

# *Lydgate Junior School*

# **NEWSLETTER**

## *May 2022*



Dear Parents and Carers

The summer term is always a very busy time. Dates for your diary are listed below, and also on the [school website](#)

This year, please note that school closes for the Summer holiday on Friday 22 July. The calendar for next year, 2022/23, can be found [here](#) and at the end of this newsletter.

25 May	Spring Concert – St Mark’s Church, Broomhill
26 May	Y3 Performance of ‘Gold’ to parents
	Y4 Visit to The Deep – overnight sleepover with the fishes!
	Y5 River Walk
30 May – 6 June (inclusive)	School closed for the half term holidays
7 June	INSET Day - School closed for pupils
10 June	Y6 Apprentice Sale.
13 June	Science Week
	Y3D/dB & Y3AW visit to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park
14 June	Y3SH & Y3RH visit to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park
	Y5 Class out at Grimm & Co. (Magical Apothecary & writing workshop)
16 June	Y5 Class out at Grimm & Co.
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y6 classes to Crucial Crew
	Y5 Class out at Grimm & Co.
23 June	Y5 Class out at Grimm & Co. ( <a href="http://www.grimmandco.co.uk/">www.grimmandco.co.uk/</a> )
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Young Writers @ Tapton School

### **Staff news**

Congratulations to Miss Hayden (Y3) who is currently on maternity leave, having recently had a little girl. Welcome back to Mrs Phillips (Y5) and Miss Cunningham (Y5) who have both returned from maternity leave .

### **Decorated Egg Competition**

Well done to all our pupils who took part in the decorated egg competition, the first in school following our previous online lockdown competition. We received some fantastic entries.

Congratulations to our winners: **Y3 – Joanie N, Emmie M, Hemanya, Evelyn C and Sarah E. Y4 – Jacob H, William C, Sophie A, Elliott G, Diana P, Daniel B and Emily J. Y5 – Iona R, Isabelle C, Claudia, Jasmine K, Poppy R & Sophia. Y6 – Natalie D, Emma B, Sofia N, Hollie W, Charlotte A & Ella S.**

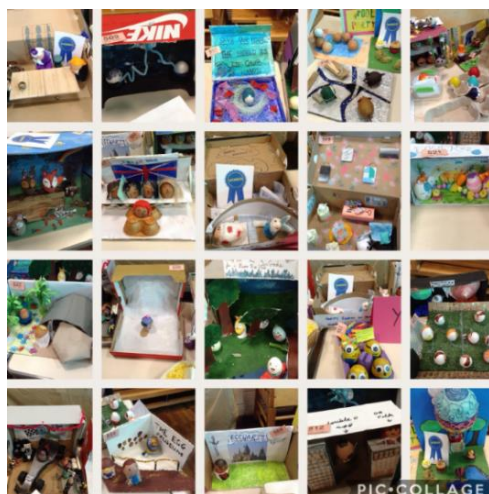
**Y3**



**Y4**



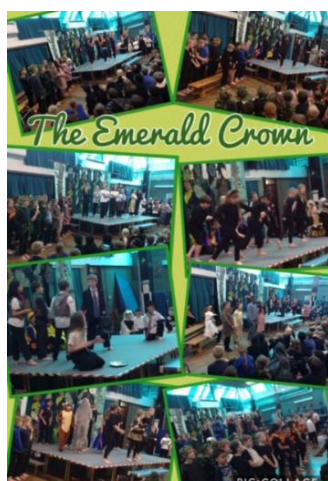
**Y5**



**Y6**



**Y4 The Emerald Crown**



Thank you to everyone who came to watch and support our talented Y4 pupils who performed the 'Emerald Crown' for parents on the last day of term. It was lovely to welcome parents back into school to see the children's wonderful performance of our rainforest musical. The children's acting, dancing and singing was a pleasure to see. We are so proud of each and every one of the; their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm made the adaptation of the performance a real pleasure to create.

## Y5 Eid Day

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic Eid day, which was packed with educational and fun activities.

The children enjoyed an Arabic language taster session, an informative and very moving refugee charity presentation from Mr Gooljar (an ex Lydgate Junior School parent) and a range of art and craft activities. The icing on the cake was a spread of food from many countries around the world, lovingly prepared by our own Lydgate Junior School mums.

An Eid wish: We wish all pupils and families who celebrate Eid, peace and grace.



## Science Week

We will be holding our Lydgate Science Week from 13-17th June. This year's theme is 'GROWTH'. Each year group will be carrying out a range of activities linked to the theme, as well as looking at this year's campaign: 'Smashing Stereotypes'. This aims to encourage STEM employees and researchers to share stories about their day-to-day work and highlight the diversity of the STEM workforce, the extent of jobs and careers available, and that scientists are just like everyone else. Keep an eye on the year group blogs to see what the children have been up to.

