

N TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2023



Headteacher's Message

Dear students / parents and carers

Welcome to the Summer edition of our school Newsletter. As we approach the end of the academic year, we have much to celebrate as a school and as a community. I continue to be incredibly impressed with our students every day – their attitude, effort and personality make the school a wonderful and caring place to be. Please do take time to read through our Newsletter and celebrate the many positive achievements of our young people.

We have recently said a fond farewell to our class of 2023 and celebrated their time as Tibshelf students. Thank you to all those who contributed to organising the leavers events, including a magnificent prom. It was an absolute delight to see the dramatic arrivals and gorgeous attire of our students who all had a wonderful evening.

As we say goodbye to one year group, we welcome in the class of 2028. We hosted 180 year 6 students for a week of transition and what a fabulous group of young people they are! I very much look forwards to greeting them in September when they start their journey with us, and I hope that many of them enjoy summer school in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to all of our students who feature in the Newsletter and who have contributed to it. We are very proud of all of them and have much to celebrate with students and their families. Enjoy reading about their achievements in the following pages.

Have a safe and fun filled summer with family and loved ones.



Lucie Wainwright
Headteacher



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Message from the Co-Chairs of Governors

As Co-chairs we have been enjoying the challenges and rewards that the position brings. We are continuing to work with and further develop the governing body to support the Team at Tibshelf School.

Last term has seen us recruit three new Governors to the board offering an array of skills. Please join us in welcoming, Roger Martin (Parent Governor), Peter Haywood (Co-opted Governor) and Steve Doughty (Co-opted Governor). We wish you all every success.

Christine Murphy and Peter Wragdsdale

A Christmas Carol School Show

School shows are a highlight for many students, lots of our students had the privilege of taking part in our winter school production of a Christmas Carol.

Tibshelf school shows are a great way to build confidence, make new friends and progress further with drama skills. Many students enjoy auditioning and taking part in the shows.

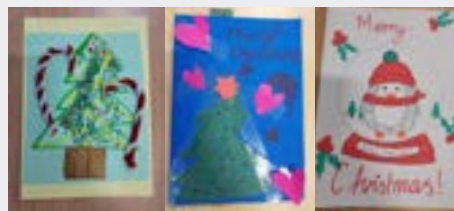


Classroom to Care Home Christmas Cards

Every year at Tibshelf school we send out Christmas cards to the care homes at Morton, Blackwell, and Holmewood.

These cards are for the residents at the care homes and the workers to show that they aren't alone at the holiday period. We write a variation of cards e.g. jokes, poems, or just general cards. Last year we made over 250 cards for the homes and I'm sure they enjoyed them all.

Written by Natasha in Y9



Christmas Charity Shoeboxes

In November, our school took part in donating Christmas boxes to charities. The Christmas boxes were distributed between 2 charities. One of which is the Samaritans purse who gives the boxes to disadvantaged children across the world. The other is the Sheffield shoebox Appeal who give to homeless people, people seeking refuge and people escaping abuse. In total we managed to collect over 30+ boxes.



This Girl Can

In March some of our Y7-10 girls performed at the Bolsover School Sports Partnership Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel in front of an audience of 700 people! Each student showed amazing positivity, community spirit and were really brave to perform on stage.

Well done all, you made Tibshelf proud!



**F Green, D Allen, L Burnside, J Clarke,
P Rushton, P Walters, F Greenhalgh,
C Thorley, R Fox**



Sporting Events at Tibshelf

Our students have taken part in a variety of sporting fixtures including cross country. The cross-country competition took place in November at Sherwood Pines. It was great for fitness and involvement in our cluster of schools. Our students showed amazing resilience and community spirit! Within that half term the fixtures that were available to the KS3 students were Handball, Boccia, Seated Volleyball, Basketball, Netball, and Rugby. For KS4 the fixtures on offer were Handball, Netball, Boccia, and Seated Volleyball. These all took place at schools around Tibshelf.

Written by Jordan in Y10



Cricket Fixtures – boys and girls



Well done to all students who have competed at the cricket fixtures. We have been really proud to see some amazing cricket skills in play and our students showing community spirit, respect and positivity!

Our Y7 and Y8 boys showed outstanding Community Spirit yesterday at a U13's cricket tournament. They represented Tibshelf School to the highest of standards and won the tournament undefeated!



Speedwell Table Tennis Club

A huge thank you to Speedwell Table Tennis Club who have donated two tables to our school. Our students are over the moon with these! If you would like to give table tennis a go, please see Mr Brailsford!



Triathlon

Well done to our Y7, 8 and 9 students who participated in a triathlon at Pleasley Vale. It was a fun packed day consisting of, 800 metre run, cycle, rowing a boat!



