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Greetings from our Executive Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first Springwell Leeds Academy newsletter of the school year! We are now in our fourth week back after the holiday and many of our students are settling in well into their new routines and in some cases, their new sites. We have grown in size since we opened a year ago and now have about 170 students across the Academy as well as around 140 staff. This means that we have just about doubled in size in the 12 months we have been open and in the next 12 months we will double in size again! We have an exciting year ahead as this is the year when we will finally move to the remainder of our new and permanent homes across the city.

We moved all our Primary children to the Springwell Leeds Primary Academy site in Oakwood in October last year and this year we will undertake the following moves:

- Springwell Leeds East – site in Seacroft, opens for students in Years 6 to 11 in January 2018
- Springwell Leeds South – site in Middleton, opens for students in Years 6 to 11 in April 2018
- Springwell Leeds North – site in Tinshill, opens for students in Years 6 to 11 in September 2018

The new buildings opening will mean that our temporary sites at Meanwood, Brudenell, Stonegate and Burley Park will close throughout the year as the students are moved. We will make sure that you have plenty of notice if your child is effected and will keep you up to date with our preparations for transition throughout the coming weeks. You can follow the progress of these sites at www.springwellacademyleeds.org where we post regular updates from the sites including photos and spectacular film footage taken by drones.

I am aware that at the start of the year, some of you were effected by problems surrounding transport to school. This was extremely disappointing for us and I am certain quite worrying and disruptive for you and your family. As you may know, Leeds City Council are in charge of the organisation and running of home to school transport, so we have been working very closely with them and the taxi companies to ensure that this situation improves rapidly and disruption to you and your children is minimised. I hope that the improvement we have seen in this service continues from this point forward.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

Scott Jacques
Executive Principal

Brudenell Site News

School View

Hyde Park

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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.

WE'RE OFF TO A GREAT START!

Brudenell have made a fantastic start to the academic year with the following students having 100% attendance since the start of term - well done!



Craig Kelly



Alfi Ramsey



Tom Robertshaw



Jack Kemp

Perfect Attendance!



We also have a number of students who are all on 92.9% so well done *Rebecca, Cian, Ciaran and Lewis!*

Well done!



New Faces to the Brudenell Site

Brudenell has had a few new faces and as one of them I would like to thank all the staff and students for making me feel so welcome and a part of this exciting community. My name is Dave Roberts, I am the Assistant Principal for the new Springwell Leeds, East building and I am currently running the Springwell Leeds Brudenell site.

I have come from a local mainstream school setting with the majority of my experience being in the pastoral side of schools, however I am also a Science teacher and I am very impressed with how innovative the team have been at creating exciting science. I pride myself on being a fair and transparent leader so living up to that I feel it is only right that I include not only a picture of myself but also a picture that the students suggested for me (I am on the left). Although I have managed to meet a number of the fantastic parents and carers, I do look forward to meeting more of you in the near future.



FAIR ISN'T
everybody getting the same thing.....

FAIR IS
everybody getting what they need
In order to be **SUCCESSFUL.**

Burley Park Site News

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WELCOME BACK FROM BURLEY PARK

The Summer 2017

Summer School 2017, coordinated by Craig Tonkinson and Caroline Fisher during the summer holidays, was a great success. We gave pupils the opportunity to participate in therapeutic interventions and a wide range of activities both on and off site as you will see from the photographs below, a great time was had by all.



Bonding games enabled staff and students to get to know each other.



Quick Cricket



Animal Assisted therapy

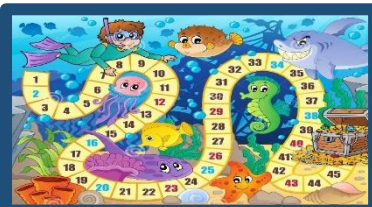


Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Reading for Pleasure

Here at Burley Park, the 'Under The Sea Group Reading Competition' and 'Caught Reading' were launched on Friday, 21st September 2017.

To move around the grid the group has to read for at least ten minutes per box. The teacher will cross off each box and sign it. The group that reaches the treasure first WINS!! The competition ends on Friday, 13th October 2017.



Every Friday during assembly a pupils name is drawn and they have breakfast made by Mrs Grice-Binns the following week.

'Caught Reading'

Student: _____

Staff: _____

Date: _____



Yeadon Tarn



Planning session with the graffiti artist & the final product



The New Curriculum September 2017

This academic year the pupils here at the Burley Park Site are being given the opportunity to participate in new subjects and to learn through our Blended curriculum. The staff worked as a team before the summer holidays to put together a scheme which incorporate all of the subjects under one theme.

Term 1 : Under the sea, Space, the Romans and the World's Wildest Weather

Term 2 : Dream Machines, Ancient Egypt, Mini Beasts, Pirates

Term 3: Spies, The Island, Theme Parks, the World Cup

Dance and music have been added to the curriculum, these subjects all follow the themes illustrated above. Individual music sessions are also still available.

