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Greetings from our Executive Principal



Dear Parents / Carers

We have now reached the end of the very first term in the life of Springwell Leeds Academy – and quite a term it has been! We have:

- ✓ Opened a brand new school across 6 sites in the city
- ✓ Had around 30 new children and young people join the Academy since opening
- ✓ Moved two of our schools from one site to another
- ✓ Completed the refurbishment of one of our sites
- ✓ Brought together staff from five different schools
- ✓ Set up a brand new Governing Body for the Academy
- ✓ Established a Parents Forum
- ✓ Completed the plans for 3 brand new buildings
- ✓ Started building work on our first new Academy building in Seacroft.

.... and all of that before we even begin to describe the fantastic teaching and learning that has gone on this term or the wonderful progress we have seen from our young people. Not a bad start I think!

It has been a real pleasure and a privilege to be leading this Academy this term and I am extremely optimistic and confident that we are really building something extraordinary together here in Leeds. I have been blown away by the positive attitude and efforts of the staff since September, firstly to get on board with the new school and new ways of working, secondly to manage the change from one system or site to another and thirdly by the genuine care and compassion which they show to our children and young people on a daily basis.

The children at our Academy also amaze me on a daily basis. I am writing this piece whilst sitting in an office filled with the beautiful artwork they have created. This term I have seen extraordinary work and progress in reading writing and mathematics on each and every one of our sites. I have seen children engaging positively in their learning, enjoying themselves and making real progress. Long may it continue.

As a school we use Twitter to celebrate our achievements and I suggest you follow our progress at https://twitter.com/Springwell_Lds where you will see regular updates and celebrations of what our children and young people are doing from across all six sites - it's a fabulous showcase for their wonderful achievements.

I was delighted to meet a number of you at our first Parents Forum meeting last week. It was great to be able to spend time with some of you and hear, first-hand what your experience of Springwell Leeds has been like from a parental point of view. I hope that I will see many more of you at these events that we will be holding every term – watch future newsletters for details.

Finally, I would like to wish every one of you a very merry Christmas and a happy 2017!

Kind regards

Scott Jacques

Executive Principal

Brudenell Site News



School View

Hyde Park

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A message from Declan

Declan joined us in September from the Oakwood Pupil Referral Unit and this is what he has to say about his first term with us...

"I have really enjoyed the work as it is challenging, fun and enjoyable. I have really enjoyed cooking, PE and outdoor pursuits and even enjoyed doing our maths test this week as I did so well. I would like to say Thank You to Miss Fisher for her trust and support in going out of school and Mr Carney for helping me to settle in this school!"



A message from our Principal, Mr Carney

We are now approaching the end of our first term as Springwell Leeds and have much to celebrate. We now have 21 students on roll and every single individual has much to be proud of in the way they have managed and persevered with the transition to high school. Our attendance for the second half term is now over 90% and I am grateful to all students, staff, parents and carers for helping to develop a school which our young people clearly enjoy coming to and (almost) always leave with a smile on their face.

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WE'VE BEEN BREAKING GROUND



On Tuesday, 29th November we went to Seacroft to a ceremony at the new site for the Springwell East school.

The trip was really exciting because we had an afternoon out of school. When we arrived at Seacroft, we went into a room with other students and waited for people to arrive. While we were waiting we talked to the other students, who were really nice. When the Councillors and Mr Wilson arrived we put on a blue helmet, a reflective jacket, some gloves (which we really like since they didn't have ends to three of the fingers) and some safety goggles. Alex got a special pair to go over his glasses which was really considerate. We went outside and watched three ladies put shovels into the ground. Everyone was really excited, and we thought that it was really cool that we got to see the start of our new school being built. Some of the students had their photos taken by the press and they were on the news that night. We had cookies and doughnuts, a great end to the afternoon. The site was big and muddy, but we are looking forward to seeing the new school! Some people can't wait till we get a proper football pitch, a gardening area would be pretty good too. It will be really good to have more classrooms and a proper kitchen to cook in.

"Do you know how much of an honour it is to have my name on the same board as major Tim Peake and Sir Isaac Newton?" (Jack Kemp 9th December 2016)

This quote from such a young mind is truly staggering. I have not been with Springwell Academy Leeds very long but I have been amazed by the determination and fortitude of both students and staff.

I have had the privilege of spending a lot of time with Jack Kemp and as a team we have worked hard over two days to transform his space in Taylor Class into an area that looks and feels much more like 'his' classroom environment.

