



# Springwell Leeds

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## Greetings from our Executive Principal



Dear Parents / Carers,

Another successful term is about to draw to a close here at Springwell Leeds Academy and as usual, it has been a really busy one !

I have just come out of a wonderful tea party that had been organised by the children of Waterfall Class at Oakwood, for the elderly residents of Oak Tree Lodge residential home. The children had not only laid on tea (served in the best china) and a selection of cakes and treats, but they had also planned and rehearsed entertainment for them. This event is the culmination of an extended piece of work by the children which included

writing to me asking for permission and then formally presenting their ideas for the event along with a carefully planned budget. The children also created invitations, organised a raffle and acted as wonderful hosts throughout the morning. I was so proud of their efforts and their wonderful manners looking after their guests. The visitors from Oak Tree Lodge – one of whom was 99 – clearly enjoyed it as did the amazing members of Waterfall class. Well done to all involved including the staff team working in Waterfall.

The good news is that our three new buildings continue to take shape and are all on schedule for completion on time. Those of you that live near the old building at Tinshill will notice that it is not there anymore! It was demolished last week and the clearing of the site will now

commence before the work begins on the final of our three buildings, which will open in September 2018. Work is also well and truly underway at the second of our sites in Middleton – which we will be opening after Easter 2018 – and the steel frame of the building is currently be erected. The first building, in Seacroft, is of course the further advanced of the three and is on course to be handed to us in the Autumn term for a January 2018 opening.

We will be contacting all of you in the weeks after the Easter holiday with further details of arrangements over the coming year. As you are aware we will be moving many of our children and young people to the new sites across the city between January 2018 and September 2018 and will be closing all of our existing sites except Oakwood as the children move into our new buildings. We want to make sure that you are absolutely clear about how and when this will happen, that you have a say in where your child will ultimately be based and that you have the opportunity to ask any questions that you might have relating to your individual circumstances. Watch this space for details.

Finally, can I wish you all a happy and restful Easter.




*Scott Jacques*  
Executive Principal

# Brudenell Site News


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**Dates for your Diary ...**  
We don't have diary dates for you just yet, but watch this space for up and coming events in the future.



**The Zombies are Upon Us**

We are approaching the final take on our Zombie movie. Twelve of our students have been out at Interplay Theatre across this term acting, filming, directing and ensuring the make-up is as scary as possible. We will upload the final take to our website so keep any eye out for any updates!




**Rewards**

Last week saw a record for Brudenell Site - 14 students qualified for our reward trip and enjoyed a fun morning at The Zone in Huddersfield. Congratulations to all who qualified for the trip.





# WE'VE GOT AMAZING ATTENDANCE!




**Attendance**

Attendance for this half term up to press is 91%, another milestone for Springwell Leeds – Brudenell Site. Thank you, as always, to parents and carers for your support in helping ensure your child is in school on time and ready to work.

We currently have 11 students on 100% attendance for this half term and the challenge is to keep this number so high. Well done all!






**Reading**



We make no secret of the fact we love to read and we firmly believe our students should be reading every day as this is such an important ingredient in ensuring that our young people are exposed to new words, new stories and new ideas. Reading is often one of the greatest drivers for success in school and helps students to develop a broader vocabulary, improve their general knowledge and understand different people and cultures.

Reading for pleasure, and reading outside of school is just as important. As a school, we are happy to support this by sending books home or ordering books that your son / daughter may be interested in. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your class teacher if there is a book you are interested in or if you want tips on how to get your child reading at home.

# Burley Park Site News

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## Dates for your Diary ...

We don't have diary dates for you just yet, but watch this space for up and coming events in the future.

## World Book Day

2<sup>nd</sup> March - Students were given the opportunity to choose one of the £1 books.



Teaching staff wore academic gowns and were given a Harry Potter name and pretended to be Hogwarts teachers for the day.



On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March everyone at Burley Park dropped what they were doing at 11:50am and read for 10 minutes.

**Red/Purple group** are reading and studying the autobiography of Amir Khan.  
**Green group** are looking at Harry Potter by J K Rowling.  
**Blue group** leading up to and beyond World Book day are reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.



# WE'VE BEEN HAVING FUN AND RAISING MONEY

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March was a busy day at the Burley Park site. Staff and students were busy with all sorts of fund raising activities and games for Red Nose Day 2017. Mrs Grice even shared a hidden talent...



50p to wear something red.



