



# Springwell Leeds

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## Greetings from our Executive Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to another edition of the Springwell Leeds newsletter, in which you will see excerpts from the latest month in the life of our Academy.

We have had another exceptionally busy month at Springwell Leeds, with the highlight, of course, being the opening of our first new build site at Seacroft in the East of the city. The Christmas and New Year period was an even busier than usual time for us as the team here beavered away behind the scenes to ensure that everything was ready for the children arriving in January. This involved an enormous team effort from people who, as parents and carers, you are not likely to meet or hear from if you visit the Academy.

Our Estates manager, Stephen Boldy and the site team, Graham and Jordan were probably the hardest working people around ensuring that the finishing touches had been made to the building and that the builders, Interserve and other contractors, had finished everything they needed to finish. We also had a huge team of cleaners in after the builders to ensure that everything was shiny and spotless for when the children arrived. Stephen and his team and the cleaners did an amazing job and our thanks should go to all of them. Springwell Leeds East has now been up and running for a few weeks and the transition of children from our other sites has continued at a steady pace this month. We recognise how difficult change and transition can be

for our young people, particularly where that transition is to such a completely different environment from one to which they have been used. Shona Crichton's team at East worked really hard with staff from across all the sites to make this process as smooth as possible and they will continue to do this until all our children that are moving to East are in and settled.

I wrote to all parents of children at Burley Park last week to confirm that we were closing that site from the Easter holidays this year. Our plan had always been to move our students to the new buildings as soon as possible, whilst making sure that proper transition arrangements are in place to support them in ensuring that the move is as smooth as possible. Our initial plan was to keep all students at Burley Park until the end of this academic year (July 2018) however, having considered the opportunities that our two new buildings present for our young people, I decided to close the Burley Park site at the end of this term and move children to either the new East site or the new South site. Our Governors agreed this. We will be contacting all parents/carers individually to discuss the arrangements for transition over the next few weeks. Our aim is to ensure that parents, carers and children are properly supported through this process so that they can settle quickly in to their fantastic new schools. You will be reassured to know that many of the staff from the



Burley Park site will be moving with the children to the new site, which will help smooth the transition. We are of course also closing the Stonegate Road site at the same time and Paul Carney and his team will be working equally hard with parents, carers and students to ensure that process is a success for all involved. The new building in South Leeds is still on track for opening and you can see the progress of the both that site and the site in North Leeds here, [www.markzaccariaphotography.co.uk/interserveSouth](http://www.markzaccariaphotography.co.uk/interserveSouth)

Kind regards,  
*Scott Jacques*  
Executive Principal

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# Burley Park Site News

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## Christmas Concert 2017

Our Christmas concert took place on Wednesday 13th December 2017. We had an amazing afternoon where we witnessed our pupils step out of their comfort zones and perform in front of a packed hall filled with staff, parents and cares. Carols were sung, instruments were played, poems were read and Christmas stories were told. All the hard work by our students with the support of the staff, especially Maggie Baker the music teacher, payed off.



## Training Day Staff Dream Machines

- ① The Care Team and their automatic target game.
- ② The SLT Team and their motor hot air balloon
- ③ The Blue Team and their maths robot
- ④ The Green Team and their time machine sledge
- ⑤ The Red Team and their dream interpreter
- ⑥ The winners, Purple Team, with their transportation device.



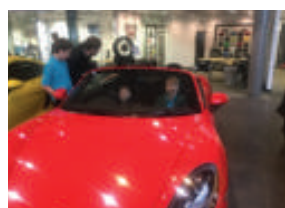
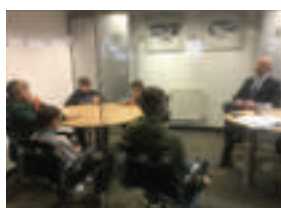
The first theme of the Blended Curriculum for 2018 is Dream machines. Mrs GB challenged the staff to create their own Dream machines in one hour. Once again the staff rose to the challenge and came up with an array of machines. Purple Team won with their transportation device. We all think the button that automatically transported you to Friday afternoon clinched it for them.



Our newly revamped hall has been turned into a mini gym for our students to enjoy sporting activities on site. Last term the pupils were able to enjoy Basketball for the first time and this term it looks as if we have a few budding badminton stars at Burley Park.

