ATHELSTAN NEWSLETTER

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Gold Award Winners

A huge well done to this week's Gold Award Winners:

CORAL	Niamh G
OCHRE	Finley G
VIOLET	Olivia B
Y2AS	Oscar G
Y2CL	Grae C-C
Y2DC	Jaden E
Y3AB	Keira R
Y3KCB	Archie J
Y4EM	Noah R
Y4LG	Hassan K
Y4TB	Ivy M
Y5BT	Amaal M
Y5JA	Temidire A
Y5JM	Isabelle B
Y6DF	Zakariya B
Y6GW	Moeez T
Y6LB	Joseph N

Attendance & Reporting Absences

If your child is unable to attend school, please follow the absence procedure below:

On the first day of your child's absence, you should contact the school office on 01142692301, before 9.30am, by leaving a message on the absence line (option 2) or speaking to a member of the Admin Team (option 3) providing the reason for their absence. We understand that you may also wish to notify the teacher directly, however, the office must be informed to ensure this isn't missed during the school day.

Failure to contact school about your child's absence will result in your child receiving an unauthorised absence mark. These are closely monitored by Sheffield City Council, and an Attendance and Inclusion Officer may contact you for further details.

You may also be visited at home, by a member of the school/local authority staff, if you fail to report your child's absence.

From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.

OTHER NEWS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Flu Immunisations

The School Immunisations Team will be coming to Athelstan on **Friday 6th November** to administer flu vaccinations to pupils. **Please note, the team cannot administer this without parental consent.** Please see the attached for further information of how to give parental consent or opt-out. The form must be completed either way to confirm if you give or do not give consent for your child to receive the immunisation.

Volunteers Needed: Rainbow Raffle! 🌈✨

Our Rainbow Raffle is just around the corner, and the children are so excited seeing all the colourful goodies coming in! But we need a tiny bit of help from our wonderful parent community.

Do you have just 30 minutes to spare during the last week of term? We are looking for a few volunteers to help us assemble the hampers on either Monday 19th or Tuesday 20th October. Grab a hot drink, join a few fellow parents and help us package up the hampers. If you can lend a hand, please drop a quick email to hello@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Thank you so much for always supporting our school!

Book in a Box Competition

As part of the National Year of Reading, we are excited to launch a whole-school reading and art competition called 'Book in a Box'! We are inviting children to choose their favourite story and get creative by recreating the story, or a favourite scene from it, inside a box. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to combine their love of reading with their creativity and imagination, and we can't wait to see their wonderful ideas! There will be one winner from each year group, so everyone has a chance to be recognised. **Please hand entries in to your child's class teacher by Monday 19th October at 9:00am.** Please make sure that all entries have your child's name and class clearly written on them. We look forward to seeing your favourite stories come to life in a box!

❄️ **Non-Uniform Day – Snowflake Appeal – Sheffield Children's Hospital** ❄️

On Thursday 22nd October, we will be having a non-school uniform day to raise money to sponsor a snowflake for the **Sheffield Children's Hospital**. We are hoping to raise as much money as we can for this amazing cause and would be grateful if each child could bring a minimum donation of £1.00 on the day. Thank you for your support!



Save the Date – Children in Need

We'll be marking Children in Need on **Friday 13th November** with a range of fun activities in school. This year, while we're joining in with the spirit of the day, any money raised will go towards the Snowflake Appeal for the Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity, a cause chosen by our school community. Our student councillors are busy planning the activities, and we'll share full details in next week's newsletter once everything is finalised.

Tyre Donations

If anyone has any old tyres that they are able to donate to us as part of our outdoor areas, it would be greatly appreciated.

Save the Dates - Foundation – Y6 Showcases

Please save the dates for each year group to showcase their work:

Date	Year Group
Monday 30th November	Y6
Tuesday 1st December	Y4
Wednesday 2nd December	Y5
Thursday 3rd December	Y3
Friday 4th December	Y2
Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th December	Y1 Nativity
Friday 11th December	Foundation Singalong

🏆 🥇 Sporting Achievements 🥇 🏆

Congratulations to Mylia in Y4LG for achieving 1st place in her dance competition and 6th place in her set solo on Sunday!
Joseph S in Y5JA achieved 'man of the match' on Sunday at his football match, well done!
Alaina in Y3HB attended the Wako European Championship (martial arts) and placed 3rd with a bronze medal, 2nd with a silver medal and placed 1st with a trophy for her Open Hand Combo - A European champion!
Gunes in Y4LG came second place in her gymnastic competition!
Well done to Isabelle M in Y5JM, Isabelle and her pony Bertie placed 4th this weekend in the British Show-jumping 60cm class!

Well done to all our Sports Stars!

Don't forget to email Miss Lang on clang@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk with details of what your child has achieved so that we can give them a shout-out!

Mrs Mortimer would also like to wish the New Bohemian's Under 9s the best of luck for the Cup Final on Sunday!

Are you worried about your child's mental health?

I am a trained Child Mental Health First Aider and the Senior Mental Health Lead here at Athelstan. I am offering parents the chance to book an appointment to discuss any concerns about your children's mental health and provide some options and signposts that might help.
If you would like an appointment then please contact Selina Ashton on sashton@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Foundation News

Coats

Please send your child to school with a coat every day, as the weather is getting colder and we often use the outdoor area. We will also be practising putting on our coats independently and zipping them up as part of our curriculum, so having their own coat in school will give the children lots of opportunities to practise this important skill.