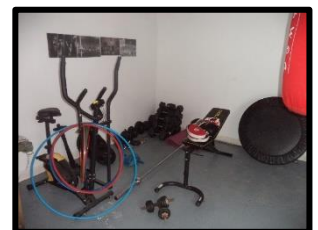
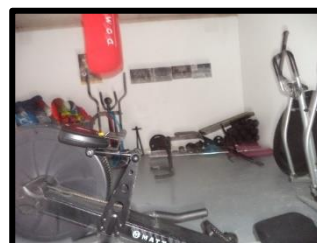
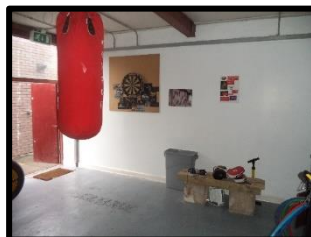
Baking opportunities

## We visited the Donkey Sanctuary

Kameron, Demi and Alfie have attended the donkey sanctuary every Wednesday afternoon. They have groomed, fed, cleaned and taken them out for walks. The staff at the sanctuary have been pleased with them.



The Burley Park Site opened its fitness suite this half term. All students have a time slot throughout the week and are given the opportunity to work with Mr Pittira to develop their personal fitness.





# Meanwood Site News

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## Armley Mills

The Leeds Industrial Museum at Armley Mills is a museum of industrial heritage located in Armley, west Leeds, West Yorkshire, England. It includes collections of textile machinery, railway equipment and heavy engineering amongst others.

The Grade II\* listed building housing the museum was once the world's largest woollen mill. The current structures were built in 1805 by Benjamin Gott and closed as a commercial mill in 1969. They were taken over by Leeds City Council and reopened as a museum of industrial heritage in 1982. It is located between the Leeds and Liverpool Canal and the River Aire and accessed from Canal Road or Milford Place.

# WE'VE BEEN GOING BACK IN TIME



## Meanwood Goes Back in Time to the Industrial Revolution

Our Students at Meanwood have been experiencing the Industrial Revolution this half term and to help them get a real feel for the era have visited a number of museums including Thackeray Medical Museum, Armley Mills and the National Coal Mining Museum.

The Brownlee class had a personal underground tour of a coalmine with "Big Bird" who is an ex-miner. Students and staff were taken 140 metres underground in a cage to explore the gruesome conditions that children, women and men worked in. A real eye opener for some of our young people!

Whilst visiting the Thackray Medical Museum, which was previously a Leeds Union Workhouse – a harsh home for the poor and homeless - students and staff experienced walking through a street depicting "Old Leeds" which showed in graphic detail the conditions which people lived and worked in days gone by.

They also visited Armley Mills, the largest woollen mill during the period of the Industrial Revolution. Students learned about the working conditions of children employed in the mills. Children as young as 5 years old worked the machines barefoot for up to 16 hours per day.

In addition to support the topic, Springwell Leeds were loaned a range of artefacts from the era by Artemis including bobbins, shuttles, flat irons and original notebooks written by actual workers after the industrial revolution. The students were intrigued by the fact that these were written so long ago. However, they most enjoyed making model steam engines!!



# Oakwood Primary Site News

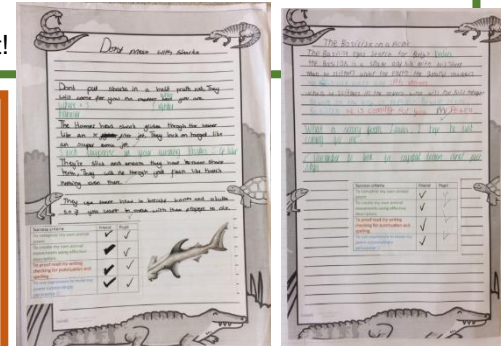
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## Dates for your Diary ...

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# WE'VE BEEN HAVING A WILD TIME AT OAKWOOD

**Beck Class -** What an exciting few weeks we have had in Beck class, not only have we been working our socks off in preparation for SATS in May, but we have also been exploring various areas around the world. From the hot desert and humidity of the Amazon rain forest, to the Atlantic Ocean, and the animals who live there. In English we have created poems describing our favourite animal, from Pristus's hammerhead shark, to Lewis, and his deadly Basilisk who searches in the dead of night for teachers to eat!



**Creek Class –** We have loved learning across the curriculum about animals and their habitats. We have enjoyed creating and being in our animal immersive area where we have a beach, the sea, mountains, a waterfall, snow, ice and the rainforest. Our tree is covered in birds and insect life including our feathered friend Bill from Owl Babies. He lives high up in the tree with his family and keeps a close watch on what is happening in the room!

We have recently welcomed Mr Moorhouse to our class and we are all getting to know each other quite well now. We absolutely love the way he plays the piano and listen avidly as he plays beautiful music such as Waves composed by Ludivico Einaudi and Ameilie by Yann Tierson. We close our eyes and let our imaginations run away with the music. Next term Mr Moorhouse is going to teach us how to play some music on the piano which we are all looking forward to very much.

**Waterfall Class -** On Thursday 30th March we held a tea Party for local elderly residents and relations of the children in the class. In preparation for the event the children prepared and presented speeches to persuade Mr Jacques to sponsor the event. They developed their thinking skills in planning all the parts of the event and everything that was needed for food, drink and entertainment. They used maths skills to make sure that they kept within the budget and that they ordered enough for the number of guests invited.