## Dream Machines

Dream machines is the theme for this terms unit of our Blended Curriculum. All the students at Burley Park were given the unique opportunity to visit the Porsche garage on Gelderd Road. During their visit they met with the Sales Manager, Reggie, who was more than happy to answer all their questions. Reggie took them to the workshop where they saw an engine being stripped down. They also got the chance to have a look at the vintage Porsches which are kept behind the scene in glass cases. Finally, our students jumped at the chance to sit behind the wheel of one of the most iconic cars in the world. A fabulous time was had by all.



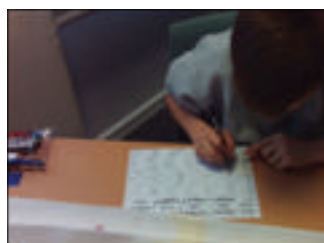
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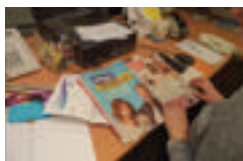


Also, as part of the enrichment programme for this term's theme our students had the opportunity to visit Eureka in Halifax to explore some of their Dream machines.



The groups used maggots in their maths lessons to help them to understand the concept of speed. By timing how long it took for the maggot to travel a certain distance the students were able to work out the speed. I am pleased that none of our students were squeamish!

## Reading for pleasure- Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)



Purple group- Kieran

Red group- Byron

Green group- Brayden

Blue group- Ryan

Last term the Burley Park school council suggested purchasing Wii or Xbox as part of celebrating 100% attendance at school. It was important to them that only those with 100% attendance should be allowed to go on it during break time and the last 15 minutes of the day. This term the students have been able to play games thanks to the kind donation of two Wii consoles by Ms Millington and Mrs Scott and the purchase of a reconditioned Xbox.

On Friday 12th January 2018, because of the new groupings, we re-launched the school council. We asked for student nominees to speak as to why they should be the rep for their group. Many of our students volunteered to speak during the assembly. Voting took place after and new school council reps for January 2018 were selected.



# Oakwood Site News

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## Visits To Oak Tree Lodge Care Home

Children and staff shared some Christmas magic at Oak Tree Lodge Care Home. We all sang Christmas carols and songs together. Mr Barnett and Mrs Baker played Baby It's Cold Outside and we all sang and danced along to their brass duet!

A second visit has been made to continue the interaction with the students and residents....with a new song "When You're Smiling"!



Elections for the new School Council were held. The first meeting of the Spring Term was held this week. We are looking to innovate our playground.



Ness and Wharfe joined up and took a trip to Pizza Express to make margarita pizzas and a little bit of food tasting. We tasted (or some of us did!) sundried tomatoes, pepper jus, artichoke, chicken and olives. While waiting for the pizzas to cook, the pupils asked a number of questions about Pizza Express and here are some answers:

- The pizzas take around 4 minutes to cook in the pizza oven
- The most popular pizza is pepperoni
- The chef has worked at Pizza Express for over 20 years
- There are currently 9 Pizza Express restaurants in Leeds, soon to be eleven with new one opening near the arena and Seacroft

Congratulations to Joshua who's design was chosen by Academic Appointments for their Christmas Card from a competition run in Leeds' Schools. All the Children at Springwell Primary entered the competition. Joshua was presented with a stationery hamper as his reward



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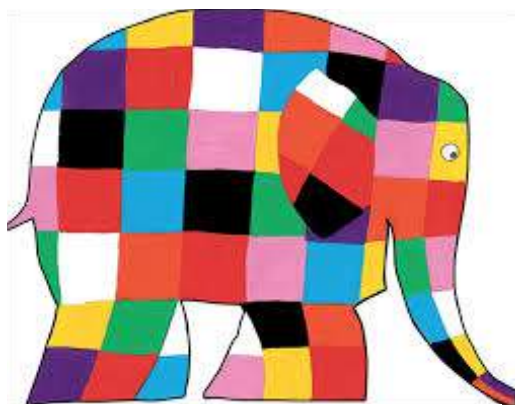
Like millions of people across the world, Oscar loves Minecraft. He had a go at writing his own acrostic poem all about Minecraft making sure that each line started with the right letter. Oscar wanted to share it with everyone.

Minecraft Poem – By Oscar

**M**inecraft World  
**I** need a pick  
**N**ever stop mining  
**E**ven if I hit Bedrock  
**C**raft a diamond pick  
**R**are diamonds I need  
**A**lso emeralds  
**F**ind diamonds  
**T**he Ender Dragon.



Students have enjoyed working in the new immersive space installed at the Primary Academy. They are looking forward to exploring the possibilities of how to use the new area.



