



Springwell Leeds

October 2017

Volume 2 Issue 2

What's Inside

Brudenell News - P2

Burley Park News - P3 & P4

Meanwood News – P5

Oakwood News – P6 & P7

Stonegate News – P8

Just for Fun – P9

New Build Updates – P10



Springwell Leeds Academy

Greetings from our Executive Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to October's Springwell Leeds Academy Newsletter! I hope that you are enjoying our regular updates from across the sites that we put together for you every month and that they give you a sense of the fabulous work and learning that is going on in our Academy. If you have missed any of our newsletters, or would like to look back at old ones, they can all be found on our website at: www.springwellacademyleeds.org/parents-carers/springwell-newsletter

We have had a really busy and productive start to the year as you can see from this newsletter, with all our students who have moved settings, settling in and getting used to their new surroundings and routines.

Some of you will have now received information about your child transitioning to our first new Springwell Leeds Academy building in January. We have worked very hard to ensure that you are informed about the coming move and will continue to speak to you and write to you in order to keep you updated with exactly what is happening and when. We will also make sure that as children move to our other sites when they open that their parents and carers get the same level of information, opportunities to discuss concerns and chance to ask questions.

Progress on the new builds is included later in this newsletter, but is regularly updated on our website here: www.springwellacademyleeds.org/new-build-updates.

This half term is always a busy one with many different events coming up including:

- Remembrance day
- Children in Need
- Christmas Jumper day

You will get information about what we are doing in school for each of these events and others directly from the site to which your child attends, so keep a look out for letters, texts and messages over the next few weeks.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

Scott Jacques

Executive Principal

Brudenell Site News

School View

Hyde Park

Leeds

LS6 1EN

0113 3229465

Dates for your Diary ...

17th November – Children in Need.

13th December – Christmas Jumper Day



A message from our new SENCO – Lisa Ford

For those of you are yet to meet me, my name is Lisa Ford and I am Assistant Principal across the Brudenell and Meanwood sites. My key role is SENCO, and although I am new to specialist provision I have been working within Special Educational Needs for Years, and have been a qualified SENCO for three of these. I have undertaken a range of roles in my teaching career; Curriculum Leader, Head of Year and teacher of various Humanities subjects. I would like to express a huge thank you to all my students and parents who have met me and made me feel extremely welcome. I can honestly say that this half term has been the best in my teaching career so far and I have already worked with some truly wonderful young people and staff who care greatly. We have exciting times ahead preparing for the moves to our new schools across the city and I will be supporting students and parents on this exciting new journey.

WE'VE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT YORKSHIRE

We have covered a number of themes since we returned to school in September. We started by looking at Yorkshire – God’s Own County – and all the wonderful history, fantastic attractions and beautiful landscapes that surround us. Harewood Class visited the National Media Museum in Bradford and saw Tim Peake’s Spacecraft, as well as learning how to hear through their teeth. We followed this by a study of the Industrial Revolution and many groups linked this topic to the Yorkshire theme. Tomlinson, Harewood and Tindall classes visited the Yorkshire Mining Museum, most classes visited Thackray Medical Museum and all groups learnt about how the country changed and how there were winners and losers in our race to become the most powerful country in the world. Our third topic of the half term is ‘Healthy Me Healthy You’, with groups having sex and relationship education and learning about healthy eating and how our amazing bodies work.

This half term we will be starting with ‘Multicultural celebrations and Festivals’, which will include subjects as diverse as Halloween and Diwali! We are looking forward to our students trying new foods and learning more about different cultures, as well as their own.



Music at Brudenell

Our fantastic students have been building confidence and resilience in individual music lessons this half term at Brudenell. Alex is learning to play themes from his favourite computer games on keyboard. Tom is getting really familiar with where the keyboard notes are using our giant keyboard. Bailey is progressing on the drums, working hard on his fills!



Burley Park Site News

Burley Park Site
Cardigan Lane
Leeds
LS4 2LE
0113 2782009

Dates for your Diary ...

17th November – Children in Need.

15th December – Christmas Jumper Day

The Retreat

'The Retreat' in the main entrance was created to provide a space for a pupil who just needs to sit somewhere quietly with their own thoughts. Staff however, have also expressed a desire to use the space.



Theraplay

Over the summer holidays Craig Tonkinson (Care Team Leader) spent some time creating a Theraplay area in space.



Music

Excellent focus during class music with Blue group. Exploring the blended curriculum theme, Under the Sea. The pupils created soundscapes and learnt to play that old favourite 'under the sea' from the film The Little Mermaid.



WE'VE BEEN WRITING POETRY AND RAISING MONEY

National Poetry Day- 28th September 2017

As part of the under the sea blended curriculum red group practiced their poetry writing skills and presented their poems in assembly. Below are two examples of their creative writing.

The Black- Night Sea

The sea sparkles in the night,
reflecting the moonlight and in the
distance is a speck of light.