Finally, the addition of an Art Teacher this term has given us the opportunity to offer this subject. Art is an excellent vehicle for pupils to express themselves, creatively and emotionally.

Meanwood Site News

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WELCOME BACK FROM MEANWOOD

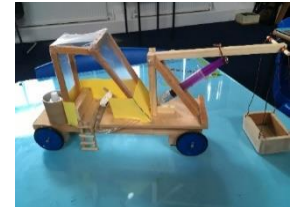


A message from the Vice Principal – Emma Dodsworth
 Since joining Springwell Leeds at the start of this term, I have been impressed with how quickly our young people have settled back in to their school routines and learning. I have also been in awe at the dedication, care and commitment our staff show daily to making sure our students feel safe and able to succeed. I would also like to thank our parents and carers for working so closely with the school to ensure a successful start to the academic year. I look forward to working together during the exciting year ahead.

DJ School at Meanwood
 Harewood Class at Meanwood are engaging really well in an opportunity to learn new skills at DJ School UK. They are attending a weekly session and are working towards an accreditation with AQA.



Pimp my science lesson
 An investigation into the principles of hydraulics using a wooden model kit during a Science lesson wasn't good enough for Lewis Gibbs, one of our Meanwood students this week. After accepting the challenge of improving the model so that it could lift more, Lewis went to town.
 The first task was to re-engineer the model by strengthening the lifting frame so that it could support more weight. Next came a cylinder upgrade as the previous one began leaking under the higher pressure needed to lift a greater weight. Undeterred by the fact that the new syringe didn't fit the pipe work, Lewis drilled out the new syringe so that its bore matched that of the existing pipe work.
 A bucket was then grafted onto the existing platform and connected to the lifting arm using copper wire so that it would hold more weights.
 Re-engineering complete, Lewis set about making the rolling chassis and the drivers cab complete with plastic windows, steering wheel and gear stick and a ladder so that the driver can climb into the cab.
 So how much can the new machine lift Lewis?
 "I dunno, we ran out of weights! But it lifted over a kilogram. I reckon' it would lift way more than that" said Lewis proudly.
 The well and truly pimped Science experiment now sits in pride of place on the windowsill in Lewis' bedroom, testament to our engineer in waiting. Check out the Springwell Leeds twitter feed to see the machine in action.



A hydraulic powered JCB look-a-like capable of lifting over a 1kg in weight

Oakwood Primary Site News

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WELCOME BACK FROM OAKWOOD

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Aire Class

This half term in Aire class we have been studying Kings and Queens of England. The children produced some fantastic portraits and researched historical facts connected to their paintings.



Clyde Class

What a fantastic start back to the autumn term Clyde class. Our Topic over the first few weeks has been based around the story of The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt, in which we have explored different parts of the story and characters, have written book reviews and even created our own sequel as a class! I think Peach crayon was my favourite crayon. But I may be biased.

Well done Clyde class, a great start to the school year!

Mr Peach.



Ness Class

Ness class have been finding out about Sikhism. We have enjoyed looking at artefacts including the 5K's and found wearing the Kesh interesting. We are planning to visit a Sikh Temple in Leeds.



Oakwood Primary Site News Continued

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Trent Class

"We have started the term looking at 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt.

This is a book which has inspired some very creative work."



Tyne Class

Tyne class have really enjoyed reading the book *The Day the Crayons Quit*, and thinking about all of the different colours included in the story and the feelings of the crayons. We have tasted lots of different food including green kiwis and cucumbers and purple cabbage! In our Art lessons we have had a lot of fun and concentrated so hard on completing our colourful Sequin Magic Animal pictures. They are going to be displayed in our Tyne class art gallery. Please do come and see them soon!

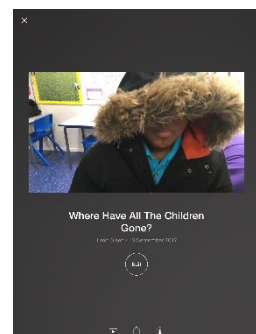


Wharfe Class

Wharfe class have enjoyed our theme 'Why did the crayons quit?' We thought about how the crayons felt and why. We developed our persuasive writing skills and did a campaign as to which crayon should be the colour of the sun. Wharfe discussed which crayon would be King or Queen and the characteristics of a ruler. We then created some amazing crowns with key characteristics on. I'm sure a few houses in Leeds were covered in glitter, sparkles and gems.

Wharfe class have loved creating movies using the iMovie app. If you have this app on any of your devices please ask your child to show you how it works.

Photos show one of our crayon displays and a screenshot from our movie trailer.