## Ancient Egypt

Children at the Primary Academy have been studying Ancient Egypt. We have been making Pyramids from clay and Lego, painting pictures of Death Masks and modelling Canopic Jars from clay



## Elmer

We had lots of fun creating our own elephants. Just like us, each one is unique! We used lots of colours to make each elephant look special.



## We have A Band!

Students at Oakwood have been working with Mr Barnett and Miss Baker during music enrichment to form a band. Xfactor here we come !



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## Trent

In Trent, we have been learning about ancient Egypt. This week we made Canopic jars out of clay.

This was messy and fun.



## Ness Class

Ness class are enjoying the fruit pancakes we made in food technology.

As you can see we also enjoyed eating them.



## Mersey

Since Christmas Mersey class have gained over 400 Dojo's which meant they got hot chocolate with cream and cookies! We also helped each other make slime. What a mess!



## Foss Class

The discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb has also fascinated us. Read all about him in Bailey's writing and have a look at Kyle's drawing of one of the games King Tut used to play.

## Wharfe

**'I am unique are you?'**

Wharfe have been discussing the book Elmer and celebrating our differences. We also studied Ancient Egypt by making pyramids in a variety of ways.

# Stonegate Site News

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Hello and welcome to the first newsletter of the new year. We have had a very positive start to the year at our Stonegate Site and we are looking forward to continuing this good work throughout the Easter term.



## Transition

This month we say 'Farewell' to 13 of our students who are moving across to our brand new East site. While we will miss them all, we wish them nothing but the best in making their transition to Springwell Leeds – East. Work is now beginning with Ann-Marie Walker, our new South Principal, to prepare the rest of our children for their move at the end of March.

## Parent Review Day

Monday 19th February will be our second Parent Review day and class teachers will be getting in contact before half term to ensure all parents have appointments. As well as reviewing work, progress and improvements for your child, there will be an opportunity to meet Ann Marie Walker, the new Principal for Springwell Leeds - South, so I would encourage as many people as possible to attend.

## Food

Many students have worked out that the fastest way to my heart is through my belly and it has been an absolute joy this term to share so many of the great productions from our Stonegate kitchens.

Particular thanks to Zahra, Oliver and Jack who frequently keep me fed and Mr McDonald who ensures the food keeps getting better and better.



## Machine Gunners

As I mentioned before, the focus of this term's curriculum is 'The Machine Gunners' by Robert Westall, a novel set shortly after the Battle of Britain during World War 2.

It has inspired some great curriculum, particularly in Art, History and Creative Writing. As always, if anyone wants to borrow a copy of the book then please don't hesitate to get in touch.



# Leeds East Site News

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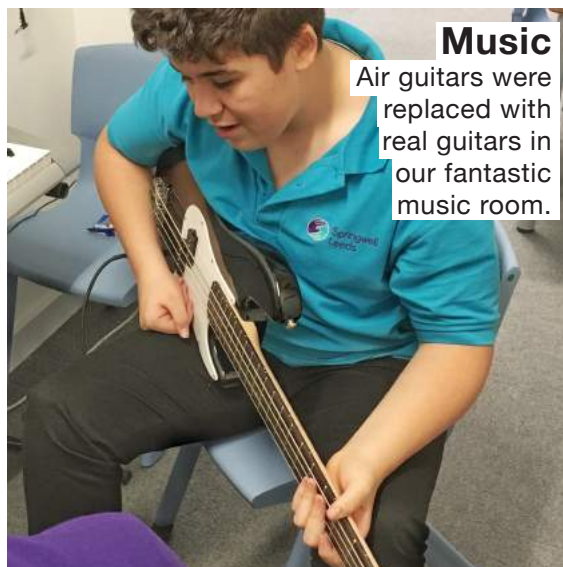
## Maths

We measured height amongst other things to learn about different measurements.



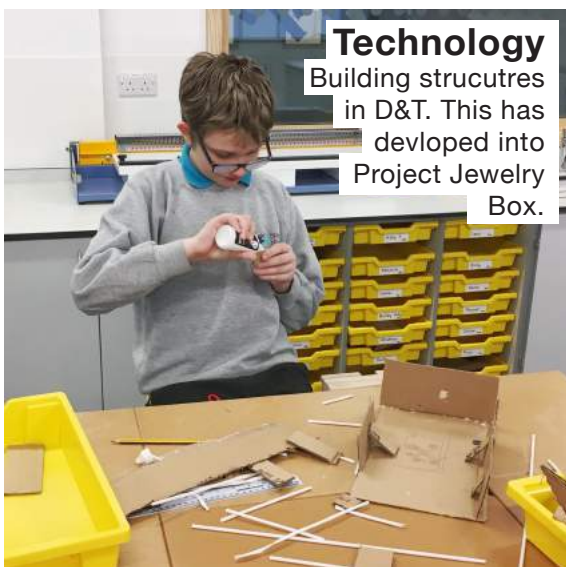
## Music

Air guitars were replaced with real guitars in our fantastic music room.



