Parks which are located at the top of the drive, just before the main gates. You should then use the intercom at the pedestrian gate (circled in red) to speak to the office and someone will let you through. Please follow the path (shown in yellow) to avoid walking through the car park.

If for any reason the vehicle gate is open when you arrive at school, we kindly request that you still follow the above procedure and let the office know that you are here, using the intercom.

Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 23rd January - Year 6 Parents Evening - Online

Friday 2nd February - NSPCC Number Day ("Wear a number" dress differently day)

Friday 9th February - Last day of half term

Monday 19th February - School re-opens following half term break

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