The Derbyshire Times

To celebrate the climax of the football season and recognise our young local talent, Derbyshire Times showcased Y11 Boys from Tibshelf Community School



Certificates & Awards



We are really proud to have won a national award for our school attendance! Well done to our students and families for your commitment and resilience

World Cup Football Tournament

To celebrate the world cup our students took part in our very own world cup football tournament which included group games, quarter finals and semi finals.

Students picked their team out of a hat and scored extra points for dressing in their team colours.

The final was tough, Belgium v Germany, with Belgium as a victory!



Sunflower Competition

The Earthlings have launched their sunflower growing competition to increase biodiversity in homes and gardens. Everything has been provided, including equipment, and growing and caring instructions, now it's down to giving their sunflower a spot with lots of light and occasional watering and watch it grow, we look forward to seeing the results.



Competition categories are:

- The tallest sunflower
- The largest sunflower
- The most beautiful sunflower
- Best staff sunflower



National Teen Book Club

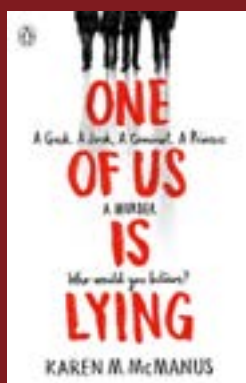
This year, our Literacy Leaders have been part of the National Teen Book Club. During the live events on Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm over four weeks, two key elements are covered:

Share a reading experience

Read the same book at the same pace and discuss in breakouts with peers in school or college and with other groups of students across the UK.

Hear from award-winning authors

Gain insights and advice from authors, illustrators, publishers and literary agents – as well as speakers with a passion for reading or links to the book. The final week Q&A session is with the author of the book we are reading!

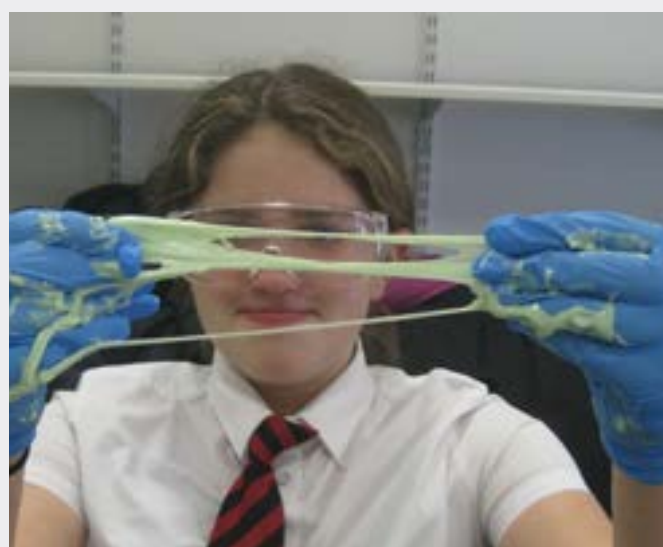


Science Leaders and KS3 Science Club

The KS4 Science Leaders have been busy planning and delivering fun sessions to the KS3 Science Club over the past few months. The KS4 Science Leaders have shown real community spirit and have continued to develop their communication and leadership skills whilst passing on their enthusiasm for Science!

There have been a whole range of activities including making slime, fire-writing, using microscopes, building balloon rockets for Santa, making 'scientific' baubles, flame tests and much more.

Mrs Coulson



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Is My Microphone On?

We have performed National Theatre work by Jordan Tannahill, *Is My Microphone On?* at Derby University. This is a one act straight play with some hard hitting but also comedy elements about sustainability and world issues.



Breast Art Project

We would like to thank our year 10 girls who have been happy to support work on a Breast Art project. We have been excited to have a Professional Artist come into school to start our journey. The girls have created and have discussed ideas to help with their individual designs for a wider part of the art design which will be a Breast Quilt.

#Positivity #Curiosity #Resilience #Respect





Tibshelf Earthlings are back!

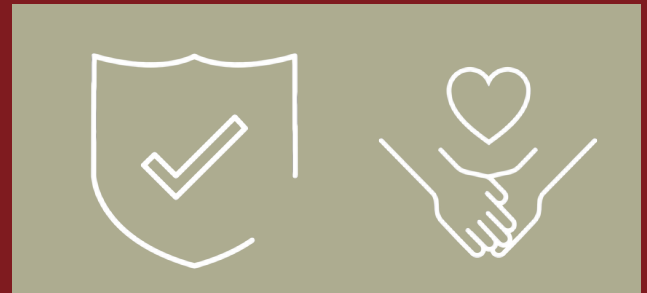


The Earthlings had a great start to 2023 with the whole team getting together to plan the year ahead! As ever, our focus, and aim, is to make small changes within the school that can make a big difference to the wildlife and environment around us. Our fabulous group of Earthlings have chosen the projects they would like to prioritise and have put a plan together.



