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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, Pathways have been looking at **Healthy Eating**. In our assembly, we looked at how we can be healthy and still have the occasional treat. We talked about how a *balanced diet* is all about identifying what is good for us to eat and having more of those things! We then explored how exercise affects us. We found out that exercise can help us control our calorie balance, our stamina and even our mood! Hormones such as endorphins, serotonin and dopamine are all released after exercise, making us more alert for our learning and boosting our feeling of happiness.

Parent pay

After the Easter holidays we are changing the way you pay for lunch and Trip money, by introducing Cashless Parent Pay and will be live soon, all dinner and Trip money will only be paid via this new system. More information will follow.

Science Week

This week has been Science week. The children have been carrying out some fun experiments in their class. Year one have made snow storms in a jar, and year two have been firing rockets. Year three have made catapults to see how far they can fire ping pong balls. Year four have made volcanoes and used vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to make them erupt. Year 5 have made buildings with dolly mixtures and worked out the best foundations to use in case there is an earthquake. Would it be brownies, jelly, flapjack or sponges? I wonder what they found out?



Times Table Rockstars

In May we will be taking a small team of pupils to compete in a regional Times Table Rockstars event. This team is yet to be chosen so login to the app and improve your speed!

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for joining in with our World book day celebrations and competitions. Everyone in school had fun with our whole school text 'Where the wild things are'. It was amazing to see the variety of creative activities the children were involved in.



World Book day was awesome at Pathways but there were 30 Y3's that had an equally fantastic day with the Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme who led their own World Book Day event at Hillsborough Stadium. Pathways took 30 Y3 children along to take part in a host of workshops that involved reading player interviews, working with Explore Learning and preparing for a post-match interview. We also heard a reading from well-known author Sue Ellis. Perhaps the best part of the day though was the stadium tour of the truly historic and magnificent stadium. We even got to go into the dressing rooms, walk down the tunnel and stand pitch side. What a day and it had reading at the heart.



Status Quo

On 19th March we have the honour of hosting a very special visitor – Jeff Rich, the former drummer from Status Quo. He will be working alongside children to deliver a drumming master class, using drums from different parts of the world and explaining how they work. Keep watching our Facebook page for exciting videos and pictures

Pathways Performing Arts Show

Pathways are looking to host more and more community events where parents and carers can come into the school. One of these events that has been in the planning stage since Christmas was our Performing Arts Show. An event which saw Music and PE working together to showcase some of the truly special talents our children have. We saw a host of musicians take to the stage to play flute, recorders, piano and ukulele. We saw many of our Gymnasts showcase floor, vault and beam skills. There was a variety of dance shown to the parents involving the curriculum, dance club and even dancers choreographed at lunchtime. Finally, we heard some fantastic singing. All the singers were fantastic, but we must single out the performance by Stephanie (Y6) who literally brought tears to the eyes of the audience and received a standing ovation.

The whole event was awesome. It showed our children have huge talents and that they are continuing to grow in confidence. The event was even hosted by 2 children – what bravery. Our children are resilient, hardworking, talented and happy.

We are a school really going places and this event just proved that.

Year 3 assembly

Year 3 would like to thank all the parents that supported our assembly. We are particularly proud of the children as we had very little chance to rehearse due to other things going on in school and pressures on the hall space. In spite of this they did a fabulous job.

Cross Country – What a Season!

As we have mentioned before, Pathways have never ever entered the Sheffield Schools Cross Country League. Rewind 6 months and Mr Millns was stood not knowing how many would show at that first race at Parkwood Springs. The turnout, enthusiasm and interest were fantastic and that continued all season.

So a brief run-down of our season in numbers and performances.

Race 1 – Parkwood Springs. 9 Runners. Special Mention – *Maab*. She made history and was our first ever Cross Country participant start to finish.

Race 2 – Norfolk Park. 9 Runners. Special mention – *Maisie*. From being a sister who just wanted to support her brother, she was now a permanent part of our team.

Race 3 – Bradfield School. 9 Runners. Special mention – *Carlos and Elizabeth*. They were fast gaining a reputation for arriving 'just in time' and this week was no different. They arrived just before the start and ran the race full of energy and enthusiasm.

Race 4 – Longley Park. 12 Runners. Special mention – *Alfie*. On a day which saw so many personal bests performances, Alfie was phenomenal. He would go on to beat it again and this week saw him improve by nearly 60 places.