During the two days it's been a real pleasure to be able to discuss the topics that we have put onto the walls. From Isaac Newton's theories of motion, the "Principia Mathematica" and its importance to modern science, to its links to Major Tim Peake's time on the International Space Station and the work he did with Jack's school and his own experiences. Jack has opined that despite being engaged in such an aesthetic enterprise he feels that he has had two days of solid lessons. The wall is very much a reflection of the good experiences that Jack has had at school both academically and experientially through enrichment. He now has a space in which he feels a true sense of ownership and in which his interests are so prominent reflects our belief that personalised learning is an absolutely vital ingredient in what we do.

Mr Hanson



Please Note that Tuesday 3rd January is a training day for the Brudenell Site. Making our first day back Wednesday, 4th January 2017.

Burley Park Site News



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Dates for your Diary ...

**Tuesday, 3rd January
2017 – Training Day**

**Wednesday, 4th January
2017 – School reopens
to students**

**Tuesday, 7th February
2017 - Elements 'Space
theme' showcase event
- Trip to the National
Space Centre in
Leicester**

**Friday, 10th February
2017 – Break up for Half
Term**

**Monday, 20th February
2017 - Parent's
Information Day – (Mid-
year progress check
with class teachers)**



WE'VE BEEN OPENING OUR NEW LEARNING SPACE



Thursday 8th December was a fun packed day at our Burley Park site.

Mr Jacques, our Executive Principal, began the events by officially opening our brand new learning space - The Library. With so many libraries closing in the wider community, we wanted to maintain the value and importance of reading in our young people's lives. The space that Miss Binns, our Assistant Principal has created, is a calm and peaceful area where we can all relax to read, write or research a topic.



As the wall display shows, it is a space where we will be able to grow learners!



Many of our pupils attended and helped with the Christmas fayre. We created a 'German Market' feel in our hall with clothes, toys and a cake stall. Miss Millington did a roaring trade with her hot turkey and stuffing sandwiches and mulled fruit juice, tea and coffee were flowing.



Thank you to all parents who attended and were able to see the brilliant display work in their children's classrooms.

We are looking forward to our 'Space' elements theme next term and in particular to our visit to the National Space Centre in February.



Meanwood Site News



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Dates for your Diary ...
 We don't have any up and coming events scheduled just yet but watch this space in future editions for events and days that we have planned.

The best way to predict your future is to create it!
 ~ Abraham Lincoln

WE'VE HAD PLENTY TO CELEBRATE

Here at Meanwood we have been celebrating some fantastic attendance results with four of our students achieving 100% attendance for the first full term. Each student received a £5 'Love to Shop' voucher and a 100% Attendance Certificate.

Well done Joseph, Shannon, Tyler and Kavon!!

Keep the good attendance going, everyone is very proud of you!



WE'RE IN THE FINAL 10 OF THE ENTERPRISE COMPETITION!



The Enterprise Club at Meanwood have been busy making handmade products that we will sell at our Christmas Fair for the Social Enterprise Project with Future Learn and Middlesex University, as part of a course called Social Enterprise "Turning Ideas into Action". So far we have been busy making bracelets, necklaces, stained glass windows, money boxes, reindeer noses and snowman soup!!!

We aim to sell our handmade products and donate all profits we make to charities chosen by our students including Cancer Research and The Dogs Trust. Our aim is also to support and build relationships with the local residents that live within our community. Springwell Leeds are one of the 10 finalists for the Social Enterprise Innovation Challenge 2016. Students were over the moon when they discovered that their Enterprise Project has been selected by Future Learn and Middlesex University to go through to the next round of the competition. Check out our video that helped us get through to the finals, filmed by and starring our students on our brand new You Tube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC64k5oE2aQHErzhQHq_Qw-Q

CHECK OUT OUR BLOG!
 For more news and updates go to
www.springwellleedsblog.wordpress.com

Oakwood Primary Site News



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Dates for your Diary...

Monday, 9th
January 2017 –
Progress and Feedback consultations

Every Friday at
12.10 pm -
Celebratory Assembly – All Welcome

Learning at Home

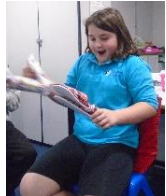
You can help your child at home by practising their times tables recall. The children know which specific number they are working on.



WE'VE BEEN MAKING A BIRTHDAY SPLASH



Creek Class have enjoyed listening to the Owl Babies story so much that we made a nest each for our cuddly owl baby Bill. We gathered leaves, twigs and soft fur to make it as real as possible for him. Every day he gets to sleep in a different nest and we all take care of him! We have improved with our spellings from the book and between us all we can now spell mum, fox, owl, leaves, twigs, feathers and tree.



In our class we love to have fun and share in each other's happy experiences. One such event was Aimee's 7th birthday where we all wrote our names and a message in her card and gave her a pair of slippers for her birthday present. We also put sparkly confetti inside her card. We sang Happy birthday and played some games, chose a song each and danced and laughed lots! Oh and of course we had a cake!

