

Greetings from our Executive Principal

Dear parents and carers, I am delighted to be able to share with you this, another in our series of Springwell Leeds Academy Newsletters, and to celebrate some of the fantastic and amazing achievements and experiences that our young people have been involved in over the course of this month. As we head into the Easter break and the end of the second term of the year, I am proud to say that Springwell Leeds Academy continues to provide a rich, wide and varied curriculum for our young people. This aims to ensure that they engage in their education and enjoy it, whilst at the same time making sure that they develop and learn the key skills they will require for their next steps in education.

There will be a few changes at the start of next term, the most significant one being that for the first time, we will have no students based on temporary sites. The closure of the Burley Park Site and Stonegate sites, marks the end of an era and the start of a new phase in the development of the Academy.



I am sure that many of the young people and the staff who have been based on those sites will have happy memories of them and they will now go on to make new memories in our new homes in the East and South of the city.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff on those sites for the fabulous work they have done in making Burley Park and Stonegate a success – I know they will continue to be successful in their roles on the permanent sites after Easter. I would like to say particular thanks to Sarah Storer, who has been the Acting Principal at Burley Park for the last 18 months or so. Sarah has done a great job leading the team on that site and will be moving to our new site in the South as Vice Principal from Easter where I am certain she will continue to be successful.

I have the sad task of saying good bye to three members of staff in this newsletter. Firstly, Dave Prosho, who many of you

will now as our Assistant Principal at Stonegate, and previously at Tinsill, is leaving the Academy at Easter to pursue other career interests. Dave has done sterling work with the team at Stonegate and will be missed. Secondly, Shazia Bashir our Strategic Business Manager, who has been with us since before the Academy opened and has been instrumental in helping us set up the Academy and run it for the last two years, is also leaving at Easter. Shazia has been a key part of the leadership team of the whole Academy throughout its whole life so far and her contribution to our development and growth has been substantial. Again, Shazia will be missed by us all. Finally, Paul Carney, whom many of you will know as Principal at the Stonegate site is moving on. Paul has secured the Deputy Headship of a large secondary school in North West Leeds and starts in that role after Easter. Paul has been with us from the opening of Springwell Leeds in September 2016, running the Brudenell site, before taking over at Stonegate in September last year.

[Continued on next page](#)

What's Inside...

Oakwood	Page 2
Burley/South Site	Page 3
Stonegate	Page 4
Leeds East	Page 5
Springwell Arts	Page 6

Oakwood News



Continued

Paul has been an important and valuable member of the leadership team and has done a fabulous job, leading on both of those sites as well as contributing to the wider development of the Academy. Good luck Paul, you will be missed. I am sure that you will join me in thanking all three of them for their hard work, dedication and commitment as well as wishing them well and every success for the future.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Mary Ruggles to the post of Associate Principal for Springwell Leeds North. Many of you will already know Mary from her work as Vice Principal at the Stonegate site. Mary will spend next term working in preparation for the opening of the final of our three new builds, which she will then lead when it opens in September. She will be working with students and parents / carers who will be based at the North site from September over the coming months, to ensure that the transition to this new build is as smooth as possible.

Enjoy the rest of the Newsletter and a happy Easter to you all!

Kind regards,
Scott Jacques
Executive Principal

Competition Winner World Book Day Potato Character

Sonny was the winner of the Oakwood site Potato Character competition which was sponsored by Veritas Leeds. He was awarded a book voucher and a trophy for his super effort.



Following a recent visit to Oakwood by RJC Dance students from the Primary Site have now embarked on a six week off-site dance project at The Mandela Centre in Leeds. Have we found the new "Billy Elliott" and "Darcy Bustle"

Wharf Class paid a visit to Home Farm at Temple Newsam! We got to see lambs, piglets, kids, cows, bulls and chickens and more. Everyone had a great time and we wanted to take 'Nibbles' the kid back to school with us.



Leeds South News



PE

Once again Burley Park students demonstrated their sporting ability and received trampolining awards 1-3. Pupils who attended made exceptional progress. Outstanding behaviour was displayed as training took place at the City Of Leeds Gymnastic Club. A very big and heartily deserved WELL DONE boys!!

Goodbye To Burley Park

We will be moving to the new South site after the Easter holidays. Burley Park site has been used by different educational establishments over the last 20 years. Springwell Leeds has been operating here since September 2016. Here are a few photographs to remind us about some of the interesting activities that our students have participated in during the last two years.

