

Seghill First School Newsletter March 2023 edition 2

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	92.8%
Whole school attendance this week	94.8%
93.7%	94%
87.7%	96%
97.8%	96.2%

Class of the week for this week is **Purple** class with 97.8% attendance. **Well done Purple class.** You have the attendance octopus and you all had a dip in the sweet box this morning.

Our winner for a **dip in the attendance prize box** as a reward for having 100% attendance and no late marks for the week is James H in Red Class.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

Mrs Lyons	Dylan;
Miss Winter & Mrs Watson	Declan;
Mrs Bell	Parker;
Miss Neal	James;
Miss Porter	Sam;
Mrs Askew	Harley;
Miss Chappell	Orla;
Staff star	Mrs Watson.



WOW writers

Each week teachers are picking a piece of writing work that has "WOWed" them; **WOW** as in **Writer of the Week.**

Each piece of WOW work is placed on a display in the classroom and this is changed every week. The names of the WOW winners are announced in star of the week assembly every Monday, and they get a dip in the prize box.

We will be celebrating the names of our WOW winners on our weekly newsletters from now on.

WOW winners

Our WOW winners are-

Mrs Lyons	Alexa;
Miss Winter & Mrs Watson	Ava;
Mrs Bell	Katie and Noah;
Miss Neal	Brodie;
Miss Porter	Rosie;
Mrs Askew	Mila.



Birthdays

These are our birthday boys this week--

- **Bailey** in Green class is now 7;
- In Orange class **Jaxson** will be 4 this weekend;

Happy birthday to you both. We hope your birthday was special and fun.



Proposed Industrial Action by members of the National Education Union (NEU)

As mentioned in previous newsletters, members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take strike action on a number of dates, including on **Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023.**

Having read guidance from the Government, Local Authority and Unions, and reviewed the number of staff available I can confirm that school will be **fully open to all year groups on both days.**

As all year groups are fully open, all children should attend school as normal unless they are too unwell to come to school. All children are expected to attend, even if siblings in other schools are not attending their school. Please check communications from other schools if you have more than one child as the arrangements for each school is very specific to them.

Spring term events and activities

Monday 13 March	British Science week starts today
Thursday 16 March 12 noon	Mother's Day lunch
Friday 17 March 12 noon	Mother's Day lunch
Friday 17 March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 March	Easter times tables challenge starts
Wednesday 22 March	Movie night for children in Years 1 to 4
Friday 24 March 2:30pm	Year 3 class assembly
Monday 27 March 3:30 to 5:30pm	Meetings for parents and carers with class teachers
Wednesday 29 March 3:30 to 5:30pm	Meetings for parents and carers with class teachers
Thursday 30 March 9:00am	Celebration assembly
Friday 31 March	School closed- staff training day

British Science Week

British Science Week will be taking place during **week beginning Monday 13 March**. **Miss Neal** is working with the rest of the staff team to plan a range of activities for the children linked to British Science Week.

Miss Neal is running a **Science Selfie Competition** during Science Week. Please see her advert about what to do and how to share your science selfie with her. A winner will be chosen from every year group, so get your thinking caps on to see how creative you can be.

We'll let you know what the children have been doing during British Science Week through our future newsletters.



Science Selfie Competition!

11th – 17th March is British Science week! The aim of the week is to show children that science is all around us, and is part of everyday life. This year's theme is '**connections**'.

To celebrate this, we are launching a '**Science Selfie**' competition! Simply take a photo of yourself enjoying science outside of school. It could be doing an experiment at home or finding science outside. Be as creative as you like – remember science is everywhere!

A winner will be chosen from each year group to receive a prize.

All entries must be emailed to Miss Neal at tamara.neal@school360.co.uk by 3pm on **Thursday 16th March**



World Book Day book sale and coffee morning

We raised **£128** at the World Book Day book sale and coffee morning, plus **£60** from our **non-uniform day** at the end of last term. That makes a fantastic **£188 in total**.