## FOLA - Fun Run

FOLA are hoping to run the annual Fun Run, aimed at all ages and abilities. The race involves running laps of Tapton and King Edward fields. The provisional date is Tuesday 5 July 3.30 – 5.00 p.m. Further details to follow.

## FOLA - Crosspool Crawl

FOLA will be holding their 4.5 mile trail/fell run, their first for three years. This is a popular, fun local event. The race starts and finishes at The Three Merry Lads, Lodge Moor - 18:30 on 6th July. Entries to participate are available online here.

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## **Spring Concert at St Mark's Church**

We are very much looking forward to holding our Spring Concert for the first time in three years at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at St Mark's Church, Broomhill. It promises to be a wonderful evening including performances from choir, orchestra, hand bells, swing band and a number of soloists. All members of the school community are welcome so, even if your child is not taking part, please feel free to come along. It can be very inspiring for budding young musicians to see and hear some of the fantastic talent on display. A letter with further details will be emailed to parents of children involved soon.

## **Y6 Apprentice Sale**

Y6 will be holding an Apprentice Sale to raise funds for their residential trip to Edale. Groups of Y6 pupils will be given a set amount of money to create a product or experience to sell on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June to the rest of the school. The profit made, once the starting budget has been deducted, will go towards costs incurred for the residential. Y3-Y5 pupils will be able to take part on sale day by buying the product or taking part in any experience the Y6's have created.

## **Rights Respecting School**



## **School Council**

The School Council have been working hard on different projects. One such project the council have been discussing and have recently agreed is where to locate the new scooter racks.

## **ECO Club**

It has been fantastic to see how enthusiastic the ECO Club children are about becoming an ECO School. Having made an action plan based on our 'Environmental Review', we have been focusing on the topics of biodiversity, energy and waste.

The Eco Club children have been busy planting seeds in reusable containers and have been learning about the importance of plants for wildlife. They are also planning to plant a wildflower area. We are really lucky to have a very knowledgeable gardener, Lynne, helping us with the planting. Mrs DeBrouwer has also been involved in teaching children how to plant chitted potatoes. We can't wait to see them grow! Many thanks to our other adult helpers, Ms Lee, Ms Grimsley and Mrs Hornsey.

The environmental message has spread to other children across the school, who aren't in the ECO Club, and some have been to see me about their litter picking in the woods and how to create a hedgehog friendly school!

Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Watkinson and our wonderful Year 6 recycling monitors who have been regularly collecting and recycling pens, crisp packets and soft plastics.

Being an ECO School is part of our Rights Respecting agenda and links to our promotion of the UN Goals for Sustainable Development: 13 Climate Action and 15 Life on Land.

Please get in contact with me, Mrs Holden, if you are able to help in any way with our work on becoming an ECO School.

### **Learning starts at 8.45 a.m.**

We would like to remind parent/carers that lessons start promptly at 8.45 a.m. (when the bell goes). We open the gates at 8.35 a.m. allowing 10 minutes for the children to hang up their coat and bag and be sat at their desk ready for learning to begin promptly. Lessons are delayed when pupils arrive after this time. Gates are locked at 08.55 a.m.; pupils arriving after 8.45 a.m. are marked with a 'Late' mark, which is reportable and will also appear on the child's end of year report.

### **Parent Survey**

We would like to include parent responses to statements that are asked in the Ofsted Parent View Survey on our school website, along with school's action plan. To do this we recently asked parents to complete a short survey. If you haven't already completed the survey and would like to share your views please use our electronic form [here](#). The form will be available until Friday 27 May. Thank you.

### **Staff Vacancies**

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. Please see our [website](#) for details of the Job Description and how to apply.

### **Lost property**

We have a huge collection of lost property, namely clothes (coats, sweatshirts, bags, shoes, water bottles etc.) which we can't easily return to the correct child (no names, similar items). We are happy to welcome parents into school to look through the collections, just ask a member of staff on the school gate. Unclaimed uniforms in good condition will be recycled and sold by FOLA to support school and to reduce waste/landfill.

### **Jewellery**

Our Uniform Policy, (available to view on [our website](#)), highlights the limited jewellery that pupils are able to wear whilst in school. The policy was relaxed over lockdown; however, with the return to normal timetabling we have returned to the previous limits. Please can pupils only wear stud earrings and watches. Pupils wearing necklaces, hoop earrings etc. will be challenged and may be asked to remove them.

### **Equality Statement**

The Equality Statement sets out the approach that our school is taking to meet the general and specific requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty introduced by the Equality Act 2010. We have recently reviewed and updated our statement, which is available to view on [our website](#).

