



Newsletter

20th January 2023



Message from Mrs Bradbury...

Redscope has been a hive of activity over the last few weeks and the children have been busy with their learning.



In REY, the children have had a wonderful time exploring the wintery conditions in the provision. Highlights have been the children mark making in the frost and snow. Clever Kittens have had a visitor (Kuda) who used to live in Zimbabwe. She told them all about life in Africa. They have created batik repeating pattern designs and been exploring the difference between length and height. I wonder if they can tell you who are the tallest and shortest people in the class? Tasting delicious fruits,

inked to their key text of Handa's Surprise is what Classes 1 and 2 have been up to. They decided that pineapples were their favourite and described them as sweet and juicy. The children used their imaginations to fly on a plane to Kenya in drama.



All of Key Stage One have loved playtimes creating using the scrap shed! Classes 3 and 4 went on a wintery walk to Barkers Park. They looked at the seasonal changes that they could see as part of their Geography and Science learning. The children loved being outside and it was magical when it began to snow! Samuel Pepys visited Classes 5 and 6 and helped them look at artefacts to explore history learning around the Great Fire of London. The children were so engaged and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the past.



Mrs Hargreaves Class 12 @Mr... · 2d ·
In food technology we designed and decorated biscuits 🍪🍪🍪
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In Key Stage 2, Classes 7 and 8 have had some wonderful PE lessons. They have been using the equipment to explore flight and balances. The children loved it! In Geography, Classes 9 and 10 have used the mats in the hall to explore plate tectonics. Through the interactive learning they explored how earthquakes happen and how volcanoes, mountains and rifts form. Class 12 were lucky enough to be invited to Winterhill School to experience a day in the life of a secondary school. They had lessons in Science, art, PE and food technology and really enjoyed the whole experience. Class 11 will be visiting next week and we can't wait to find out what lessons they get to do! They have been learning and innovating the story of Krak the Cobbber. In English, Classes 13 and 14 have been learning all about argument and discussion texts. They have argued for and against Christmas being banned and about whether people should be allowed to play video games. The discussions have been well reasoned and pretty passionate so we have some future lawyers in school!

On Thursday, we were lucky enough to have Rotherham United star, Hakeem Odoffin, drop in at home time to see the children. He told them that his mum had inspired him to play football and that it is SO important to do well at school and always try your best.



Thank you to all of the parents who attended the bacon butty morning. We hope it was a lovely start to the day and that there was an opportunity to talk to the services on offer such as the school nurse or Early Help.

NEW Redscope Enquiries Email Address

Now that we have merged with NCLT, we have a new enquiries email address.

RSP-enquiries@nclt.ac.uk

Please use this if you have any enquiries that need to go to the school office.

Health and Safety

In school, we practise a range of drills over the course of the year. Each term, we have a fire drill (which the children are very familiar with) and sometimes practise a lockdown drill. At times, the children might not know they are doing this. For example, a lockdown drill for outdoor chemical smells might just result in the children having to stay inside and all doors and windows being shut but normal learning carrying on. An intruder lockdown drill might result in the children hiding under tables in classrooms and remaining quiet. Most often, this would be practised as a game so that children are not worried or concerned. If your child comes home and tells you that they have been doing something like this, please do not be concerned. It is part of the normal health and safety routines that are followed by NCLT.

Attendance

Congratulations to all **58 children** who received bronze wristbands for 100% attendance in the autumn term. These children will now work towards their silver band. Other children are able to achieve a bronze wrist band this term by being at school every day. Our attendance and punctuality winner was Niamh who will soon be going for a treat to Smyths and McDonalds with a friend who also achieved 100%. Our most improved attendance winner (from the Autumn1 to Autumn 2) was Bruce. Well done!

This week, the Local Authority Attendance Officer has been in school supporting with improving attendance and to advise us of new Rotherham guidance. In line with other local schools, where attendance falls below 92%, medical evidence will need to be provided for any further absences for them to be considered authorised. Appropriate evidence could be prescriptions, GP letters, appointment cards etc. Any absence (below 92%) where there is no medical evidence, will be recorded as unauthorised.

Teacher Strikes

As you may have heard, the NEU union plan to hold strike action on 1st February. This does affect some of our staff. Other staff are part of a different union and so will not be striking.

Once we have a clear picture about which classes may be affected, we will let you know so that you can plan accordingly. As soon as we possibly can, we will let you know as we appreciate that you may need to make alternative arrangements for your children.

Spanish Day

On Friday 3rd February, we will be holding a Spanish Day for all of our pupils.



Spanish is our chosen additional language taught in school. On this day in particular, we will celebrate Spanish culture and language as well as completing our usual lessons. Pupils are welcome to wear yellow and/ or red on this day if they wish. There is no charge for the event.

Spanish Day Menu

Red – Fish Fingers

Yellow – Spanish Omelette

Green – Jacket Potato

Blue – Egg Mayo sandwich

Tapas salad bar - All children who have a school meal including the blue option are able to choose from this (as they are able to every day)

Patatas Bravas (Potato with tomato sauce)

Spanish Rice

Tomato Toast (Pan con tomate)

Mixed Salad

Puddings

Churros

Magdalena (like a cupcake)

Ice cream

Yoghurts and fruit as usual

Open Event

Following the success of our last 'open event' we welcome all parents into school on Monday 30th January 3:00 – 3:30. This will be a chance to collect your child from the classroom rather than the playground and to see their learning. Once again, we have given a spectrum of time so that if you have more than one child, you can visit more than one class.

Like last time, children in Years 5 and 6 will be released at normal home time as many walk home on their own. Younger children will need to be collected from their classrooms.

Key Dates (new or changed items are in a colour)

Date	Event
30 th January - Monday	Open Event – collect your child (or children) from their classroom to see their learning 3:00 – 3:30
1 st February	Some teachers striking
3 rd February **	Spanish day – Children invited to wear red or yellow. No charge for this event.
10 th February	Creative day – wear messy clothes
20 th February	Return to school
1 st March	Parents' Evening
3 rd March	World Book Day Celebration – Wear pyjamas
6 th March	INSET Day – Children not in school
10 th – 17 th March	Science Week
31 st March	Break up for Easter – Non-Uniform Day
	Easter Break
17 th March	Back to school after Easter
28 th April	Bacon Butty Morning
1 st May	May day – School closed
8 th May	King's Coronation bank holiday
9 th – 12 th May	Y6 SATS week
26 th May	Break up for Spring bank holiday
5 th June	INSET day
6 th June	Return to school
16 th June	Bacon Butty Morning
23 rd June	Sports day
30 th June	Y6 Leaving Assembly – parents/carers of Y6 pupils invited to watch
3- 7 th July	Y6 residential (over 3 different days in two classes)
10 th July	Y6 children begin Winterhill/ Wingfield