



# Springwell Leeds

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## Greetings from our Executive Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

As the fifth half term of the year comes to an end and the weather is at last beginning to feel like summer, there has been much to celebrate at Springwell Leeds Academy.

Our Year 6 students took their SATs this term and we are absolutely delighted and proud of the attitude and resilience they showed during the week. They were all expertly and sensitively supported by the team at Oakwood that made sure the week went off without drama the children were able to do their very best on the tests. We are also into exam season at the other end of the school with our KS4 students taking their GCSE's and other qualifications.

They have still a way to go to complete those so I am certain you'll join me in wishing them luck. Although these tests are of course very important for our students, they are only one way in which we can see how well your children are doing. As you know, we are very focused on helping children improve how they manage their behaviour and develop their attitude to learning and we place great importance on developing their social skills so that they are prepared for life outside our school. Attendance is also a key measure of our students' progress because without regular attendance everything else is so much harder for them to achieve. I am very proud of the progress our young people have made this year and I am confident when results come through for those taking tests and exams, you will be proud too.



Meet Olly our Therapy Dog. Olly is currently working (with his Therapist owner) with children across different sites. He is absolutely loved by the young people with whom he has sessions and is very playful and affectionate. The children with which he is working, love playing with him and he has a calming effect upon those around him. Olly is As you can see, exceptionally well behaved and has exceptional tolerance of handling by strangers. He is used to stroking or petting, is very obedient and has a lovely calm disposition. He is also used to being in a school environment and the sights, noises and smells that going along with that.

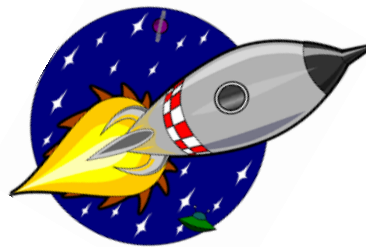
We seem to be accumulating quite a collection of animals to work with our children. As well as Olly, we have Burley the Rabbit who is very popular with students (and staff) at Burley Park and at Oakwood we have rabbits, guinea pigs, a couple of lizards, a snake and a big tarantula. We think that we interacting with and caring for animals, our students develop key skills like empathy, compassion and care. The children and young people really enjoy them as well.

Finally, you will see from photos elsewhere in this newsletter that all three of our new buildings are well and truly underway. These are very exciting times and as the first of them nears completion we will be able to start to take students up to have a look around the site. As soon as we are able, we will invite parents and carers to do the same. Until then, we'll have to make do with the photographs.

Have a great half term

*Scott Jacques*  
Executive Principal

# Brudenell Site News



School View

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## Dates for your Diary ...

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Parent Review Day.  
(Appointment times to be confirmed with class Teacher)

# WE'VE BEEN LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

## A MESSAGE FROM MR CARNEY

We have spent a lot of time recently discussing the individual successes of our young people. So many of our children have made such significant progress since September that, as staff, we often compare 'then and now' and highlight the many successes we have seen in the growth of our children.

At the heart of this success are the relationships that Springwell Leeds staff are able to develop with our students, and the trust that comes from these relationships. We are now able to push the students further than we could before knowing that we a) know their limits and b) know how to support them to push on even further.

This success comes in many shapes and sizes; improved attendance, better behaviour, improved decision making and ways of communicating, and a greater commitment to working and learning in school. This success also comes because of strong partnerships between school and home and I would like to thank parents and carers for the commitment in ensuring their child continues to thrive while at school and we look forward to discussing this with you at the Parent Review Day on June 5th. Speak to your class teacher to confirm the appointment time.



## LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

One of the key ingredients of our success this year has been the work we have done outside of the school environment. While our temporary home at the Brudenell site has provided us with a good base, we have also worked hard to ensure that students get a broad and balanced curriculum by accessing learning opportunities and a wider curriculum out of the school building. Below are some pictures that highlight some of our excellent 'enrichment' opportunities from the last half term.



In the last newsletter I talked about the importance of reading and I am pleased to report that we have seen significant improvements in the amount of time our children have been reading but, most importantly, in their attitudes towards books and reading.

Over the next half term we will be seeking to develop writing to a similar standard and will be looking to produce at least one piece of 'published' writing each week. You can guarantee your son / daughter will have worked hard to craft, draft and improve each piece and we look forward to sharing some of the best published pieces with you.



# Burley Park Site News

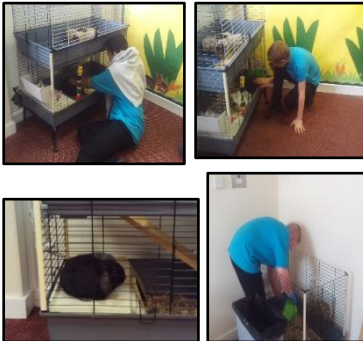


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## WE'VE BEEN LEARNING TO SAVE LIVES

### Animal Magic

Burley the rabbit has become an important member of the Burley Site family. He gives the students the opportunity to develop the nurturing side of their personalities. The students play an important part in his care, as can be seen by the rota and photos above.