Donations

We would be grateful for any donations of the following items:

1. **Pumpkins -** We would be grateful for pumpkin donations (all shapes and sizes) for our pumpkin picking farm shop.
2. **Small Pieces of Wood** - We are looking for donations of small pieces of wood to use for our upcoming hedgehog woodwork project. If you have any suitable offcuts or scraps of untreated wood that you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful.
3. **Pine Cone** - We are also looking for donations of pine cones, which we will be using to make owls next term. If you have any pine cones you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

Y1 News

Book of the Fortnight

Our book of the fortnight is **Room on the Broom.** Our vocabulary words are: **politely**, **eagerly**, **firmly**, **braid, moors** and **grateful**.

Read Write Inc Lesson

On Tuesday 3rd November, Parents/Carers are invited to join their children to take part in a Read Write Inc lesson. More details regarding timings will follow next week.

Junk Modelling

We would be grateful for donations of any cardboard boxes, clean plastic bottles or cartons etc for our junk modelling. Please give donations to the class teacher.

Pine Cones

We are collecting pine cones! If you spot any when you are out and about, we would be grateful if you could collect these and hand them to the class teacher.

Forest Schools

Forest School Sessions are continuing each week for Y1 children. **Volunteers** – If you are available to volunteer to help during one of the sessions, please speak to your child's class teacher.
Each class will have their session on the following days:
Ochre – Tuesday
Coral – Wednesday
Violet – Friday

Local Area Walks

Y1 would like to go on a walk around the local area. If you would like to volunteer to assist us on one of the walks, please email your child's class teacher and they will let you know.
The walks will take place between 1pm and 3pm and each class will be going on the following dates:
Monday 19th October - **Coral** - scattell@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Tuesday 20th October - **Violet** - ljenkins@athelstan.sheffiield.sch.uk or jsimpkins@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk
Wednesday 21st October - **Ochre** - iwilkinson@athelstan.sheffield.sch.uk

Y2 News

Outdoor Learning

On Thursday 22nd October, Y2 children will be taking part in an outdoor learning session. Sessions take place in all weather conditions; therefore, children will need to bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear to change into for the afternoon session.

Y3 News

Y3KCB Local Area Walk

Don't forget, Y3KB will be going on their local area walk on Monday 19th October, between 1:20pm and 3pm.

Outdoor Learning

On Thursday 22nd October, Y3 children will be taking part in an outdoor learning session in the afternoon. Sessions take place in all weather conditions; therefore, children will need to bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear to change into for the afternoon session. Thursday 22nd October is also non-uniform day.

Stammering Assembly

A speech and language therapist will be visiting Year 3 on Friday 20th November. They are going to lead a short assembly with the children all about stammering. They will be highlighting what stammering is, and what others can do to support children who stammer in their school. It should be a fun and informative session. If your child stammers themselves, please let them know that this will be happening. They may find the session interesting as an opportunity to learn more about stammering but some children are very sensitive about this subject and may wish to opt out of the session. Please ask the class teacher if your child could discreetly be given something else to do in this time.

Y4 News

No additional news this week.

Y5 News

Wonder Dome Mobile Planetarium

As part of our science curriculum about space, the Y5 children will be stepping into a Wonder Dome and be transported on a cosmic journey on Monday 19th October. It will be a thrilling adventure exploring the wonders of the Universe. Children will learn about planet formation to the birth and death of stars, from launching rockets to stepping foot on other worlds. A contribution of £5.22 per child is required to cover the cost of the experience. **We would be grateful if parents/carers could make a contribution as soon as possible via ParentPay.**

Outdoor Learning

Y5 children will be taking part in outdoor learning sessions. Children will need to bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear, to change into for these sessions, as they will be taking place outdoors in all weather conditions. The sessions will take place on the following days:

Tuesday 20th October – Y5JM

Wednesday 21st October – Y5BT

Thursday 22nd October – Y5JA – Due to Mr Abbiw being on a visit in the afternoon, his outdoor learning session will be held in the **morning**. Children should therefore arrive to school wearing their outdoor learning clothes and bring a change of clothes for the afternoon session (non-uniform day).

Y6 News

Manor Adventure – Medication Drop-ins.

If your child has any sort of medication, please ensure that you attend one of the Medication Drop-In Sessions on Friday 13th or Monday 16th November at 3:30pm, where Mr Thompson and Mrs Godwin will go through the medication and permission for school staff to administer this while your child is on the residential. Please enter school via the office.



Well done to Y2AS who have achieved 100% attendance this week!
This week's most improved attendance is Y6LB.

Class	This Week's Attendance
Red	97.5%
Green	96.9%
Blue	92.1%
Coral	95%
Ochre	92.8%
Violet	85.5%
Y2AS	**100%**
Y2CL	97.3%
Y2DC	90.9%
Y3AB	97.7%
Y3HB	98.7%
Y3KCB	96.3%
Y4EM	93.7%
Y4LG	90.3%
Y4TB	95.7%
Y5BT	96.6%
Y5JA	94.8%
Y5JM	89.7%
Y6DF	97.7%
Y6GW	95%
Y6LB	98.3%



Thursday 22.10.26	Non-uniform day for Sheffield Children's Hospital Snowflake
	Break up for the half term holiday on this day so children will attend on this day
Friday 23.10.26	INSET Day (school closed for children)
Monday 26.10.26	Half term holiday begins
Monday 02.11.26	Children return to school
Tuesday 03.11.26	Y1 Read Write Inc Session
Friday 06.11.26	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 10.11.26	Parents/Carers Evening 3:40-6:30pm
Thursday 12.11.26	Parents/Carers Evening 3:40-6:30pm
Friday 13.11.26	Children in Need