Stonegate Road Site News

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WELCOME BACK FROM STONEGATE

Principal's Welcome

Hello and welcome to the first Newsletter of the new year. It has been my pleasure to welcome all the students back to what will be our final school year in our temporary homes. As you are no doubt aware, it is now only a matter of weeks until the first Springwell Leeds building opens and we could not be more excited.

Our school text this term is 'Trash' and we are using this to develop student's knowledge and understanding around Brazil and themes of Friendship, Justice, Poverty and Aspiration. If you would like a copy of the text to read at home then please contact Mr Prosho on the school number.



Giving Something Back

Developing kindness, empathy and an appreciation of others is something we value greatly at Springwell Leeds Academy and so I was delighted to hear that we were running a McMillan Coffee Morning in our Harbour Class. The group raised over £50 for a very worthwhile cause. **Well done Harbour students!**



Embracing the Arts

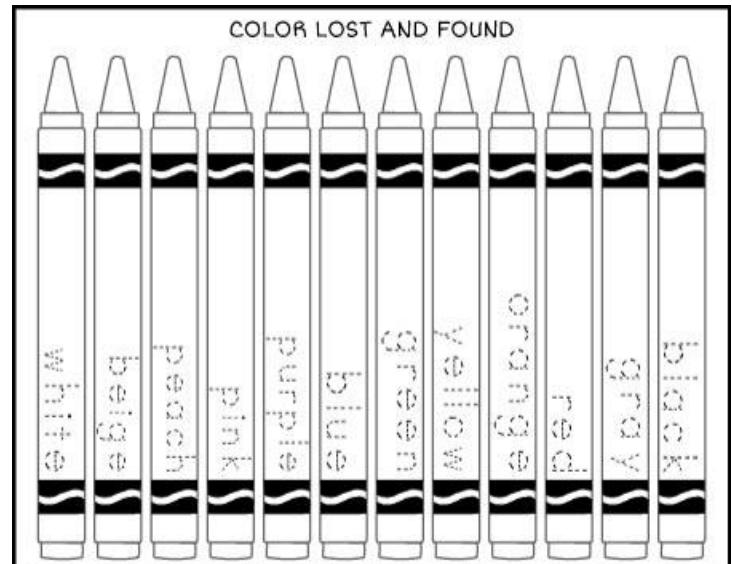
Another thing we hold dear at Springwell Leeds is the importance of a creative curriculum and so it has been refreshing to see the development of Music over the last month and, of course, our Artists in Residence. As well as hearing some of the musical highlights on the @springwell_Lds twitter account, below are some of the most impressive pieces of art work I have seen. Well done and keep the creativity coming!



JUST FOR FUN !



Can you find all 12 differences between these pictures?



Popcorn Brownies



1 Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4. Line a baking tin with parchment paper

2 Sift the flour, icing sugar and cocoa powder into a bowl and set aside
80g of self-raising flour 300g of icing sugar 40g of cocoa powder

3 Add the dark chocolate, butter and golden syrup to a pan and place over a low heat. Heat until the chocolate melts, then add the vanilla extract and stir to combine :-

300g of dark chocolate 180g of unsalted butter 4 tsp golden syrup 1 tsp vanilla extract

4 Carefully crack the eggs into a bowl and whisk until pale and fluffy - you can use an electric hand-held whisk if you have one.

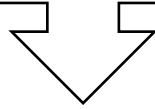
5 Slowly fold the warm melted chocolate mixture into the eggs, then gently fold in the flour mixture until fully incorporated

6 Add the white chocolate and 50g of the popcorn. Pour the mixture into the lined baking tin and bake in the oven for 30 minutes.

300g of white chocolate buttons 50g of sweet popcorn

7 Remove the tray from the oven and allow to cool. Once the brownie is cool enough to handle, remove from the tray, cut into squares and serve with the rest of the popcorn

NEW BUILD UPDATES



Friday, 29th September was a significant (and very wet day) in the short history of Springwell Leeds Academy. We held the “topping out” ceremony at the Tinshill (Springwell Leeds, North) site which marked the completion of the highest point on the last of our 3 new builds.

For those of you who are wondering what a ‘Topping Out Ceremony’ is, here is a brief description :-

*In building construction, **topping out** (sometimes referred to as **topping off**) is a builders' rite traditionally held when the last beam (or its equivalent) is placed atop a structure during its construction. Nowadays, the **ceremony** is often parlayed into a media event for public relations purposes.*

The event was attended by the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Jane Dowson) and various other dignitaries from the council and the builders, Interserve.



The Lord Mayor of Leeds signing the final beam of the Springwell Leeds, North site structure.



Mr Jacques, our Executive Principal signing the beam.



Mr Carney, the Principal of the Springwell Leeds North site, the Wellspring Trust and Interserve team also signed the final piece.



The Lord Mayor of Leeds adding the final ‘Golden bolt’



The Springwell Leeds, North site with the crane waiting to lift the final piece of the structure.