



# Springwell Leeds

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## Greetings from our Executive Principal

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to the very first edition of our brand new Springwell Leeds Academy Newsletter. We hope to have a newsletter to you every month from now on and will use it as an opportunity to share with you and celebrate the amazing things that go on across our settings. I really hope that you will find it a useful and enjoyable way of keeping yourself informed of what goes on in our academy.

We have just about completed our first half term together as Springwell Leeds Academy and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you how far we have come in such a very short space of time. We opened our doors on 5th September 2016 as a single brand new Academy in Leeds which replaced Elmete Wood BSD SILC, Tinshill Teaching and Learning Centre, Oakwood Pupil Referral Unit, Burley Park Pupil Referral Unit and Springwell Meanwood, as well as taking in those children from the Oakwood Lane site of the North East SILC. This year we will have around 175 pupils between the ages of 4 and 16 based on 6 different sites across the city. From the start of next half term these sites will be:

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| ★ Oakwood Lane – KS1 and KS2    | ★ Burley Park – KS3                   |
| ★ Meanwood (Bentley Lane) – KS3 | ★ Brudenell (Hyde Park) – KS3         |
| ★ Stonegate Road – KS4          | ★ Horsforth (Leeds City College Site) |

We are delighted to say that our Primary children will be moving back to their home on Oakwood Lane after spending some time at the Stonegate site. While we have been away, the whole school has been refitted and refurbished and will feel like a completely new building when the children and staff move back in. As well as taking the opportunity to return the site into a single school, we have replaced floors, ceilings, doors and redecorated. We have also updated the ICT facilities so that the children will have access to the latest technologies to support their learning. I am sure that you will notice the difference and huge improvement when you next visit. You will also notice that we will no longer have any students based on the Tinshill site, as we are moving all students based there over to Stonegate Road. This is so that the old Tinshill building can be demolished to make way for one of our brand new schools to be built on that site. It is planned that demolition work will begin a few weeks after we leave and the new building be completed and ready for us to move into in September 2018.

Very exciting news is that building work has begun on the very first of our new buildings on the old Foxwood School site in Seacroft. We will keep you informed of the progress of that site and hope to be able to provide you with a live link to a webcam so you can watch the site develop over time. We are hoping that we will be able to move into that site in January 2018, which is only just over a year away!

In the rest of this newsletter you will find updates from around all of our sites and will be able to get a flavour of the incredible things that are going on there. I have been so impressed with how well many of our students have settled into their new school, with new staff, new buildings and in some cases new classmates. I am determined that all our young people enjoy school and have a curriculum that excites and motivates them as well as one that makes sure that they can develop the key skills they will need for their next steps in life. I have been delighted by the commitment and dedication of our teaching teams on all sites in trying to make this happen from the very first day we opened. I have also been delighted to meet many of you over the last few weeks and am looking forward to meet many more of you in the future.

*Scott Jacques*

# Brudenell Site News

School View

Hyde Park

Leeds

LS6 1EN

## 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.



### REMEMBER!

The clocks 'fall back' 1 hour on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 2.00 am

# WE'VE BEEN GETTING OFF TO A PERFECT START!



Let us begin with a huge 'Congratulations' to Brownlee Class who have, on two separate occasions this half term, achieved the perfect day. Every child was present, on time, fully equipped, behaved impeccably throughout the day and worked so hard they were awarded Level 5s for both the morning and the afternoon session.

Last weeks' achievement was the first time any class group had achieved this so to repeat the achievement the following week is extra impressive. Well done Brownlee, Jonathan & Alistair would be proud of your dedication!



Congratulations also go to the following students who have all achieved 100% attendance in the first half term:



The first rule of success in school is to make sure you are present every day and by achieving 100% you are giving yourself the best possible start. Keep up the good work!

Our Enrichment Curriculum is really starting to gather pace. So far this half term we have visited Goals, Herd Farm, Burley Park, Laser Zone, Warner Village, Waitrose, Jump Arena and the Leeds Climbing Wall. As you will remember from the induction meeting, it is our intention to use the city as our classroom and we intend to create as many opportunities as possible to enhance our curriculum offer. A special mention must go to so many of our students who have attended so many of the trips and behaved impeccably at all times. Well done!

*Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.*

~ Aristotle

# Burley Park Site News

Burley Park Centre  
 Cardigan Lane  
 Leeds  
 LS4 2LE  
 0113 2782009

## Dates for your Diary ...

**Thursday, 8 December 2016 – Christmas Fayre**

Further details to follow next month

# WE'VE BEEN RAISING AWARENESS!



This month, the pupils in Red Group played a major role in raising awareness of food banks. They wrote letters to parents and staff explaining the role of the Leeds North and West Food Bank and requesting donations. The group led an assembly about food banks and how important they are to people in need in our area.

In 2013 the Leeds North and West food bank opened to help the needy and not so fortunate families. In 2015 7,344 three-day emergency food supplies were given to people in crisis ensuring less people went hungry.



Red Group would like to thank parents, pupils and staff for their support and donations. We are well on the way to filling the box and plan to visit one of the food banks to deliver Burley Park's donation very soon.

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October** – We had a Showcase Event in class where we shared our Elements 'Heroes' themed work.



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

~ John Dewey

# Meanwood Site News

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 Winthorpe Street  
 Leeds  
 LS6 4AN  
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**Dates for your Diary ...**

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 – Review Day**

Invitations have gone out to parents' and carers' inviting them to the centre to meet with Shona Crichton and the tutors and TA's to celebrate the hard work the students' have done this half term

## WE'VE BEEN TAKING THE LEAD!



Students at our Meanwood site met with some four legged friends at the beginning of October, and a great time was had by all.