Now a titanic wave smashes on a
rock, the water dances away like a
clown.

Far away is a boat barely staying
afloat, Sailing through a great storm
ready to see Davey Jones' Dorm.

A lighthouse far away flickers its
light until the day and on an island it
sits.

By Ben Whurr

Titanic

Move move go go do not stop
your path is clear

No ship will move until you are
out now grab wings and fly

Titanic go though the winds and
though the sea like no one knows

By Joseph Scott

Macmillan Coffee morning



Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 29th September 2017 was a great success. Parents, carers, staff and pupils all came together to drink coffee and eat cake and raised £103.00



Burley Park Site News Continued...

Burley Park Site
Cardigan Lane
Leeds
LS4 2LE
0113 2782009

Re-Start a Heart

On Monday 16th October the school came off timetable for part of the morning to participate in the re-start a heart programme. Professionals from the Heart start team came to the school to deliver workshops to the pupils. All who participated in the workshops learned valuable techniques to enable them to save a life during an emergency situation.



School Council

On Friday 13th October 2017 Burley Park Site school council was launched in assembly. Over the next week each tutor group will hold a mini election to select their tutor group rep. The first meeting of the school council will take place on Friday 3rd November 2017.



Meanwood Site News

Meanwood Site
Winthorpe Street
Leeds
LS6 4AN
0113 4673910

Dates for your Diary ...
17th November – Children in Need.
13th December – Christmas Jumper Day



A message from our new SENCO – Lisa Ford

For those of you are yet to meet me, my name is Lisa Ford and I am Assistant Principal across the Brudenell and Meanwood sites. My key role is SENCO, and although I am new to specialist provision I have been working within Special Educational Needs for Years, and have been a qualified SENCO for three of these. I have undertaken a range of roles in my teaching career; Curriculum Leader, Head of Year and teacher of various Humanities subjects. I would like to express a huge thank you to all my students and parents who have met me and made me feel extremely welcome. I can honestly say that this half term has been the best in my teaching career so far and I have already worked with some truly wonderful young people and staff who care greatly. We have exciting times ahead preparing for the moves to our new schools across the city and I will be supporting students and parents on this exciting new journey.

WE'VE BEEN OUT AND ABOUT IN YORKSHIRE

Our students have been bobbing into Yorkshire

To support our immersive, thematic approach to learning, our Elements topic 'Yorkshire' is well underway! Many students have visited an array of places including the Thackray Medical Museum and Harewood House. In class, students have studied famous Yorkshire landmarks, cities, interpreted the "champion" Yorkshire dialect and much more! Students have also had the opportunity to look at genuine historical artefacts from Yorkshire, including old maps, old photographs, a police hat and Victorian handcuffs!

We would like to congratulate our students for their successes in learning this half term. Also, many thanks to Meanwood's Artemis Apprentice from our Brownlee Class, for collecting our historical artefacts from Artemis in Leeds. The fascinating artefacts have contributed towards our students' learning at Meanwood.

Just for fun!

Springwell Leeds @SpringwellLds - 19 Sep
Many thanks to our @ArtemisLeeds Apprentice for checking, sorting and collecting our #Yorkshire artefacts #ResponsibleSuperStar

Can you interpret the Yorkshire words below?

- 'Ey up
- Be reight
- Spice
- Thissen
- Summat
- Watter
- Bobbin'
- Champion



Outdoor Pursuits

This half term, some of our students have been developing their skills and confidence through a range of outdoor pursuits, including sailing, raft building, archery and climbing.

We have been particularly impressed with our students' team working skills and for demonstrating resilience to keep moving forward in their learning.



Oakwood Primary Site News

Oakwood Primary Site
Oakwood Lane
Leeds
LS8 3LF
0113 8270063

Dates for your Diary ...
17th November – Children in Need.
15th December – Christmas Jumper Day

WE’VE BEEN BUSY BUSY BUSY HERE AT OAKWOOD

A message from the Principal

We have really enjoyed our book ‘The Day the Crayons Quit.’ You can see lots of lovely written and artwork from the children. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading all the work completed by the children.



Ollie the dog has brought lots of joy to our children and staff and has made himself at home!

I hope everyone had a well-deserved holiday and rest. Next term our topic is ‘Pirates.’ Be prepared to set sail on a wonderful adventure with us.

Clyde Class

What another great few weeks in Clyde class! We have been learning about the story of The BFG, in which we have created our own dreamcatchers, dream story and dream bottles. But not have we only learnt our socks off in English, in Maths we have been exploring fractions, estimating and finding measurements and even creating a tally for our class fish, who we have named Bubbles. Hope you all have an enjoyable and safe half term break.



Mersey Class

In Mersey class we have been concentrating on working together as a team, building our confidence and helping each other.

We have worked really hard at being good sportsmen during PE and lunch time games, helping each other learn new skills like drumming and working as a class to solve problems and make beautiful pieces of work. Well done Mersey class!