At Burley Park the students have taken Olly into their hearts and have been positively participating in the animal-assisted therapy programme. By working with Olly and his handler Katy, eight students have the opportunity to improve their social and emotional wellbeing.



### Lifesavers at Burley Park

British Heart Foundation Emergency Life Support Skills

Over the last term some pupils have been following the British Heart Foundation Course in Emergency Life Support Skills. There are 3 levels to the course and a certificate of completion for achieving all levels. Pupils learn the procedures and practical skills of helping casualties in the following emergencies:

- Level 1 Conscious casualties, unconscious casualties
- Level 2 Serious bleeding, choking,
- Level 3 Signs and symptoms of a heart attack and cardiac arrest

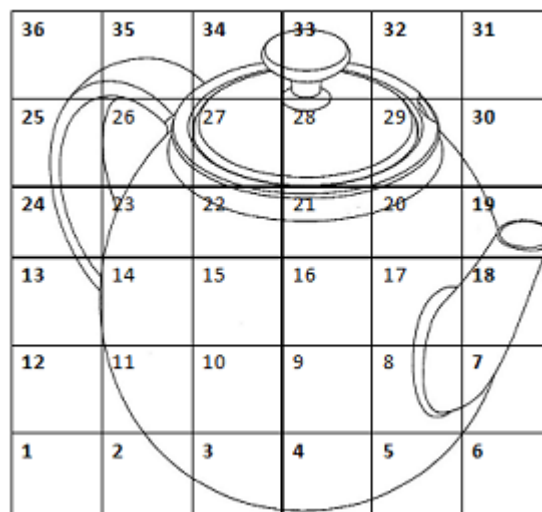
To date, two pupils have achieved Level 1, **Lewis Kelsall and Matthew Owen**. Six pupils have achieved Level 2; **Pharrell Brown, Kameron Keith, Lewis Kelsall, Matthew Owen, Steven Smith and Caleb Sutcliffe**. Level 3 has been attained by **Alfie Dodd and Caleb Sutcliffe**.

As we approach the end of the course we expect these numbers to increase.

Well done to these pupils who have taken an active part in learning how to help others.

### Big Tea Break - Reading Competition

Friday 27th April 2017



Each time the group reads, colour in a square, record the number of minutes read and sign it. The group that fills the teapot and has earned the most reading minutes wins.

**Remember:** The quicker you fill the teapot with the most reading minutes the sooner you can claim the prize.

**Prize:** Afternoon tea where you get to choose what's on the menu!

# Meanwood 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.

**FACT CORNER**

There are about 500,000 earthquakes a year around the world, as detected by sensitive instruments. About 100,000 of those can be felt, and 100 or so cause damage each year. Each year the Southern California area alone experiences about 10,000 earthquakes, most of them not felt by people.

The sun and moon cause tremors. It's long been known that they create tides in the planet's crust, very minor versions of ocean tides. Now researchers say the tug of the sun and moon on the San Andreas Fault stimulates tremors deep underground.



## WE'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THE WORLD

**WONDERS OF THE WORLD**

The wonders of the world theme introduced pupils to our amazing planet, both current and past. We explored ancient cultures and the monuments they left behind. We quickly learned where countries are situated and made models of ancient wonders. The Egyptian pyramids were a big favourite. The modern wonders are equally impressive and we then made lists of our own wonders in Yorkshire and visited some of them including The Deep in Hull.

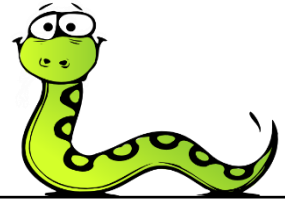
**PLANET EARTH**

We wondered how planet Earth was made and we wanted to learn about its structure. We started at the beginning with the Big Bang and considered our place in the universe. We made models of the earth and learned about the content of the layers. Class D calculated the volume of the earth using  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ . We learned about our climate and the movement of tectonic plates, creating earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes. A trip to a water treatment plant helped us to understand the water cycle.

Here's a couple of our boys hard at work!

# Oakwood Primary Site News

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## WE'VE BEEN HAVING A WILD TIME AT OAKWOOD

### Dates for your Diary ...

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Parent Review Day.