Earthlings' projects are not just for the Earthlings...anyone can take part! We encourage pupils to keep an eye on tutor time notices and social media for upcoming projects they may wish to be a part of.

We would love to see many more students getting involved with the Earthlings, and all Earthlings will receive a badge to wear proudly on their uniform.



Berlin

We took a group of 51 students on the Berlin visit. Modern history was brought to life, with the powerful historical landmarks that the city has to offer. Thank you to all the students and staff involved for making it such a memorable and positive experience.



Year 8 Cyber Guardians

Our Year 8 Cyber Guardians met with our local MP Mark Fletcher to educate him on how cyber bullying is impacting young people in their local community.

We are very proud of how they presented themselves, articulated their thoughts and discussed their project in detail.



L Barraclough, L Bird, K Hollis, A Kyte, A Toon

Next Generation Leaders

The Cyber Guardians attended a celebration event for Next Generation Leaders where they got to present their project ideas to a panel of judges. The students received awards for 'Best Project for Creativity, Technology for Good, Best Student Team Leader' and Mrs Kurcewicz received best Staff Support. The students were in competition with other Schools and sixth forms in East Midlands area. Fantastic work, we are very proud of your achievements.



Parents Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended parent's evenings last term. It was a fantastic opportunity to provide feedback on how amazing our students are and all of their achievements. We are very proud of our students.

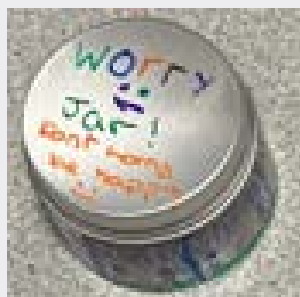
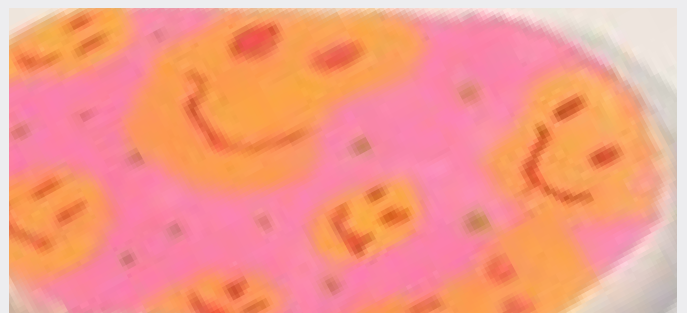
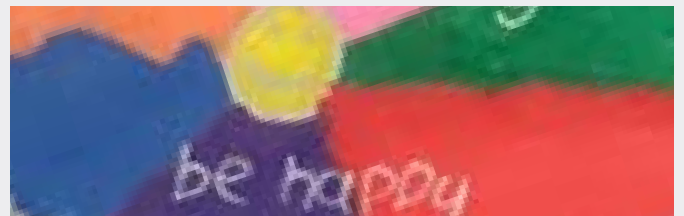
#Respect #Integrity



Tibshelf's Mindfulness Club

We have been getting creative making "worry jars" and decorating "worry stones".

#Creativity #Resilience #Positivity



Comic Relief

Thank you to all students and staff who donated at the comic relief charity event on Friday 17th March!!

There were many fun activities for everyone to get involved in from nail and face painting, dressing up for the photo booth, guess the teachers baby photo and much much more.



Amazing wildlife photography

Celebrating the talents of William R in year 8



Class of 2023

Year 11s have completed their exams with integrity and resilience, we are incredibly proud of the young adults they have become and are excited for their journeys ahead. We said goodbye in style at our end of year prom. Here are a few photos



End of Year Celebrations

It was a pleasure to hold a special celebrations evening with parents and carers to share the achievements of some of our talented students. The evening celebrated the highest achievements in 2022/23 for attainment, endeavour, Tibshelf schools character values and proudly presenting ties and badges to our new prefect team. Well done everyone for your achievements and thank you for the continued support of parents/carers.





Arbor

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Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed

About your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go. The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

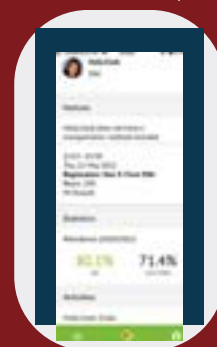
1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday



Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, to safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to check the email address linked to your account.
2. Reset your password from the login page or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the password link will have expired. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. Enter the birthday of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are Primary Guardians of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor. (Please note this image is for information and not one of our students' details)



Parent Pay

Please remember to use the secure online payment system, ParentPay, to pay for school lunches, purchase any resources and equipment from ParentPay Shop or to donate to any charity event. If you have any questions, concerns or experience any difficulties using ParentPay, please contact the Finance Office.

Alternatively, email: finance@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk and a member of the finance team will contact you.