Donna Sayce from the Leeds Dog's Trust met with 3 of our students and introduced them to two of their long term inmates, Dennis a 17-year-old Jack Russell and Buttercup, a friendly Terrier cross.



Our students will be meeting up with these two canines on a regular basis and will be learning how to care for these animals and will undertake lessons in grooming, diet and exercise and even how to make homemade doggie treats and our boys are looking forward to next week's lesson which will be "The Dog Obstacle Course" At the end of the course they will achieve a Certificate in Caring for Canines, but one of the largest benefits has to be the welcome calming effect these animals have on our students.



Our boys are counting the hours to the next doggy day!

**FACT CORNER**

The companionship that animals offer is a great way to reduce anxiety and stress, especially in children.



# Stonegate Road Site News

Primary Site  
Stonegate Road  
Leeds  
LS6 4QJ  
01132930285

## Dates for your Diary ...

We're moving!



**We are closed to students for our site move to Oakwood on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016.**

**Re-opening to students at our new Oakwood site on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016.**

There has been a lot of change and disruption at Stonegate Road this term but I am proud to announce that the pupils and staff alike have embraced the challenges and succeeded.

More change to come as we return to Oakwood Lane but I am supremely confident that the great teaching and learning will continue.

We're all excited to get settled in our new home.



# WE'VE BEAN LOOKING AT CHOCOLATE!

Wow! What a busy half term. Lots of new faces to smile at and names to remember; and while we had lots of fun there was a great deal of learning taking place too.

The theme of 'Chocolate' inspired some great teaching opportunities... We did a study of the Mayan civilisation in humanities and a poetry focus in English (Keep reading and you will see how the Mayan civilisation is linked with our chocolate theme...)

We have enjoyed listening to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and learning about all of the characters in the book. We have particularly enjoyed designing and making chocolate boxes for our favourite, chosen chocolates!

Gardening lessons have started this term, with the theme of 'Growing Our Own Food,' looking firstly at chocolate (of course). Using a cocoa bean we were able to look at the very beginnings of plant growth and the process of growing a bean, right through to a bar of chocolate.



We have also started on our 'WOW' piece of work. We are in the process of creating our very own Mayan God. This is a large colourful piece that incorporates our knowledge of the Gods and their importance to the Ancient Mayan Civilisation.

**DID YOU KNOW** -The Mayan Indians were the first people we know of to use chocolate. They crushed the beans into powder and mixed it with water for...HOT CHOCOLATE. They called it 'bitter water' because they did not put sugar in it.



# Tinshill Site News

Leeds Teaching & Learning Centre  
 Woodnock Drive  
 Leeds, LS16 6NE  
 0113 2679467

## Dates for your Diary ...

We're moving!



**We will be closed to students for our move to the Stonegate Road Site from Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November to Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

**We will see you all on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> at:- Stonegate Road LS6 4QJ**

**We learn by pushing ourselves and finding what really lies at the outer reaches of our abilities.**

~ Will Smith



# WE'VE BEEN GETTING ENRICHED!

We've got off to a great start this term with Enrichment afternoon taking place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon's. Students have the opportunity to try fishing, dance, cake decorating, film club, Interplay (an external organisation who make films, do make-up design for films and write and act out scripts), Dogs Trust, the gym at Holt Park, Trailblazer Bootcamp, football and some charity events. All the students have participated in the enrichment afternoons and loved the new activities.



D'Nique impressed us all by revealing a real talent for make-up design, she has done most of the make up for the Zombie film which students are making with Interplay and Interplay have offered to take D'Nique for some work experience next half term.

Jack Dixon has showcased his ability to direct and film and Sophie Mountford has played a lead role in the film, as well as contributing ideas. Watch this space for the opening of the Zombie film.

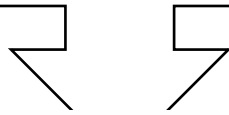


Kammy Kearns has made great progress with her dancing and Craig Lowth and Beth Townend have demonstrated excellent skills and patience in the Cake Decorating lessons. Marcus Fawcett and Jordan Finlay are developing their fitness skills each week and external providers have commented on how well they are doing.

All students have made some excellent progress and staff are very proud of what students are achieving each week.



# JUST FOR FUN!



## Autumn Word Search



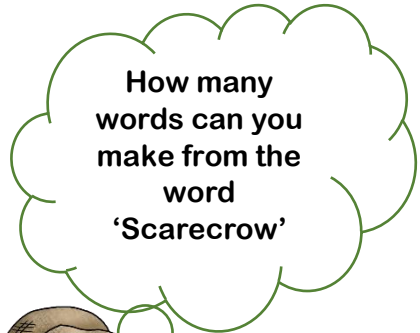
Can you find the Autumn words in the puzzle below?

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c	q	q	z	f	x	a	e	j	u	c	a
m	l	e	a	v	e	s	c	a	i	w	r
c	j	s	y	i	l	g	b	o	r	k	e
h	a	r	v	e	s	t	o	d	r	i	c
f	s	e	u	o	r	a	n	g	e	n	r
w	a	d	k	l	a	p	f	q	l	r	o
s	s	l	d	q	f	x	i	g	x	a	w
k	b	m	l	y	l	h	r	c	x	k	p
a	p	p	l	e	b	h	e	y	c	e	h

- rake      scarecrow      brown      yellow
- squirrel      leaves      apple      red
- bonfire      harvest      fall      pear
- orange      acorn



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**Q. WHAT IS A GHOSTS FAVOURITE DESSERT?**

**A. I SCREAM**