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 / 6 Football Match at 3.00 pm. Away at Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School

**Beck Class** - What a great term we have had in Beck class! Our topic this term has been World War 2, and we have been learning about The Blitz, Evacuees, and the story of Anne Frank, to the fall of Germany and VE day. This term we have also been focusing on the value of working together as a team by in building whole class discussions, team tasks and structured play to our school day. Well done class for another great half term, Mr Peach.

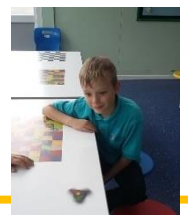


**Brook Class** – Brook class have had another fantastic half term. We have so much to tell you about but so little space. I know that you all keep updated via Class Dojo and the children love sharing their work with you. Here are a few of our highlights...

We cared for and said goodbye to our Tadpoles (thank you Samuel for bringing them in). We made our very own fidget spinners, exploiting cross-curricular links and had a 'Mad Hatters Tea Party', for our 'Who Would You Invite For Dinner?' topic.



Next half term we are looking at the topics What's under my welly? and Changes.



Have a lovely May break. Mrs Lotherington.

**Stream Class** - In Stream class this half term we have been enjoying the sunshine. We have had great fun developing our garden area and growing strawberries, tomatoes and courgettes. We have focussed on team work and throwing and catching in our games Quick Cricket usually followed by a story and cold drink on the grass.



# Oakwood Primary Site News Continued

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**Creek Class** – Creek class have had a lot of fun learning about numbers up to 100. Our favourite activity has to be the giant Snakes and Ladders game which we borrowed from the PHRC. We have played in pairs and also as a class group with much laughter heard when the push ups were attempted on the mat! We have coped really well with our feelings of frustration when we had to come back down the snakes as we all prefer to go up the ladders of course!

In Art we have been painting and mixing different colours of paint in order to create lots of exciting shades. We painted pictures of flowers and some of us even painted the actual flowers! The paintings are now displayed in our beautiful immersive garden space for everyone to see.



**Lake Class** - In Lake class we have been learning about sound. To investigate how sound travels over a distance, we made string telephones. Using different lengths of string, we tested our telephones outside. It was amazing how well they worked and we had a lot of fun!



## YEAR 6 SAT's

Our Year 6 students took their SATs this term and we are absolutely delighted and proud of the attitude and resilience they showed during the week. They were all expertly and sensitively supported by the team at Oakwood that made sure the week went off without drama the children were able to do their very best on the tests.

Congratulations to all the students who sat their exams. We are incredibly proud of you all, as you should be of yourselves.



# Stonegate Road Site News

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## Dates for your Diary ...

Parent Review Day – Monday,  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## 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!



## WELL DONE



Staff at Springwell Leeds Academy, Stonegate Road site would like to say a big '**congratulations**' to **Oliver Rafton** and **Jack Wilson** who obtained their level 5 badge in trampolining from the Leeds Rebound and Gymnastics Centre during Enrichment this week, and also to **Kammy Kearns** who got a level 6!



We have some up and coming superstars!

## ACHIEVING FOOD SAFETY

Two of our Stonegate students have recently achieved their level 2 food safety and hygiene certificates, completed online within their food tech lessons. This is a great qualification for food handlers. The qualification gives our students knowledge and understanding of the importance of food hygiene, associated food hazards, good hygiene practice and controls based upon an awareness of food safety management systems. Holders will know how to maintain good practice in the handling, processing and preparation of safe food.

## EASTER EGGS FOR KIDS APPEAL

The students of Springwell Stonegate Road collected Easter Eggs which were then donated to the local Children's Hospice in response to their Easter Egg Appeal.



# JUST FOR FUN!



## STAR WARS FACT CORNER

Yoda was originally going to be played by a monkey carrying a cane and wearing a mask.

Denis Lawson, who played Wedge Antilles, is Ewan McGregor's uncle.

The sound of the TIE Fighter engines is actually the sound of an elephant call mixed with the sounds of a car driving on wet pavement.

56. Every Star Wars film has been released the week after George Lucas' birthday on May 14.

## FROZEN YOGHURT BITES

### Ingredients

200g Natural Yoghurt  
Handful of fresh raspberries  
Handful of fresh blueberries

### Method

- 1) Gather together your ingredients.
- 2) Lay out approximately 12 cupcake cases or silicone muffin cups on a small baking sheet or tray (this will need to fit in your freezer, so it may be worth checking it for size before you start).
- 3) Using a spoon, dollop some yoghurt into the bottom of each cake case until all the yoghurt has gone.
- 4) Pop a few pieces of fruit into each cup, pressing them down into the yoghurt with the tip of your finger.
- 5) Place the cups (still on the baking tray) into the freezer and leave to freeze for a couple of hours until set solid.
- 6) Once frozen through, remove from the cases and serve (or bag up and pop straight back in the freezer to eat later).