## Technology

Building structures in D&T. This has developed into Project Jewelry Box.



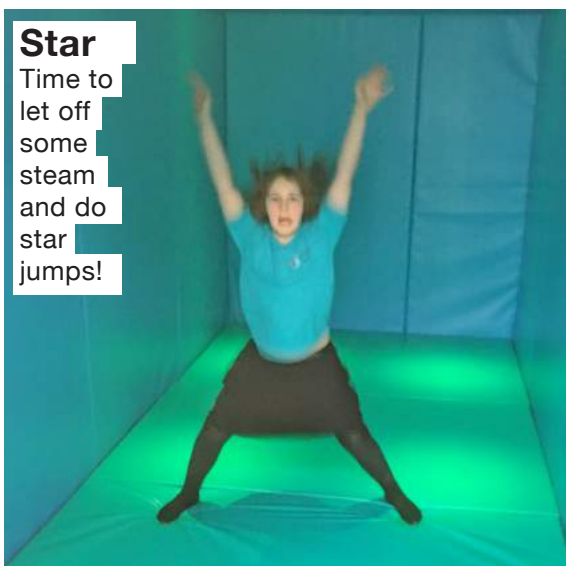
## Sport

Practicing some skills in basketball.



## Star

Time to let off some steam and do star jumps!



## Sport

Learning how to dribble in basketball.





# Springwell Arts Spotlight

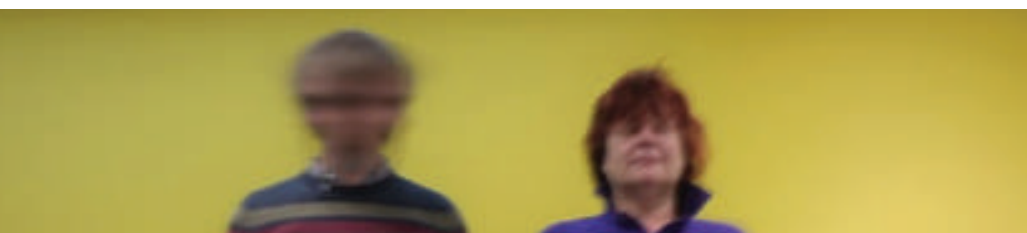
## Music at East:

Bailey Duffy is getting to grips with our new technology in music, mixing a track using samples on Garage Band.

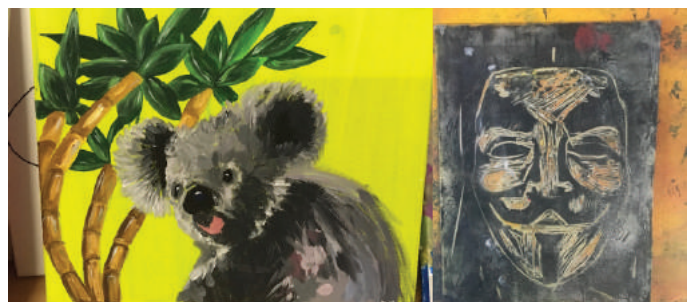


## Art at the East:

Kieron Mallory mastering movement in photography.



This is the acrylic canvas painting 'Koala with bamboo & eucalyptus' by Priya Williams (Year 9). Priya has been exploring a safari theme initiated from the book Handa's Surprise and the fine artist Lucy Arnold. Priya has been perfecting the art of realism painting with incorporation abstract textural brush strokes to create an incredible outcome.

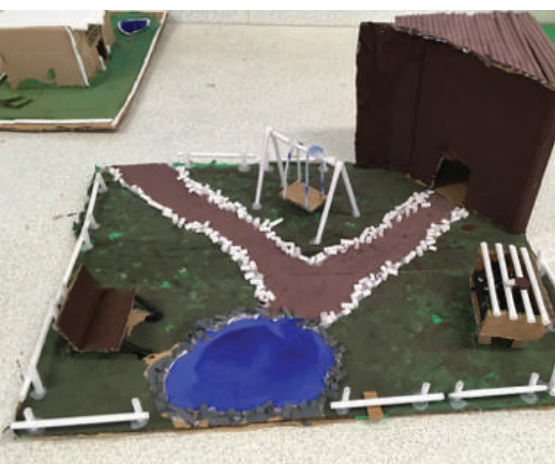


## Music at Stonegate and Burley Park with Mr Taylor:

Callum and Adam improve their drumming skills

## Artists at Stonegate:

Jordon Hewson (Year 10) has been learning and experimenting with various print-making techniques. This is a relief linocut of the anonymous mask in which Jordon has shown a huge amount of patience, perseverance and skill. Jordon created multiple prints getting creative with different coloured inks and paper



