

Newsletter

Spring 2

individuals matter.

Message from Co-Headteachers, Aileen Hosty and Laura Rzepinski

Dear School Community,

As we approach the conclusion of this short half term, we are delighted to share with you the wonderful moments.

World Book Day stood out as a particularly memorable occasion across all our sites. The day was marked by an array of fantastic class-based activities, complemented by the creative and enthusiastic participation in fancy dress. It was truly heartening to witness the collective enthusiasm for literature and storytelling that permeated our school community.

The arrival of warmer weather has brought about enhanced opportunities for our Ringinglow site. Classes have been able to venture into the local area, affording our pupils the chance to observe and interact with farm animals and admire the burgeoning spring flowers. These excursions not only provide valuable learning experiences but also foster a deeper connection with our natural surroundings.

Looking ahead, our Independence Pathway classes are eagerly anticipating the commencement of our new topic, 'Prehistoric World'. This promises to be an engaging and informative exploration of ancient history, sure to captivate our pupils' imaginations. Concurrently, our Engagement Pathway classes will be delving into the fascinating world of 'Plants', a topic that aligns perfectly with the current season and offers myriad opportunities for hands-on learning and scientific discovery.

Our hub at Westfield school has had a fantastic time during the Preparation for Adulthood visits, students have really enjoyed getting out into the community. We're also excited about our upcoming move to our brand-new site at Handsworth and transition plans are in progress.

Recently the students at our Gleadless site, took part in an exciting Drop Down Day focused on expressive arts, where we explored different cultures through creative activities. Students have also been busy enjoying the ongoing project work on our allotment with the Shirebrook trust. Multiple students have been competing in football matches with other schools and have represented Bents Green well, we are all really proud of them. Meanwhile, our Post-16 site have been hard at work, gaining valuable real-world experience through work placements. It's been a busy but rewarding time for everyone.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all members of our school community who contributed to the Red Nose Day appeal. Your generosity and commitment to supporting charitable causes is very much appreciated.

As we embrace the diversity within our school community, we would like to extend warm wishes to all our Muslim families and staff members who will be celebrating Eid. We hope everyone can enjoy this upcoming weekend.

As we embark upon the upcoming holiday, we hope that each of you finds time for rest and quality moments with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back for another term filled with growth, learning, and shared successes.

Aileen Hosty & Laura Rzepinski



Upcoming Dates

Mon 31 Mar Fri 11 Apr—Easter Break - All Sites

Mon 14 Apr—Back to School all sites

Tues 15 Apr—Dental Screening Gleadless Site

Wed 16 Apr—RS Day Ringinglow Site

Thus 17 Apr—Y9 HPV Westfield Site

Fri 18 Apr—Mon 21 Apr Easter Bank Holiday Weekend All Sites

Thurs 24 Apr—Y8 Parents Evening Westfield Site

Fri 25 Apr—Expressive Arts Day Gleadless Site

Mon 28 Apr—Fri 2 May—Functional Skills Assessment week Enterprise Works

Fri 2 May—Y8 & Y9 Coffee Morning Gleadless Site

Mon 5 May—Bank Holiday

Fri 9 May—Day of Languages All Sites

Mon 12 May—Fri 23 May—Functional Skills Assessments Enterprise Works

Mon 12—Fri 23 May—Y11 GCSE Westfield Site

Mon 26 May— Fri 30 May—Half Term—All Sites

Mon 2 June—Back to School all sites

World Book Day—Gleadless Staff Dress up



A very Hungry Caterpillar made by Lucy Marshall and used by classes at Ringinglow site for interactive storytelling.

School Gateway Login details

[How to activate your account](#)

Download the Android or iPhone app.



Press **'Sign Up'** then enter the email and mobile number your school has on record. If you're not sure if they have the right details, it's best to check and update first. Press **'Send PIN'**. You will receive a text message with your unique PIN. You're now ready to log in and start using School Gateway.

If you don't have a smartphone or prefer to use a computer, you can set up your



[How to log in](#)

Once you have your PIN, go ahead and launch the School Gateway app on your smartphone or tablet.

Enter the email you have registered with your school and the PIN you received. If you didn't get a PIN, it is likely because your school doesn't have the right contact info. Get in touch with them to check.

If both the email and PIN are entered correctly, hit **'Login'** and you're ready to start engaging with your school.

You can also access School Gateway [on the web](#)



Message from the Governors

Spring is here! The daffodils are blooming and your governors have been busy bees as we prepare for The Easter break.

We have been working in many areas of school including assisting the headteachers with hiring staff, reviewing our policies in advance of our Nexus partnership, and reviewing data in new and better ways in our Safeguarding & Inclusion meeting. I personally had an opportunity to do a spontaneous and comprehensive walkthrough of the Ringinglow campus, and was really pleased to see how beautifully our students and staff were doing on an average Thursday morning. Big thanks to Viv and Adam!