Attendance

The national average for secondary school attendance is currently only 80% whereas we are really pleased to report that our attendance is much higher at 95%. This is, in part, down to the Covid safety measures we have in place in school but also due to our school community and we wish to thank everyone for working with us to keep students safe.

The following is the legislation that we as a school are governed by from the Local Authority and the Department of Education in terms of administering and dealing with absences from school.

It is the Department of Education/Ofsted that dictate attendance below 95% is poor and that below 90% is 'persistent absenteeism'. The reasons for this have been made clear before; good attendance is vital for the success of pupils and their wellbeing. Our own school data, as well as that issued nationally, makes clear that poor attendance results in poorer outcomes for children.

The Law stipulates that the children must attend school under the Education Act 1989. Poor attendance at school can result in one or more of the following:

- A Parenting Order
- An Education Supervision Order
- A School Attendance Order
- A fine (sometimes known as a 'penalty notice')



Reminder from our Attendance Officer

Students are required to be in tutor time for 8:30am. Anyone not present will receive a late mark. Arriving late to school on a consistent basis can have longer term academic effects. If showing up late to school becomes a habit, students may develop the notion that tardiness is acceptable behaviour. This belief can negatively impact their future work ethic and employment opportunities. Arriving late can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Also, when one person arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher – everyone's education is compromised.

Any time a student is marked with a late code at the start of the day this will be recorded and actioned.

Reminders from Medical Welfare Officer



Individual Health Care Plans

Please can you ensure prompt return of individual healthcare plans, and ensure these records are updated as and when any changes occur.

Medical & Emergency contact for trips

If your student is going on a school trip, please ensure that their medical notes and emergency contact details are up to date.

Asthma/Inhalers in school

Can parents/carers please ensure that students have their Asthma inhalers in school with them, alternately they can be kept in school but must be kept up to date. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss further.

Medication in school

If your child needs to take medication in school time, please can you fill in the required form, which is available on our website, or send a letter with instructions and a signature.

Crutches

School can only accept your child using crutches if they have been advised by a doctor/hospital. If you are sending them into school with crutches, please send a letter with a signature. A risk assessment will be carried out with the student in school and a copy will be emailed to parents.

Special leave of absence

If your child needs to be absent from school for any other reason apart from illness/medical appointments a special leave of absence form needs to be completed. These forms are available from the medical room and should be completed 4 weeks prior to the absence. This will then need to be returned to the safeguarding and intervention manager

Illness at school

If your child is ill during the school day, they will be seen by First Aid/Medical team and if the First Aider/Medical Officer feels that they are too unwell to stay in school then, with their Head of Years permission, parents/carers will be contacted. '

Students should NOT contact home without the permission of their Head of Year.



Communication

To communicate effectively with parents we frequently update our website:
www.tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk

Our main form of communication are email and text. Please ensure we are kept informed of any changes to your email address or mobile number by emailing us at info@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk

Alternatively, you can use the contact form on our website.

You can also follow us on:



Uniform and PE kit expectations

Students should arrive to school in full school uniform every day, including ties and blazers.

Full uniform and PE kit can be found on our school website:

<https://tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk/information/uniform/>

Please also be reminded of our uniform policy which stipulates that jeans/jeggings are not permitted, neither are trainers, hoodies, or face piercings, including clear/skin-coloured retainers in the nose. Pupils will be required to remove such items.

No coats are to be worn in lessons.

Mobile Phones in School

We will be a mobile phone free school from Tuesday 5th September 2023.

FAQ's regarding this can be found on our website.

<https://www.tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk/>



Key Dates

- 21st July 2023 school closes for students 1pm
- Monday 4th September 2023 inset day
- Tuesday 5th September 2023, School opens to all pupils 8:15am

Contact Details

Could you please ensure that when you change your mobile number or address details, you give our school office a call or drop us an email to info@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk with your new details.

Unfortunately, we are finding that a number of parent/carer mobile phone numbers are out of date, and it is really important that we are able to contact you in the event of an emergency.

Telephone Options

Option 1	Report Student Absences
Option 2	Report Staff Absences
Option 3	Site Staff
Option 4	Leave a message for Reception
Option 0	Reception

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Uniform Donations

If you have any old blazers, ties, skirts, trousers, or PE kits, they would be more than welcomed and can be left at reception. Thank you!



Facility Hire

At Tibshelf Community school we are proud to open our facilities to the local community and create a space for learning, sports and special events, more information on bookings can be found on our website.



<https://actihire.org.uk/tibshelf-community-school>

TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL

CHARACTER VALUES



Resilience



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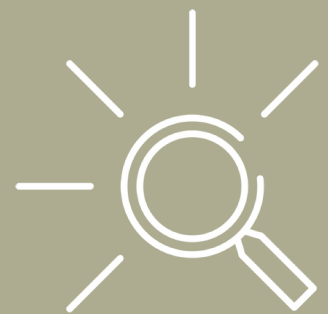
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