Oakwood Primary Site News Continued

Ness Class

We have been studying famous artists. In the words of Pablo Picasso- 'Every Child is an Artist.'

So Ness have been drawing the Cubism Cat using oil pastels and pencil.

Ness pupils have all contributed to our display – 'Star of the Week'.

We are very proud of Abigail who achieved this award. All pupils in Ness voted for her because of her kindness, generosity and hard work.



Trent Class

Trent class have enjoyed reading 'The BFG' and learning about how Ronald Dahl created characters for his books. The children also created their own characters and produced a great display with all their work.



Tyne Class

In Tyne class we continue to enjoy and learn lots during our afternoon sessions of creativity and fun!

We love our Food Technology lessons when Miss Anderson helps us to learn about health and safety in the kitchen whilst also making tasty new dishes to share and taste. We are getting much better at tidying up after ourselves and washing and drying the dishes!

We are all looking forward to improving our garden area and growing flowers, fruit and vegetables.

We hope to encourage more wildlife to come into the area and create a place which looks, sounds and smells amazing.

Watch this space!



Wharfe Class

Wharfe class have enjoyed our current theme of 'dreams' and discussing if they are important. We are using the BFG to support our theme and loving the nonsense words and making dream jars.

It is also that time of year when many religions think about festivals of light. We have been learning about Diwali and the battle between good vs evil. We decorated our hands ready for the display wall.

In addition to all this we are also using Lexia to accelerate our reading skills



Be prepared after the holidays for lots of pirate talk. Watch this space "Shiver mi timbers".

Stonegate Road Site News



Stonegate Site
Stonegate Road
Leeds
LS6 4QJ
0113 4689780

Dates for your Diary ...

17th November – Children in Need.

15th December – Christmas Jumper Day

WE'VE BEEN GETTING ENERGETIC!

Poetry Competition

The English department have been celebrating the poetry writing success of one of last years pupils. Ms Thompson our Head of English was so impressed with a pupil's poem written as part his GCSE preparation that she decided to enter it for the Ilkley Literature Festival Young Peoples Short Story and Poetry Competition. Just before we broke up for half term she received a message to let us know that the poem had been highly commended and the young Springwell author was invited to attend the prize giving. We are very proud of this fantastic achievement and look forward to future Springwell poets being inspired to express their thoughts and feelings through the written word. Here's the winning poem fresh from a Springwell pen:

Adrenaline

Exhilaration
The cool breeze of the turbulent wind harshly whips my cheeks.
Freedom
Freewheeling down a steep hill whilst blood pushes me forward.
Excitement
Eagerly avoiding the cars whilst speeding crazily down the steep mountain.
Competition
The feeling of peddling rapidly whilst trying to defeat driven competition.
My bmx passion will never let me down whilst I forever live it out.

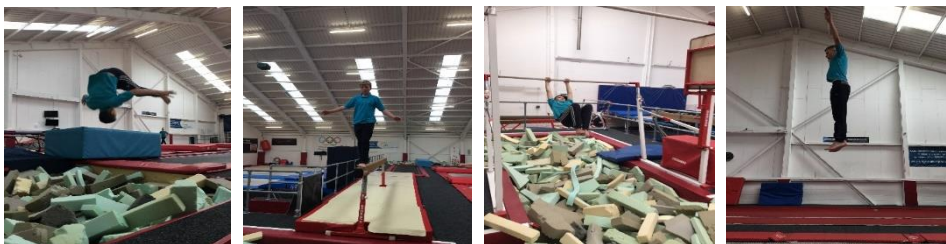
Principal's Welcome



Hello and welcome to the second Newsletter of the new year. Looking back on the first half term, there has been much to celebrate and I am pleased that so many students have settled well into their new school and built those all-important relationships with staff. It is these relationships, as well as strong home – school communications that give us the very best chance of success and on that note I would also like to thank all the parents who came to our 'Parent Review Day' this week. I hope you found it a worthwhile experience and enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate your child's school life.

Experimental Learning

At Springwell Academy we strive to provide students with opportunities to practice and develop the social skills they need for success in life. Through experiential learning students develop skills of resilience, team work and problem solving whilst raising their confidence and self-esteem. This half term our students experienced gymnastics, snowboarding, building college and movie production!



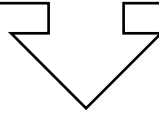
JUST FOR FUN!



Search Words

- | | | |
|-----------|------------|-------------|
| barrels | executed | Parliament |
| bonfires | failure | plot |
| Catesby | fireworks | Protestants |
| Catholics | gunpowder | soldier |
| Cellar | Guy Fawkes | Tower |
| conflicts | November | treason |

NEW BUILD UPDATES



Some exciting new photographs from Mr Jacques recent tour of the new Springwell Leeds sites



Springwell Leeds
East, Seacroft



Springwell Leeds
South, Middleton



Springwell Leeds
North, Tinshill