This was an opportunity for the children to welcome the local community into our school. The children were superb hosts. Zack ran an excellent raffle; Eleanor and Kyla performed an action song; Harrison promoted his business rap and gave origami demonstrations; Bradley listened to Lucy, one of our guests who talked about her life in Lancashire and we were amazed to find out that she was 99 years old! Natneal was a perfect waiter and made sure everyone has fresh cups of tea. David helped Mr Barnett pick up the local residents and made sure they were safely taken home too. Savannah and the whole class worked as a team to set up the room for the event and to tidy away afterwards. Mrs Wigglesworth and Miss Wason helped all the children and provided the perfect background music.

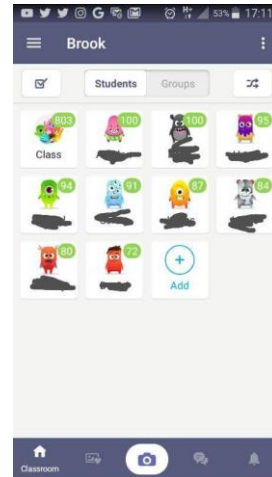




# Oakwood Primary Site News Continued

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**Brook Class** – We have been studying African Animals for our topic 'Animals: A world without wildlife'. We are focusing on African Animals and thinking about stories from Africa, the climate in Africa, adaptations of animals and African art. We are also reaping the benefits from our new reward system. The children like having fresh starts and seeing the tokens quickly accumulate.



Look at these fantastic token scores from our first day.



**Stream Class** - We have been learning about stories from other cultures. We read and explored the story of Hansel and Gretel, the children loved the idea of a house made of sweets to lure in children. We even designed our own sweet houses. On Shrove Tuesday we made LOADS of pancakes - we tried them with lots of different topping and our favourite was strawberries and chocolate spread. In Maths we have been learning about right angles and searched the classroom for all the right angles we could find! We are really excited to start our new topic all about animals!



# Stonegate Road Site News

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## Dates for your Diary ...

**Parent Review Day –  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**  
Leeds City College will also be present at the review.

## Healthy Young People Clinic

Welcome to the Springwell HYP clinic, every lunchtime in the salon there will be support around:

- Healthy Lifestyles including hygiene & eating.
- Emotional Health & Wellbeing: Bullying, Relationships, Stress & Anxiety.
- Sexual Health
- Puberty
- C-Card scheme
- Chlamydia testing
- Pregnancy testing
- Substance use: Signposting and supporting access to specialist services for Drugs and Alcohol and Smoking and much more



# WE'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE!

World Book Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. We dressed up and we had a ball...



Tutor groups created a display that represents their diversity and qualities also reflecting the community ethos of the Springwell academy.





# STONEGATE ROAD STUDENTS WIN LEEDS YOUNG FILMMAKER AWARD

Leeds Young Filmmakers' Golden Owl Awards is an exciting filmmaking competition for young people aged 19\* and under. The Golden Owl Awards celebrates the best of young people's filmmaking across the city and offers an opportunity for you to see your work celebrated and rewarded in front of an audience of friends, parents, carers, teachers, filmmaking professionals and other young film enthusiasts.

Staff at Springwell Academy Leeds, Stonegate site in conjunction with Interplay Theatre group, are delighted to announce their win at the 'Leeds Young Filmmakers Golden Owl Awards 2017.'

Fun was had by all who attended the glamorous Awards ceremony on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Leeds Town Hall. Victory was brought home in the form of a coveted award for special effects and make-up. Year 11 actresses Ellie Williams and Sophie Mountford did the Academy proud by collecting the Award and making a short speech.

Staff are extremely impressed with the students who took part, and are looking forward to producing another award worthy film next year!

A special mention to the awesome acting and production team:

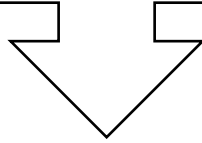
Actors: Sophie Mountford, Ellie Williams, D'Nique Bedeau, Mr Wood, Miss Noble and Miss Moore.

Production Team: Mr Wood, Mrs O'Donnell and Miss Hardwick





# JUST FOR FUN!



## Mars Bar Rice Crispy Cake Recipe

120g Margarine

4 Mars Bars or a supermarket equivalent

150g Milk chocolate

300g Rice Crispies or a supermarket equivalent

- 1) Cut the Mars Bars into small slices and melt with the margarine in a glass bowl over a saucepan of boiling water.
- 2) Take off the heat and mix in the Rice Crispies one cup at a time until the mixture is only slightly gooey.
- 3) Spoon the mixture into a tray and spread out evenly.
- 4) Heat up the milk chocolate in a glass bowl and spoon evenly over the Crispies.
- 5) Leave to cool slightly then place in the fridge for a few hours until set.