### **Uncollected Children**

Occasionally, children are not collected from school at the end of the school day. Parents may be running late and a phone call to the office is helpful in informing school of any delay or change to the child's going home arrangements.

Rarely a child may not be collected and staff's failed attempts to check for further information about possible changes to going home arrangements and the inability to contact parent/carers at work, home or on alternative numbers, will result in a more formal procedure. On this occasion if pupils are uncollected one hour after the end of the school day i.e. 4.15 p.m. or 15 minutes after the end of an after school activity, in accordance with Education Safeguarding Team guidelines, staff will contact the Sheffield City Council Safeguarding Hub or South Yorkshire Police. Pupils will be kept safely in school until the parent, a nominated carer, social worker or police officer collects them.

### **Curriculum policies, planning and statements**

Subject leaders have been working on these areas all year, with the final documents being presented to Governors. The completed, revised, statements are available on the [school's website](#) should you wish to take a look.

### **Financial support for trips and visits**

Around 30 months ago, schools were given a single grant for 'a little something extra'. The pandemic got in the way of our plans at the time - to take every child to a stimulus for writing without asking parents to make any financial contribution, either voluntary or otherwise. We have recently used this grant to fund the Y5-Y6 trips to Grimm & Co (a literacy resource in Rotherham) and why we are subsidising the Y3 trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park so heavily. Year 4 are planning the visit of an author to inspire their pupils.

For most other things we do ask for a voluntary contribution - we understand that not every parent can afford all we might ask for, but no child will ever be excluded from an activity because their parents / carers cannot or do not pay. For charged activities (such as residentials) we can help through our ['Charging and Remissions Policy'](#).

## FOLA News

**19<sup>th</sup> May: Parent/carers social.** Hallam FC community bar, from 6:30pm. Buy your tickets on parent pay, with a pint, pie and peas thrown in (veg/vegan and non-alcoholic options all available).

**27<sup>th</sup> May: Krispy Kreme donut sale.** Outside of school top gates, Manchester Road, after school. Selling Krispy Kreme glazed ring donuts. No need to pre-order, but once they're gone, they're gone.

**9<sup>th</sup> June:** FOLA Meeting. On-line 8-9pm. All welcome! Email [paulandaligriff@gmail.com](mailto:paulandaligriff@gmail.com) to join us.

**19<sup>th</sup> June: Sponsored bike ride.** 60-mile road cycle from Crosspool. To get involved contact [daniel@lanternib.co.uk](mailto:daniel@lanternib.co.uk) for details & the Strava route. Sponsorship link coming soon.

**6<sup>th</sup> July: Crosspool Crawl.** Three Merry Lads, Redmires Rd, from 6:30pm.

Runners of all abilities welcomed. 4.5 miles long race, open to anyone over the age of 14. Get tickets and find out more at [crosspoolcrawl@gmail.com](mailto:crosspoolcrawl@gmail.com)

**W/c 18<sup>th</sup> July – Uniform sale and donations.** Bring along your old (good condition uniform) and stock up for next year at the fraction of the high street prices.

## Other ways to support or raise funds for FOLA?

- Sign up to the school lottery with a chance to win big prizes  
[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lydgate-junior-school](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lydgate-junior-school)
- Make a one-off donation (however small, all donations warmly welcomed). Contact Rebecca Fielding, [rebecca@gradconsult.co.uk](mailto:rebecca@gradconsult.co.uk) , for more details about the FOLA supporter scheme.
- Register for easy fundraising using this link – we'll get a donation every time you shop on-line at no cost to you [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fola-school/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fola-school/)



Get in touch on FOLA Facebook (search FOLA – Friends of Lydgate Association), chat with a member of the FOLA committee at the school gates or email one of us: Rebecca Fielding [rebecca@gradconsult.co.uk](mailto:rebecca@gradconsult.co.uk) , Paul Griffiths [paulandaligriff@gmail.com](mailto:paulandaligriff@gmail.com) , Sarah Edgar [sedgar30@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sedgar30@hotmail.co.uk) , Katy Rougvie (Parent/Teacher member) [enquiries@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk) marked FAO of Katy Rougvie, Cat Payne [catben@hotmail.com](mailto:catben@hotmail.com) , Chele Hatton [micheleahatton@gmail.com](mailto:micheleahatton@gmail.com) , Clare Butler [clarebutler2128@hotmail.com](mailto:clarebutler2128@hotmail.com) , Mel Vipakhone and Ellen Lambrecht.

## Community

### Karate

We host a karate session for all ages before school on Wednesday. There is currently limited availability for any pupils who may wish to join. Please contact Steve Hegarty at Elite Karate Centres on 07952 158 838 for further information and pricings.