Mini Beasts

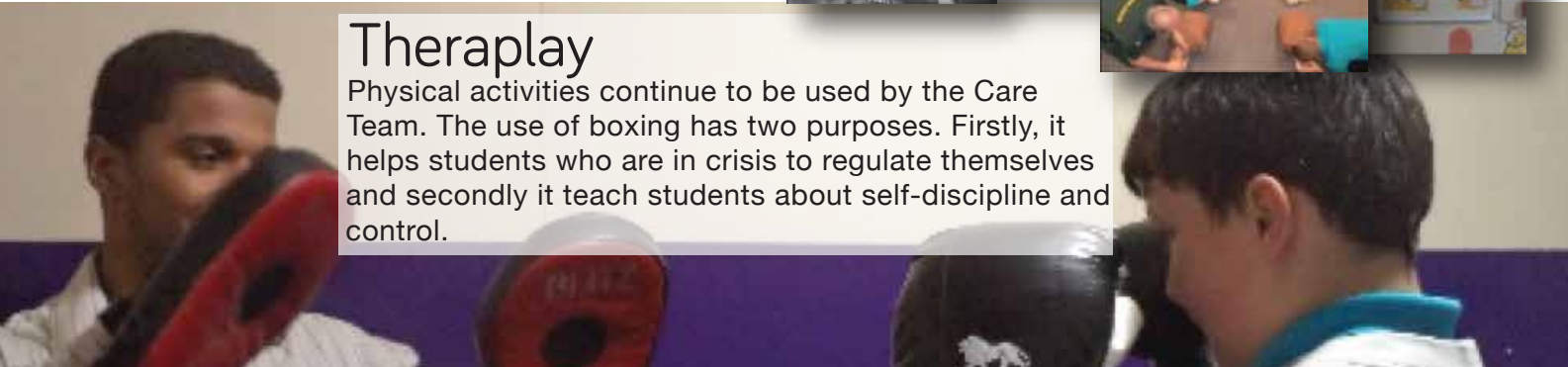
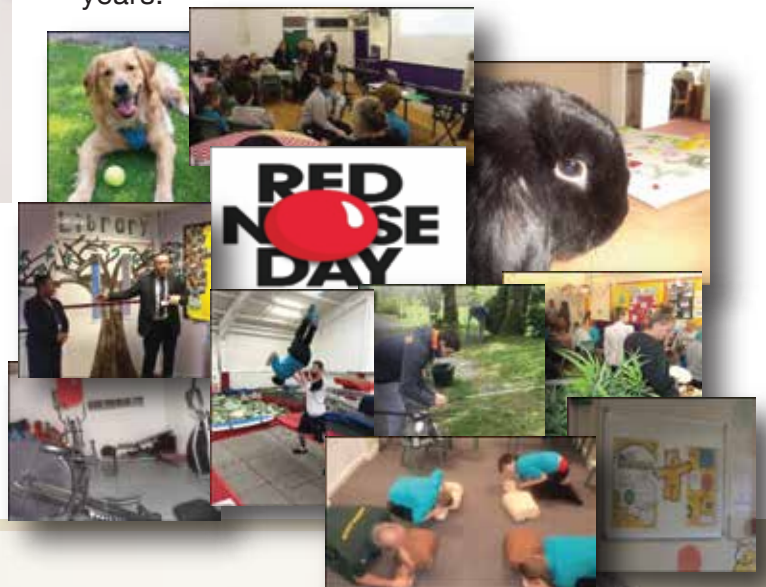
As part of our blended curriculum students learnt about mini beasts. Examples of activities carried out by the students included going on mini beats hunt around the site, using keys to identify mini beasts and looking at the line of symmetry using butterflies.

Pirates

As part of our Pirate theme, students were given the opportunity, as an Enrichment activity, to go to the pirate crazy golf course. Arts and crafts play a big part of our blended curriculum and making a Pirate ship is just one of many craft activities the students participate in.

Theraplay

Physical activities continue to be used by the Care Team. The use of boxing has two purposes. Firstly, it helps students who are in crisis to regulate themselves and secondly it teach students about self-discipline and control.



Despite the efforts of 'The Beast from the East' on the 1st March and 'The Pest from the West' on the 8th March here at Burley we did not allow snow to prevent us from celebrating World Book day. On Friday 9th March students participated in various activities in the morning. They included literary clue, where posters were placed around the building a students had to eliminate who did it, with what weapon and where. Classroom based activities included literary character making a mask and finger puppets activities. At assembly staff and students took turns to talk about their favourite books and why they liked it so much.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Stonegate News



Principal's Welcome

Hello and welcome to the final newsletter from the Springwell Academy Leeds Stonegate Site. Preparations for our transition to the South site are moving quickly as we are now in the final week at Stonegate. Change can be difficult for anybody and if you have any concerns about the move then please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or any member of the school's leadership team on 0113 4687980.

