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Greetings from our Executive Principal



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to our second monthly newsletter, which I hope you will find as useful and informative as the first.

It's been quite a month in the life of our new Academy in which two of our sites have packed up and moved. Our Primary school has now moved to its permanent home back at the Oakwood Lane site.

While they have been away, the old Oakwood PRU and West Oaks building has had an extensive refurbishment, meaning that on the inside, it looks and feels very much like a completely new building. The building work by Leeds City Council involved some important safety improvements such as the safe removal of asbestos and improving fire safety measures, but also included the replacement of almost all the floors, ceilings and doors as well as turning the building from a split site into a single school. We have completely replaced and upgraded the ICT facilities and resources for children at the school – each classroom now has a large interactive touch screen instead of the old whiteboards and projectors. We have also added to the ICT equipment available children, meaning that they will be making much more use of iPads in their learning. This investment is just the first phase of our development of the Primary Academy site. Over the coming months and years, we will be investing in this part of our Academy to continue to improve the facilities available.

Our second move of the month came with the closure of the old building at Tinshill and the moving of all our staff and students from there, down to the Stonegate site. As you may know, the building on the Tinshill site will now be demolished to make way for the third of our new school buildings which will open in September 2018.

I have been massively impressed with how quickly the children and young people have settled into their new buildings and would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff from both sites who put in a huge amount of work, care and effort to pack up, move and then unpack the two schools. Any of you that have ever moved house will, I am sure, be able to imagine how hard it is to move a school!

I was immensely proud this month of the efforts made by our young people to raise money for two very worthy causes. Firstly, the annual Poppy Appeal raised over £70 for the British Legion which is a tremendous effort and remembrance day was marked with appropriate respect on all sites. Children in Need was a great success and I am sure you will enjoy reading the accounts and seeing the pictures of the fun that was had by all at Springwell Leeds. In addition to the fun, more than £250.00 was raised, that I am certain you will agree is a fantastic effort.

Finally, a reminder about the Parent Forum which is having its first ever meeting on Tuesday, 6th December 2016 at 10.30am at our Oakwood Lane Site. The Parents Forum is open to Parents and carers of children and young people across all our sites and is an opportunity for you to have an informal chat with me and other senior leaders from the Academy over a cup of tea and a piece of cake. Further information, which has already been sent out, is attached to the back of this newsletter.

I hope lots of you will attend and I look forward to meeting you.

Scott Jacques
Executive Principal

Brudenell Site News

School View

Hyde Park

Leeds

LS6 1EN

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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 Boy
in the
Striped
Pajamas

JOHN BOYNE

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Our core text this half term is The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. This has provided a great opportunity to learn about friendships, coping with change and life during World War 2. If you want to borrow a copy of the book or the DVD then please don't hesitate to ask.



WE'VE BEEN STUDYING & REMEMBERING!



Remembrance Day

Students at Brudenell honoured Remembrance Day as a school with a number of creative, and thought provoking activities. Students were able to use the Commonwealth War Graves website to research soldiers who died during World War One, searching for relatives or soldiers who shared their surname, and print off the certificate every soldier has.

Students also researched the trenches as a class, and used this knowledge to each design and create a Trench Cake. The cakes were then judged blind – in the style of The Great British Bake Off – by Mr Carney. The activities proved highly successful, and thought provoking for our students, and also produced some fantastic cakes.



Attendance

Our attendance has improved from 84% to almost 87%. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in helping to secure this improvement.



1st Place
Thomas Robertshaw

2nd Place
Harewood Class



3rd Place
Lee Brier



Rewards Trips

As a reward for Positive Behaviour throughout the week, on a Friday afternoon, students have the opportunity to take part in a variety of Rewards Trips and Activities. These have included bowling and lunch at Pizza Hut, Lazer Zone and Friday 18th November saw pupils brave the bad weather to try Go-Karting, Climbing Walls, and even a Water (Mud!) Slide. Students behaved impeccably, and represented Springwell Leeds brilliantly.



Burley Park Site News

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Cardigan Lane
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Dates for your Diary ...

Thursday, 8
December 2016 – The
Burley Park Site
Christmas Fayre
1.00 pm – 2.30 pm

It would be great to
see you there



WE'VE BEEN BUILDING ON OUR SKILLS!



Leeds College of Building

Pupils from Red and Blue Group have been gaining practical experience of skills that they can later pursue at Leeds College of Building.

They have developed skills in woodwork and varnishing with shellac to make planters that will look fantastic in the spring and summer when they are filled with flowers. Other activities have included working with moulds, painting mouldings, plastering, tiling and using a variety of tools.



Education is not
preparation for life;
education is life
itself.

~ John Dewey

Dick Winterton of City & Guilds Awards:-

“By knowing what skills are going to be in demand and providing young people with qualifications that will equip them with these skills, we can help make them more aware of the areas where there is the most demand, and encourage them to be more positive about their future careers.”

Meanwood Site News

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Winthorpe Street
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WE'VE BEEN SSSSSUPER BRAVE!