### Queens' Jubilee Celebrations

Tapton Hill Congregational Church are holding a massive celebration weekend on Sunday 5 June. It's the Queen's Jubilee plus Pentecost/Whitsun so we are having an afternoon full of activities. We really hope to get lots of budding aeronautical engineers to make kites for a Jubilee kite fly.

You can visit and make a kite to fly on the Sport's fields opposite, create slime or fidget spinners and decorate the Church doors with crowns.

Suitable for any age 7+ but all children must come accompanied by an adult.

2.00pm-2.45pm: Drop into the Hall to make a kite or make crafts.

2.45pm-3.15pm: Singing and story time in the Chapel and decorating the doors.

3.30pm: Big Jubilee/Whitsun kite-fly on the fields. Try out the kite you've made earlier or bring your own. *Unless the weather is wet.*

It would be good to have an idea of numbers so please reserve your place by emailing [suzannenockels@gmail.com](mailto:suzannenockels@gmail.com) or phoning 0114 2325790. However, you can still turn up on the day!

### Girls Football

Hallam Rangers Junior Football Club is delighted to announce that it is planning to form three new girls football teams for the start of the 2022/23 season:

- Girls Under-8s: primarily for girls starting Y3 in September 2022, but also for girls starting Y2
- Girls Under-10s: primarily for girls starting Y5 in September 2022, but also for girls starting Y4
- Girls Under-12s: primarily for girls starting Y7 in September 2022, but also for girls starting Y6

Hallam Rangers is a friendly club that helps girls and boys of all abilities to enjoy playing football in a fun environment and to become better footballers and great team mates in the process.

The girls' teams play home matches at either Hallam Primary School or Redmires Playing Fields in Lodge Moor on Saturday mornings between September and April, and train one evening a week after school throughout the year. The club currently has six girls teams between age groups



under-8s and under-16s, and many of the current players are pupils or former pupils of Hallam Primary School.

If your daughter is interested in signing up for one of the teams, or if you just have a question or two, then please contact Jim Rushton, Hallam Rangers Girls Teams Rep, on [jimandemrushton@aol.com](mailto:jimandemrushton@aol.com) or 07825 927791.

Girls must not be registered with any other SHWGL team

## Children's Art Competition

Entries are invited from all infant and junior school aged children to create a picture celebrating their 'Earthshot' Broomhill. Please see the flyer for further information.



**THE BROOMHILL FESTIVAL**  
10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022

**BROOMHILL FESTIVAL 2022**  
**CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION**

Create a picture to celebrate our theme  
**'Earthshot' Broomhill**

[See [earthshotprize.org](http://earthshotprize.org) for theme ideas for your pictures]

- Entries are invited from all Infant and Junior school aged children
- Picture size - A4
- Write name, age, school and parent/guardian contact on the back of the picture
- Deadline for entries 5pm on **TUESDAY 7 JUNE**
- Please take entries to Broomhill Library OR scan and e-mail to [festival@broomhill-library.org.uk](mailto:festival@broomhill-library.org.uk)

Pictures will be put on display at Broomhill Community Library

PRIZES for both Infant & Junior winners

We are looking forward to receiving your entries.

**GOOD LUCK!**

Check out Festival website for more fun events  
**[www.broomhill-festival.org.uk](http://www.broomhill-festival.org.uk)**

## School Sport

A fantastic afternoon for these two Y4 Lydgate Junior football teams at Graves Park. Both teams played extremely well throughout the games Lydgate Whites only conceded one goal each in all of their six games and came second in their group. Lydgate Blues won their group, and also only conceded 1 goal. So in all 12 games, our Lydgate teams only let 2 goals in and scored many more. Their teamwork was excellent, they learnt many new skills and lots of fun was had by everyone involved.



**Well done to...**

- Josh H Y6S/W who attained a high Merit for Grade 3 piano.
- Joseph C (4JD), Bartosz D (6S/P), Samuel B (4S/S), Francis S (3D/dB), Jackson A (4JD), George K (4JD), Jack Skelton (3D/dB), Thomas C (3RH) and Elliot Cawley who all achieved their Red Belt at the recent karate grading. Oscar C (4JD) & George B (4JD) also achieved Yellow. Good strong performances all round.

Yours sincerely

S R Jones  
Headteacher



## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2022/23 ACADEMIC YEAR

### September (22 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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### October (16 Days)

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### November (22 Days)

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### December (12 Days)

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### January (21 days)

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### February (15 days)

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### March (23 days)

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### April (10 Days)

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### May (19 Days)

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### June (20 Days)

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### July (15 Days)

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### August

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Denotes Bank Holidays



Denotes INSET Days –School Closed for Staff Training

Denotes School Holidays