Each key stage has been given £60 to spend on books for the children. We'll let you know when the books they've ordered have arrived.

Medicines in school

We can administer medicine in school if a child requires **four doses** every day. Medicine must be **taken to the school office by parents and carers and handed to Mrs Elliott with the completed medication form**. Please do not give medicine to class teachers or children and ask them to take the medicine to the office for you. This could lead to medicine being misplaced, which would be a potential safeguarding breach.

Topic homework reminder

Thank you to the parents and carers who supported their child to complete and return their **February half term topic homework**. We have seen some **amazing models, pictures and pieces of writing**.

Pictures of completed topic homework will be shared and celebrated on page 4 and via our **school Facebook page** so please keep an eye out for them.

Movie night

Movie Night will be taking place from 3:15pm to 5:15pm on **Wednesday 22 March for children in Years 1 to 4**. We will ask the children to pick two movies, and then to watch one of them. Tickets cost **£3.00** and include a film, sweets and a drink. If your child would like to attend, we have set up a payment portal on **School Gateway**. Click on **payments** and **Movie night March 2023**. Tick the box to give consent for your child to attend, click **add to basket** and pay £3.00 via School Gateway. There will be no after school club on Wednesday 22 March. This portal will be open on School Gateway until **Friday 17 March**, which is the deadline for permission and payments.

Website update

We are currently **redesigning our school website**. We are working with Eschools, our website provider, to improve the accessibility and appeal of our website. Relevant content from our current website will be moved over to our updated website. As I'm sure you can appreciate, this is a huge job. With that in mind, we will not be uploading lots of new photographs and information onto our website in the next few weeks in the way that we normally would.

As soon as the website has been redesigned and populated with the relevant content, it will replace our existing website. We'll let you know when the relevant website is ready to go.

Mother's day lunch Thursday 16 and Friday 17 March

We are delighted to be able to offer a **Mother's Day lunch on Thursday 16 or Friday 17 March**. This special event has always been part of our annual calendar, but we have been unable to offer it due to the restrictions arising from the global pandemic.

We are offering **two different lunchtimes** so that we can provide the best possible experiences to our guests- mams, nanas or grandmas, aunties or special female friends. We are also offering two different lunchtimes to reduce waiting times for food and to allow Mrs Rogage to be able to make up to 100 extra meals spread across 2 days rather than one day.

A **separate letter** about Mother's Day lunch was emailed out to parents and carers with last week's newsletter containing all the details about the meals on offer each day and how to book tickets.

Police visit

Mrs Askew has arranged for **police officers** to visit Nursery and Reception on **Tuesday 21 March**. The visit will be part of the topic on road safety. Early Years children have already been visited by fire officers earlier this year, so we are very much looking forward to welcoming their colleagues in the police force to our school. Their visit will be dependent on their availability in response to any local or national issues that may arise on that day, but fingers crossed that they can attend.

Reading book amnesty

Over the last two years we have made a **substantial investment** in buying new books for our reading scheme. We have bought reading books and Book Bag Books, which are used in the classroom and as home reading books. The books come in sets of 10, and we have noticed that quite a few **sets are incomplete** because **books have not been returned to school**. If you have any reading books or Book Bag Books at home, **please return them to school no matter how long you've had them**. Thank you.

Red Nose Day

Following discussions with the children on Wednesday in whole school assembly, we have agreed the following ideas for **Red Nose Day on Friday 17 March**. Children can come to school wearing **non-uniform**. We would like them to **wear something red**- this can be a red top, a red stripe on their shoes, a red sock or something red in their hair. Alternatively, they can design their own **Red Nose Day t-shirt** using an old t-shirt and wear that to school.

We hope that these are all low-cost options which do not involve buying anything new. We are asking for **donations**, which will go directly to the **Red Nose Day appeal**.

Topic homework spotlight