Springwell Academy Leeds: South Site

This week we received the keys for the new site in South Leeds. All Stonegate students will transfer there after Easter and our final day at Stonegate for students will be Tuesday 27th March. Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th April will be training days at the South site and Wednesday 18th will be a Parent Review Day. Lessons will commence on Thursday 19th April.

Awesome Art

Thank you to all the young people who contributed to our impressive art collection this year. As you can see, we have used a number of inspirations to encourage a variety of styles.

PSHE

Hate Co-ordinator

In order to support our aims and prepare students for life in modern Britain West Yorkshire Police came to talk to all our children about the importance of 'tolerance' and 'acceptance'. Katherine Hibbert delivered a workshop covering race, religion, disability, sexuality and gender. Students had lots of questions and left with an improved understanding of these key issues.

Group Rewards

A huge congratulations to our Tindall group who were our highest performing class group for attendance and levels last half term and so were treated to lunch at Nandos. As you can see, Ms Hawkins, Mr Crichton and Matthew, Jordan and Kody all thoroughly enjoyed their well earned reward.



Leeds East News



World Book Day (The 3rd)

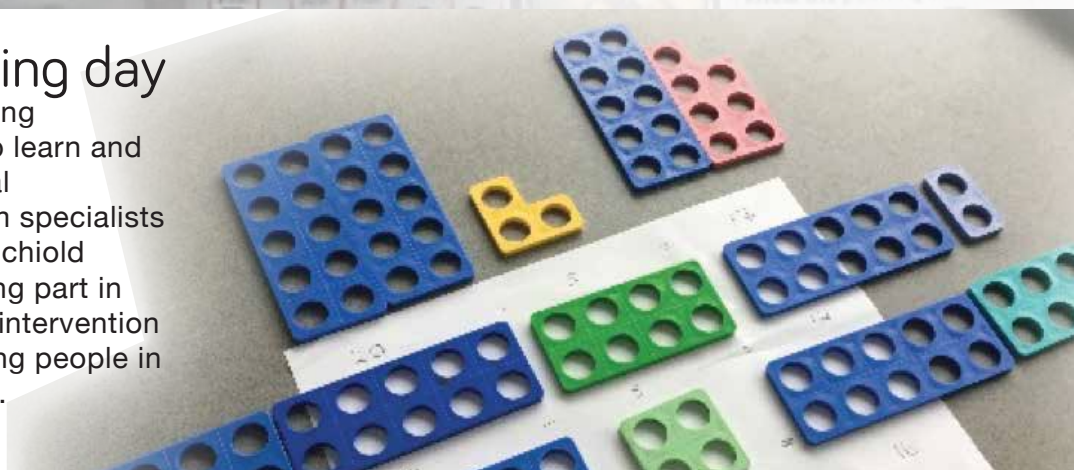
Well on our 3rd attempt we managed to have world book day. We had a fantastic day celebrating all our favourite characters from Charlie and the chocolate factory who was accompanied by the amazing Oompa Lumpa to the brilliant D'tagnion who taught French all day to his students. Springwell East are proud of the reading progress that our students are making and are looking forward to more dress up adventures together.

Science

We are expanding our scientific thinking at Springwell East. Students in all years are investigating and solving problems using their scientific questioning and investigation skills. This experiment allowed us to separate colours and dyes using Chromatography... follow our investigations on twitter.

Every day is a learning day

Our dedicated staff team are doing everything we can to continue to learn and improve. Staff joined Educational Psychologists and STARS autism specialists to explore the impact of play on child development. Staff are also taking part in "Breaking barriers", a specialist intervention tool by Numicon to support young people in breaking down barriers in Maths.



Springwell Arts

Launch of Arts Awards

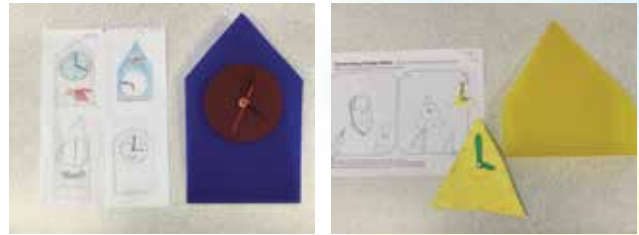
March has seen the launch of Arts Award across the academy. Students can work toward Discover, Explore, Bronze or Silver Awards, accredited by Trinity College London up to a Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) Qualification. The awards involve finding out about artists, engaging in arts activities and then sharing their experiences with others.

At the East the first section of finding out about an artist has created some beautiful work to personalise learning environments. Here is one by McKenzie Pugh:



Here is some of the fantastic work in Art, DT and Music this month across our sites:

Designing Clocks in DT



Year 7 Using paint in Art



Art Tindall Class have made WW2 clay pineapple grenades WW2 prop gas masks. Well done Jordon, Kody & Matty

