

## Sunny Bank Success

Further to our last newsletter outlining Sunny Bank's success in the 2018 KS2 test results, we are once again celebrating.

Sunny Bank Primary School has been named as one of the Manchester Evening News 'Greater Manchester top 10 primary schools'. The MEN guide takes into account 44 different data points - including not just KS2 results but factors like progress, pupil-teacher ratios and absence rates. [Please read the article in full here.](#)

## Happy New Year

From all the staff at Sunny Bank, we welcome you back and wish you a happy, healthy new year. We hope the children have thoroughly enjoyed their holiday and are now back ready to learn.

On behalf of all the staff at Sunny Bank Primary School, we would like to say thank you for the kind Christmas gifts, cards and good wishes we received last term.

We would also like to express our appreciation to families for all their support with events and activities in school over the festive period. Thank you for your continued support.

## 'Wake Up Wednesdays' Sessions for all the Family

As part of our commitment to being a Healthy School, we will be starting 'Wake Up Wednesdays' - which will be an early morning 'wake up' movement session. **Each Wednesday starting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January we will open the school gates early at 8.40am everyone is welcome to come and join in.** We hope you will be able to join us there!

## Attendance & House Points Winners

We are always proud of our children in school and we reward them in many ways. As well as holding Celebration Assemblies, we hold a winning House Team 'juice cafe' with juice and popcorn, dojo points are awarded in class and stickers are used throughout school. I am sure you are as proud of the children as we are.

### Achievement Awards:

R: Logan                      Y4: Logan  
Y1: Maddox                  Y5: Roan  
Y2: Ayla                      Y6: Zainab  
Y3: Leo



**Attendance Winners:** Year 3

**House Team Winners:** Hargreaves

## Sports News

**Football** – we took part in the MUFC Premier League Schools Boys' Tournament. The team played extremely well and got through to the semi-finals. Well done all!

## NLP4Kids

This week, we have welcomed Gemma Bailey from NLP4Kids to work with pupils in school to promote wellbeing. The sessions so far have been well received and have had a positive impact on those involved.

**We would like to invite parents/carers of pupils in Year 6 to a special workshop on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 3.20pm.** The workshop will be around Reducing Exam Stress.

## Clean Air Greater Manchester Campaign

In Greater Manchester, the greatest health threat from air pollution is posed by road transport emissions. Greater Manchester is developing a Clean Air Plan to tackle harmful and illegally high levels of roadside air pollution across the city-region. For more information please see <https://cleanaigm.com/>

### The Giving Machine: Raise Money for School Whilst You Shop!

You can raise money for school when you shop online by visiting: [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) – simply sign up using the **code 59065**. Thank you for your support.

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 1 visit to Blackpool Zoo 4.30pm Netball match @ Philips High School
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 SATS meetings with parents/carers 3.15pm Football match @ home
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	2.45pm Reception Class Assembly
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	3.20pm Year 6 Parent/Carer Workshop – Reducing Exam Stress
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	2.45pm Year 1 Class Assembly
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	2.45pm Year 6 Class Assembly

### Adverse Weather

During the winter months we may experience adverse weather conditions. School will remain open wherever possible and staff will be expected to attend work as usual. However, where there are adverse road conditions some staff may be late arriving and the start of the school day may be affected. We expect all children to attend school as usual when school is open, even on snowy days.

**At the start of the school day:** The Headteacher will make a decision based on local conditions as to whether it is safe to open the school. If the school is closed, a message will be posted on the school website as soon as possible. Please check this regularly for further updates. We will use the texting service 'Teachers2Parents' to send all parents a text to inform them of school closure/opening. Please ensure your mobile number is kept up to date.

**During the school day:** If the weather becomes severe during the day, school may contact parents using the texting service advising them to collect their child early for safety reasons. If parents are delayed due to adverse weather conditions then they should contact the school as soon as possible to give an anticipated arrival time. Children will always continue to be supervised until a parent/carer is able to collect them. Further texts will be sent as required to keep parents up to date.

**The school is open unless one or more of the following announcements are made:**

Parent Text Message Service - We issue messages via text to inform parents/carers of site closure. Please ensure that we hold up-to-date mobile numbers for you.

School Website - A notice will be placed on the school website if there is a site closure.

School Telephone - A message will be left on the school answer machine.

Radio Stations - Local radio stations will be notified and closure information will be displayed on their website.

Twitter - A Tweet will be made from the school and Trust Twitter account.

Please ignore anything you read on social networking sites such as Facebook. You should presume the school is open if there are no announcements via the above methods.

Please note that DfE policy states that head teachers have to consider all risks, including levels of supervision for children, risks for staff and children of serious injury in school or travelling to school, minor slips and bumps, risks associated with worsening conditions and staff and children being unable to get home etc, against disruption to children's learning. The council's website [www.bury.gov.uk](http://www.bury.gov.uk) is the single point of reference drawing together the latest and most accurate information on all services affected by snow or severe weather, including school closures.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mindfulness Quote of the Week