Dates for your Diary ...

Thursday, 15th December -
Meanwood Site
Christmas Fayre 1.00 pm.

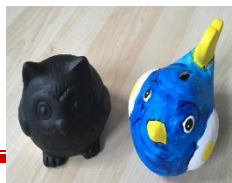


There was a rumble in the jungle down at Meanwood last Friday when we had a visit from some slippery and creepy critters. Reptile Rangers dropped in accompanied by Giant African Millipedes, Bearded Dragons, Boa Constrictors, Tarantulas and a Blue Tongue Skink!



Our brave students were keen to handle these creatures and were amazed and enthralled to learn about their feeding habits, natural habitats and their life in the wild.

Unlike our students, many staff were not so brave and only Mr Kilbride and Miss Miller dared to hold the boa constrictor and tarantula!



Students at Springwell Meanwood have been busy making items to sell at our Christmas Fair which is to be held on Thursday, 15th December at 1.00 pm, at the Meanwood Site.

It's been a hive of activity getting the items made some of which include, glass tea light holders, edible Christmas trees, Christmas decorations and cards, money boxes, candles and bath bombs, to name but a few!

The students are very excited about hosting this event and your support would be very welcome to ensure a successful afternoon!



FACT CORNER
The largest tarantulas have a leg span of nearly 10 inches, or about the size of a dinner plate.



Oakwood Primary Site News

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Oakwood Lane
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Dates for your Diary ...

Thursday, 15th
December – Oakwood
Primary Christmas
Production – 1.30 pm



WE'VE BEEN RAISING LOTS OF MONEY!

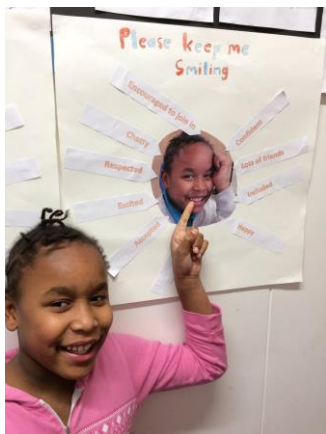


Here at Oakwood we have been doing lots of fun things, all in the name of charity. Sporty fun and games, throw the sponge at the teachers, face painting and baking!

Thank you to everyone who donated money – We managed to raise an amazing £130 and had a really fun day in the process!



Well Done Destiny –
The winner of our
'Anti-Bullying Poster
Competition'



We've also had lots of exciting visitors coming to visit us this week, for 'Aspiration Days'. People from a wide range of careers from Vets and Builders to Police Officers and Television Presenters have been inspiring us for the future.



Beth Wilson
TV Presenter Made in Leeds



Miss Elvidge's Vet

Stonegate Road Site News

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

Joanna Lane, the creator of the Children in Need mascot, Pudsey Bear, named him after the village of Pudsey, Leeds where she grew up.



Our Move from Tinshill to Stonegate Road

Everyone has settled well after our move from the Tinshill Site to Stonegate Road. The staff worked incredibly hard over the 2 days to ensure that the site was ready for the arrival of the students.



WE'VE BEEN BAKING AND MAKING



A great time was had by all on Friday, 18th November when our young people were involved in activities such as:

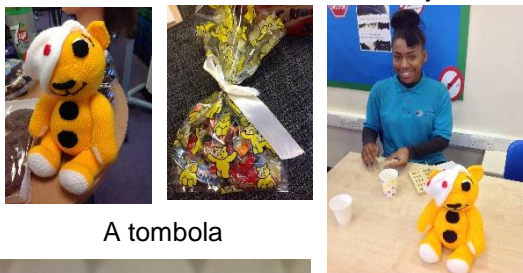
Pin the patch on Pudsey



Blow football on a giant board



Raffles to win a hand knitted Pudsey Bear



A tombola



Bun's and cakes galore!



Dylan McCleary designed a Pudsey Bear t-shirt



A cheeky hot chocolate with whipped cream and marshmallows.

All in aid of charity.

And many sporting activities also went on in the hall with support from the students at Leeds Beckett.

Well done and thank you to everyone who supported our event – Together, we raised a fabulous £122.06 for Children in Need 2016.



JUST FOR FUN!



Colour me in!



How many other famous bears can you name?



Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe

Ingredients: 150g salted butter, softened 80g light brown muscovado sugar 80g granulated sugar
 2 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 large egg 225g plain flour ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
 ¼ teaspoon salt 200g plain chocolate chip or chunks



1. Preheat the oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Line two baking trays with non-stick baking paper.
2. Put the butter and sugars into a bowl and beat until creamy. Beat in the vanilla extract and egg. Sieve the flour, bicarbonate of soda and salt over the mixture and mix in with a wooden spoon. Add the chocolate chips and stir well.
3. Using a teaspoon, place small mounds of the mixture well apart on the baking trays. Bake in the oven for 8–10 mins until light brown on the edges and still slightly soft in the centre.
4. Leave on the tray for a couple of minutes to firm up and then transfer to a cooling rack.