



School Bulletin



Pupils of the Week

Week Commencing 11th September 2023

Year 6

6AC - Iris D.

6JTH - Polly S.

6MB - Evie S.

6MM - Jonah B.

6MO - Isabella J.

6MT - Leo H.

6TF - Jake D.

Year 7

7AWA - Marc L.

7CT - Arthur P.

7ED - George J.

7GD - Lucy M.

7TC - Zak J.

7TL - Aich P.

7TM - Holly W.

Year 8

8AW - Grace F.

8CD - Lewis G.

8CK - Kartaar C.

8GB - Chloe B.

8JM - Max A.

8RJ - Sophie R.

8RW - Alex W.

8SM - Abigail O.

Week Commencing 18th September 2023

Year 6

6AC - Edie H.

6JTH - Aurora C.

6MB - Louis B.

6MM - Minnie F.

6MO - Thomas L.

6MT - George T.

6TF - Joseph M.

Year 7

7AWA - Lucia G.

7CT - Arthur P.

7ED - George J.

7GD - Brielle B.-A.

7TC - Lawrence E.

7TL - Kasper M.-S.

7TM - Oliver P.-F.

Year 8

8AW - Daisy H.

8CD - Violet R.

8CK - Georgina L.

8GB - Chloe B.

8JM - Thomas P.

8RJ - Juniper R.

8RW - Alex W.

8SM - Isabel J.

Sporting News

Year 7 Football - At home against Honley High School - Wednesday 20th September

This was our first match of the season against Honley High and the first time playing 9-a-side football for some of the boys. After a bright start from us we failed to put away our early chances and went into half time unfortunately behind by 2. We gave it a really good go second half but just couldn't find the back of the net. The game finished 5-0 to Honley but I feel this scoreline definitely flattered the away side. A combination of goal line clearances and some really good saves from the goalkeeper kept the score at 5-0 and we saw a late penalty miss from Scissett too. Overall brilliant effort from the boys despite the scoreline, we go gain next week. - Mr. Wiles

Performing Arts News

Many families will know that in the past five years we have put together four fantastic school productions: Aladdin in 2019, Lion King in 2020, Matilda in 2022 and Mary Poppins in 2023. However, we have decided this year to take a different approach and instead of focusing on a single big show, we are instead going to be offering lots of smaller opportunities for students to engage with the Performing Arts. We already have some really exciting things in the pipeline such as:

- A newly established Year 7 lunchtime Drama Club working towards performing a pantomime at the end of the Autumn Term
- Participating in Young Voices: performing as an enormous massed choir at a stadium/arena in the Spring term
- A new after school Dance Club open to all students – initially working towards a performance at Shelley Pyramid Dance Festival
- A chance for all of Year 7 to watch a piece of live theatre at the Viaduct Theatre, Halifax at Christmas
- Taking Year 8 students to Lawrence Batley Theatre for a Drama and Theatre Workshop
- Offering LAMDA sessions (further details below) with a specialist teacher, Marie Gair.

As the year goes on there will be plenty of further opportunities for students to engage with the Performing Arts. We will make sure that information is shared in both the daily student bulletin and the fortnightly parent bulletin.

There will also of course still be our existing offer of lunchtime music clubs/ensembles and termly concerts. However, if you if your child is specifically looking to be part of a production out of school, you might wish to contact Rebel Theatre School or Scissett Stage Door Theatre Company. We have a number of students already who love being part of these groups!

Does your child love drama?



We are soon to be resuming LAMDA Speech and Drama lessons at Scissett Middle School.

Working towards LAMDA exams is an extremely worthwhile for anyone considering a future in the Performing Arts; they could be thought of as the 'drama equivalent' to instrumental music exams. Not only covering areas of drama practice such as acting (solo, duo or combined), devising drama and mime, the lessons also work on specific communication skills such as speaking in public, speaking verse and prose and reading for performance. Above all else the lessons are fun and help students grow in confidence as they work towards these accredited exams.

The sessions are taught by a specialist LAMDA teacher Marie Gair, after-school on Tuesdays. A block of ten sessions costs £150, which includes all resources and the opportunity to take a LAMDA Examination, which comes with a certificate and medal for higher grades.

Please read the attached brochure for further information about LAMDA exams. If you are interested in registering your child, or would like to discuss further, then please email Mr Osborne (mosborne@themast.co.uk) by Friday 29th September.

[LAMDA Exams Brochure by LAMDA - Issuu](#)



Starting Musical Instrument Lessons

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!

Each week a team of specialist teachers from Musica Kirklees visit Scissett Middle, covering all common instruments; piano and keyboard, brass, woodwind, upper and lower orchestral strings, electric, bass and classical guitar, drums, percussion and voice. Almost 100 of our students are already enjoying the benefits of these specialist tuitions. The cost of the lessons varies depending on which of four length options you choose, but start at around £7 per lesson. In most cases Musica Kirklees will be able to loan an instrument for as long as the student continues lessons.

Further details are available on the Musica Kirklees website www.musicakirklees.org including some helpful guides to choosing an instrument to learn. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, the school is able to cover half the cost of 'Option A' lessons.

I expect you will have heard many adults say "I wish I had learnt an instrument when I was younger". Now is the perfect time to make sure your child doesn't look back in the future and say the same thing!

I Want To Go Ahead And Arrange Lessons For My Child?

The easiest way is to visit the [Musica Kirklees](http://www.musicakirklees.org) website and apply online. However, if your child is eligible for the Free School Meal discount, please contact Mr Osborne directly **before** applying. (mosborne@themast.co.uk)

After School Clubs

Please be aware that as we head into the autumn and winter months, there may be times when we need to cancel after school clubs at short notice, for example, due to bad weather. Although we will always try to give parent/carers as much notice as we can, sometimes clubs may be cancelled on the day. Therefore we ask parents/carers to have a contingency plan in place, that your child is aware of, in the event that this does happen. Thank you.

Charity News

This year, each year group will be supporting a specific charity. The chosen charities are as follows:

Year 6 - Pets as Therapy



Year 7 - Cancer Research UK



Year 8 - Sheffield Children's Hospital



More information about how we will be supporting these great causes will be coming soon.

Friday 29th September 2023 Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29 September 2023 it is the annual Macmillan Coffee morning and we would like to invite you to our event at Scissett Middle School from 8:00 to 8:45am in the school hall. We will be holding a Coffee Morning with cakes/buns and biscuits on sale.

Attention all bakers!

We would be very grateful if pupils/parents would bake/buy something to donate that we can sell that morning (no nuts or sesame seeds please due to allergies).

If you can help please bring these on the day to raise funds for a really worthwhile cause. Tea and coffee will be also served.





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Dates For The Diary

- Friday 29th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning, 8 - 8:45am in the School Hall
- Thursday 5th October - Shelley College Open Evening (for Year 8 parents) 5:30 - 7:30pm
- Tuesday 10th October - Year 6 Meet The Tutor Evening
- World Mental Health Day #HelloYellow (More info to follow)