Race 5 – Brunswick School. 4 Runners. Special mention – *Lewis*. Lewis was developing a reputation for always being early. Despite this being the longest journey for our runners, he was once again there eager to run and was even there before Mr Millns.

Race 6 – Concord Park. 8 Runners. Special mention – *Mason*. Mason's efforts and commitment this year have been immense even on the horrible windy, rainy day – His passion was truly shown to all.

Race 7 Graves Park. 12 Runners. Special mentions – *Tarteel*, a Y2 running! But biggest well done goes to *Brandon*, our only runner to take part in all 7 races. A true Cross Country Hero!

Thanks to all the runners who took part, to all the parents and carers who came and cheered the children on in all weathers and to Miss Hides who regularly came along to support.

Any children currently in Y2,3,4 or 5 who are interested – Cross Country will be back bigger and better than ever next year as we look to build on this year's success.

Key Steps Gymnastics.

Our school Gymnastics Club has been one of our most successful this year. Each week, 12 regular gymnasts attend a club on a Friday after school to practice their skills and simply have fun. They have spent the last month or so practising for the Key Steps Gymnastics Competition held last week. In preparation for the competition, they had to master a floor routine along with 2 vaults.

With 5 children making a team, we entered Pathways Y3/4 and Pathways Y5/6(a) and Y5/6(b). With over 15 teams in the Y3/4 competition our team did exceptionally and placed 4th overall. Well done Trinity, Lily, Mason, Sofie and Brooklyn.

Our Y5/6 were equally impressive. In a competition with over 20 teams, our B team placed 9th and our A team finished 6th. What a fantastic effort. Well done – Charlie, Elizabeth, Danielle, Corrine, Maddison, Danielle, Abigeal, Lexie, Kayzia, Courtney and Summer.

PE Dates for your diary...

Friday 15th March – Parkwood PE Transition (5AR).

Wednesday 27th March – Y2 Arches Sports Party – English Institute of Sport.

Tuesday 23rd April – Y1 Points Network Games – English Institute of Sport.

Thursday 25th April – Arches Dance Festival – Octagon Centre.

Thursday 2nd May – Y4 Hockey Competition – Ecclesfield School.

Friday 3rd May – Parkwood Dance Festival – Parkwood School.

Monday 20th May- Sheffield Schools World Record Attempt – Sheffield Arena.

Thursday 21st May – Sheffield Schools Athletics Competition – Woodburn Road Stadium.

Friday 24th May – Parkwood PE Transition (5RE).

What's been going on this week

Foundation	In Nursery, the children have been reading the book "Jack and the beanstalk". They have been doing lots of activities which will help them say and sign verbs, nouns and concepts linked to the story. Each child has planted a bean and they are eagerly waiting for beanstalks to grow! Outside, the children have been exploring light and dark areas, finding their shadows, drawing around shadows and much more.
Year 1	Year 1 have really enjoyed taking part in science week this week and making a snowstorm!
Year 2	Year 2 have had a fantastic week this week. They have handled tarantulas and snakes and have been making rockets in science. The Y2 team are also very proud of Miss Drabble's class for performing in front of parents and children in the performance. Well done!
Year 3	This week year 3 have been really busy with science week and rehearsing for our celebration assembly. We have been learning about the forces involved with a catapult and thinking how we can create the best one.
Year 4	This week Year 4's (Pathways Scientists) have been extremely excited as they have been learning about volcanoes! They also created their own volcano in groups #Team Spirit
Year 5	We've been learning about Earthquakes in Year 5 this week! We made structures out of cocktail sticks and tested them on different bases, to see which was the strongest.
Year 6	This week in Y6, we have been looking at writing a letter of complaint! It turns out that the hover bike we purchased is faulty and Y6 have been outraged!

Key Dates

Important dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
Friday, 22nd March 2019	All Day	Inset Day
Tuesday, 26th March 2019	2.00 pm	AAG Meeting
Friday, 29th March 2019	Morning	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday, 29th March 2019	Afternoon	KS2 Eggs factor
Thursday, 25th April 2019	2.30 pm	Y2 Assembly
Monday, 6th May 2019		Ramadan Begins
Thursday, 9th May 2019	2.30 pm	Y1 Assembly
13th May - 16th May 2019	Monday- Thursday	Y6 SATS Week
20th May –24th May 2019	All Week	KS1 SATS Week