River Class pupils have been very busy. Alongside their usual varied curriculum, the pupils have been raising money and awareness for charities, having visits from inspirational people and taking over the school for the day! Shouldering the responsibilities of the staff for the day most of the 'Takeover day' pupils reported it was a very difficult job; all sympathies forgotten the next day. I think the MacMillan coffee morning bun making was more popular!



Brook Class has enjoyed the topic of 'What's out there in the darkness?' As part of the topic we have studied nocturnal animals, light and how we see, the location and interaction of the Earth, Sun and Moon and much more. We are becoming budding mathematicians by securing place value, identifying 3D shapes and more recently Algebra. In English the class have been working hard at creating a crazy character as part of a creative writing competition. They are also reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes which is a great text to support us in drawing inference and making predictions.

We have recently started swimming lessons on a Thursday, which has proven very popular with the children and of course they continue to love our animal care sessions. As I'm sure that you are aware Christmas is a very busy time in Schools. There is so much to cram in to such a short period of time. It is however a time of celebration and the class has started to sing Christmas songs and complete art work in preparation for lots of upcoming festive events. We look forward to seeing you in school to share our work. Next half term we will be focusing on Heroes. Catch me if you can!



Stonegate Road Site News



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HAIRS LOOKING AT US COOKING AND BAKING!

The Year 10 and 11 students at Stonegate are working towards their Edexcel BTEC Level 1 qualification, which is an Introduction to Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy. Dylan, Beth & Olivia have been working as part of a team towards completing their Shampooing & Conditioning unit.

Shampoo and conditioning is fundamental to any hairstyle and is the basis for many other hairdressing services. The unit will develop learners' skills and increase their knowledge of the different types of products on the market and of the correct way to carry out the shampoo and conditioning service. This unit gives learners a foundation on which to build the knowledge and skills needed to enhance their progression within the hairdressing industry.



A MESSAGE FROM MR LONGLEY, PE

Pupils in PE have progressed really well this term with almost all extremely close to completing their unit in How the body works where they look at the bones, muscles and how to train them, the cardiovascular system and what a healthy diet looks like. Some pupils have also worked with coaches from the Leeds Rhinos and Sports Works. Also many thanks to our pupils for making our three placement students from Leeds Beckett University feel very welcome. Well done to all and let's keep this up in the new year.



The students at Stonegate has also been turning their hand to some cooking and baking and the results have been delicious! If only we had the technology to allow you to smell and taste these yummy goodies...



JUST FOR FUN!

Colour me in!

Rudolph has lost his red nose somewhere in the Newsletter – Can you help him find it?



Christmas Santa Word Search

K	Z	D	S	T	O	C	K	I	N	G	S	W	S	Z
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K	S	T	C	V	E	E	H	B	I	N	B	T	T	M
D	N	T	C	Z	G	S	C	F	T	S	E	S	A	T
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Christmas Presents Santa Claus Sleigh Tree Red
 December Star Candy Stockings



Springwell Leeds Parent Forum

The purpose of the Springwell Leeds Parent Forum

is to embrace regular, open communication and consultation, something which is highly valued at Springwell Leeds.

The Parents Forum is an informal opportunity to meet with our Executive Principal, Scott Jacques, staff and leaders from Springwell Leeds Academy and discuss with them any issues you have, or suggestions as to how we can improve our provision for your child.

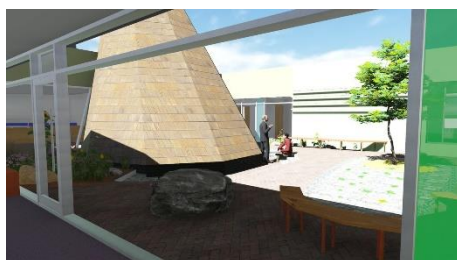
The Forum is not however, a place to address specific concerns about an individual child or issues relating to individual members of staff. Parents who need to discuss these issues should approach their class teacher or the Principal directly.

Should you like further information on our Parent Forum, please contact Sarah Reeder on 0113 4689780 or email s.reeder@springwellacademyleeds.org

FIRST MEETING UPDATE

The very first, Springwell Leeds Parent Forum took place on Tuesday, 6th December 2016 at our Oakwood Site. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to attend the event, the input and feedback given was incredibly valuable to us.

During the Forum, plans for the new school sites at Seacroft, Middleton and Tinsill were shown and discussed. Just a few of the exciting images from the digital walkthrough of the planned sites are included below.



The next Parent Forum meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 8th March 2017 at 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm and is to be held at our Stonegate Road Site**, Stonegate Road, Leeds, LS6 4QJ. Letters will be sent home as a reminder nearer the time.

It would be great to see there.