## Design Technology at the East:

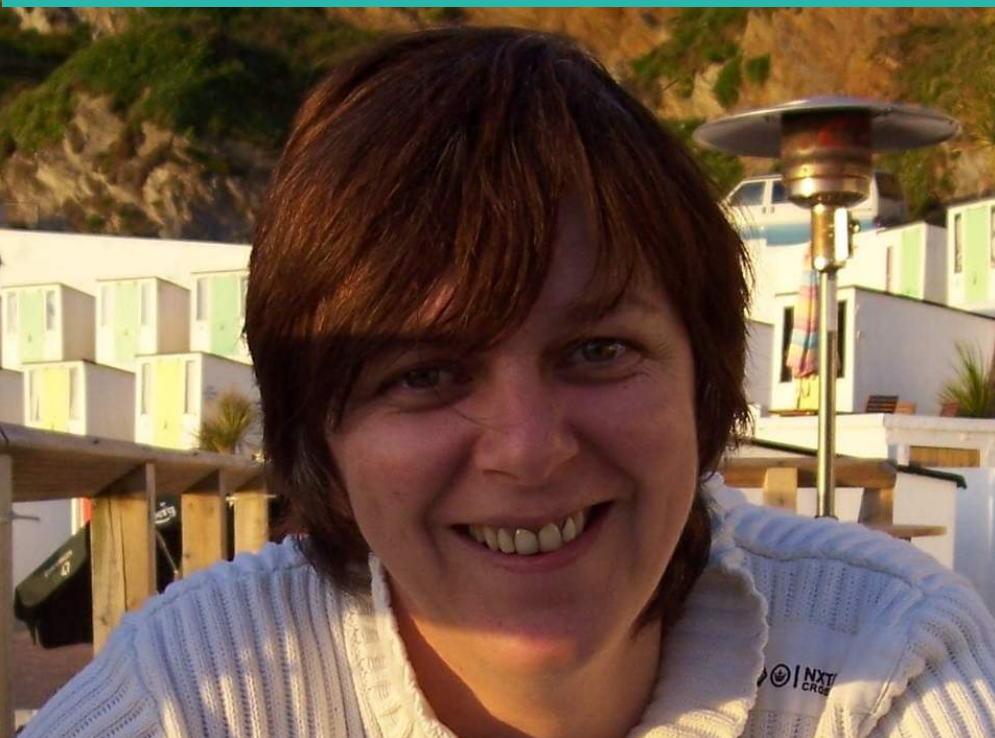
This is Alfie's island theme creation.

## Music at Oakwood:

Students are enjoying weekly sessions with visiting musicians as part of their Pass it on project.



# Trustee Spotlight



## Julia Preston Springwell Governor and CEO at GIPSIL

I joined the Springwell Governing Body as I have a keen interest in helping children and young people in Leeds be the best that they possibly can be regardless of their circumstances.

I've been working in Leeds for the last 17 years, managing and developing services and homeless schemes mainly for young people; for example, GIPSIL provides housing and support for young people leaving care and we work in mainstream schools across Leeds providing emotional wellbeing services.

I enjoy motorcycling and have toured most of Western Europe on various biking holidays with friends. I'm a newish grandma and love spending lots of time with my granddaughter and family.

I didn't get many qualifications at school as I'm dyslexic and struggled with English so on leaving school I chose a practical but exciting job where I had to think on my feet and worked for 7 years as an emergency ambulance woman. I had two children and changed career when they were babies as organising child care was difficult when working shifts. I did part time care work for a while and trained as a counsellor, specialising in helping young people in psychological crisis.

My kids started school and I started a new career as a support worker, working with people experiencing mental health issues and homelessness before going into management and working my way up to become the CEO at GIPSIL, a local organisation founded by residents in Gipton.

I bring my own learning to the board from very varied life and work experiences to help children and young people in an increasingly challenging world and I'm living proof that you don't need the best start in life or a degree to get on; and that a "can do" attitude and determination is more important. I've always been motivated by roles where I've made a lasting positive difference to others and hope I can continue to help Springwell going forward.