We also had the opportunity to meet with parents/carers and staff from our Westfield Hub regarding their upcoming move to Handsworth Grange Community Sports College. Headteacher Laura R welcomed everyone to the hall at Gleadless for a brew to give a brief overview and answer questions about the move, which will be completed for the next school year. It was really great to see you all, thank you so much to everyone who turned up!

Our long journey to partnership with Nexus Learning Trust has an official date: we will be a Nexus school as of the first of May. Lots of hard work has gone on in the background for the transition to be smooth, and there should be no noticeable difference to our students, families and staff. As always if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to headteachers or governors.

We have a couple solid leads, but we are still seeking parent governors, and as part of that effort we're continuing our Governor Spotlight series with yours truly this time, next up will be our brilliant co-head, Natalie Brownell.

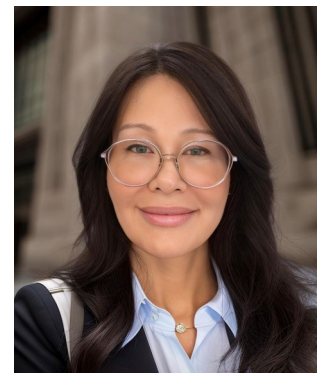
If you find yourself inspired to join us, get in touch, it really is a fantastic experience and a great opportunity to get involved behind-the-scenes of our school community.

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California, where I worked in television production, starting out at Warner Bros as a studio page, and eventually working as a sitcom writer. We moved to Greece (Athens then Corfu) just after I had baby Daphne, our only daughter, where we lived for 7 years. We came to Sheffield in 2014, and Daphne came to Bents Green in 2017, she's now 18 and thriving in the Graves class at Gleadless, looking forward to the move to Ringinglow next year for her final year at BGS. We love to swim at the leisure centres, catch a movie at Cineworld, a Sunday lunch at Cosmo...Sheffield may not seem like everyone's Hollywood dream, but it ended up being my happy ending.

Interested in volunteering as a parent governor? Send us an email at governors@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk.

And with that, enjoy your half term holidays! Wishing you sunshine and happy days ahead!

Kindest regards on behalf of the Governing Body,
Shannon O'Donnell Provatas



News From Octagon Class

During careers week we had visitors from college talking to the class about apprenticeships and options in college. All students were polite and asked questions about the options for the future....here is Apprenticeships being presented by Harry McGregor.



News from Cedar Class

Cedar Class have had a very busy and enjoyable half term. We started off with My Futures week and met people who worked in a range of different careers. We particularly enjoyed meeting a Police Officer and having a visit from a Fire Engine, it was so much fun! We also had a wonderful concert which we all attending and enjoyed. We had a great time on World Book Day. We read a range of different stories, dressed up and enjoyed seeing all the costumes. On top of that we've still been working hard in our Numeracy, Literacy and Independence sessions. We have also enjoyed this term's topic on Me and My Self! We are ready for the Easter Break and looking forward to more fun in the Summer Term!



News From Birch Class



Birch class doing independent writing as part of our phonics schemes of work "Get off my bed you silly old black cat or I'll turn you into a frog"



Birch class have also been thinking about positional language - above below left and right.

Pupils in Birch enjoying sensory activities and making their own role plays.



Bents Green Football Team Victory News !

The BGS football team took part in a football match against Talbot Special School this half term. The players were fantastic and showed excellent sportsmanship and respect as well as some amazing ability on display! Captain Logan led the team to a **3-0 victory**. Milla scored the first two goals and then an amazing assist from Khalid made it easy for Micky to finish the 3rd! Well done to all involved!

Easter Fun for Families in Sheffield

Sheffield - Orchard Square

Easter information for our School Community



S.E.N.D.
**EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY
& INFORMATION DROP IN**
STOCKSBRIDGE COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE

**7TH APRIL
10AM-12PM**

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ACTIVITIES:**

- ARTS & CRAFTS
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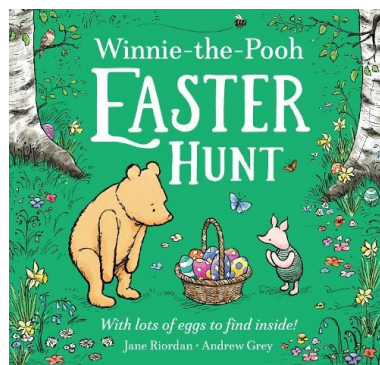


Sun, 6 Apr 2025 10:00 - 16:00
BST

Ponds Forge International
Sports Centre Sheaf Street
Sheffield City Centre S1 2BP

Admission fee applies

Saturday 29th March
2025 - Sunday 13th
April 2025
11:00 at [Waterstones](#).



The Light Cinema

8th & 9th April

Free Minecraft
inspired crafting

Just turn up
sessions are 11am &
3PM