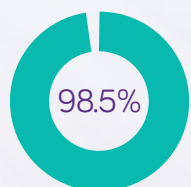




WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER OF 2019!

I will start by thanking all the parents and carers that attended our review days across Springwell Leeds at the start of term. It was great to see so many of you attending with your children to talk about the progress they are making and setting targets and expectations for the term ahead. I would also like to thank all of you that completed our parent views survey. These surveys are very important to help us develop what we do and focus our attention to the things that you identify as not being as good as you feel they should be.

Here are some highlights from the results across the Academy ...



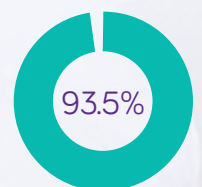
My Child is well looked after



My child is taught well



School responds well to concerns I raise



I receive valuable information about my child's progress

The above results are all very pleasing and we will be working hard to address the areas where results were not quite as high.

We are delighted to announce that in January we achieved the Investors in Pupils charter mark. Investors in Pupils is a programme which is very highly valued within schools and by Ofsted. It provides a unique pupil participation framework for schools and is built on the principle of valuing pupils views and opinions and giving them a voice in the running of the school.

The programme requires us to share evidence of how we support our pupils in areas such as:

- How they can contribute towards their own learning by increasing their involvement and working as a team.
- The roles and responsibilities of everyone at Springwell Leeds.
- The importance of coming to school every day.
- The cost of our equipment and how we spend our Academy budgets.
- Who our Governors are and what they do.
- How to look after new children and staff in school.
- The benefits of making good choices.
- That they are an important part of their class and school.

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Staff from each site had to complete a portfolio of evidence to support this which was submitted for moderation. We have received the charter mark at the "Embedded" level.

Kind regards,
Scott Jacques
Executive Principal

Primary Site

Primary site has been having lots of fun learning about animals.

On Wednesday we had a visit from a local animal zoo. Pupils got to see and touch a snake, giant snail and many other animals.

Mersey was joined by new teacher Miss Tymms and also enjoyed the animals.

Foss class thought about different creatures to link into the book "Rumble in the Jungle".

Meanwhile Wharfe have been watching documentaries about animals found in cities.

Throughout the week we have also had a big focus on social skills and we are playing games in small groups.

It has been a fantastic start to the term. Well done. Keep it up !



Did you know...
in some countries,
hyenas come into the
city at night? Or that
there are falcons in
New York City?



hypoallergenic

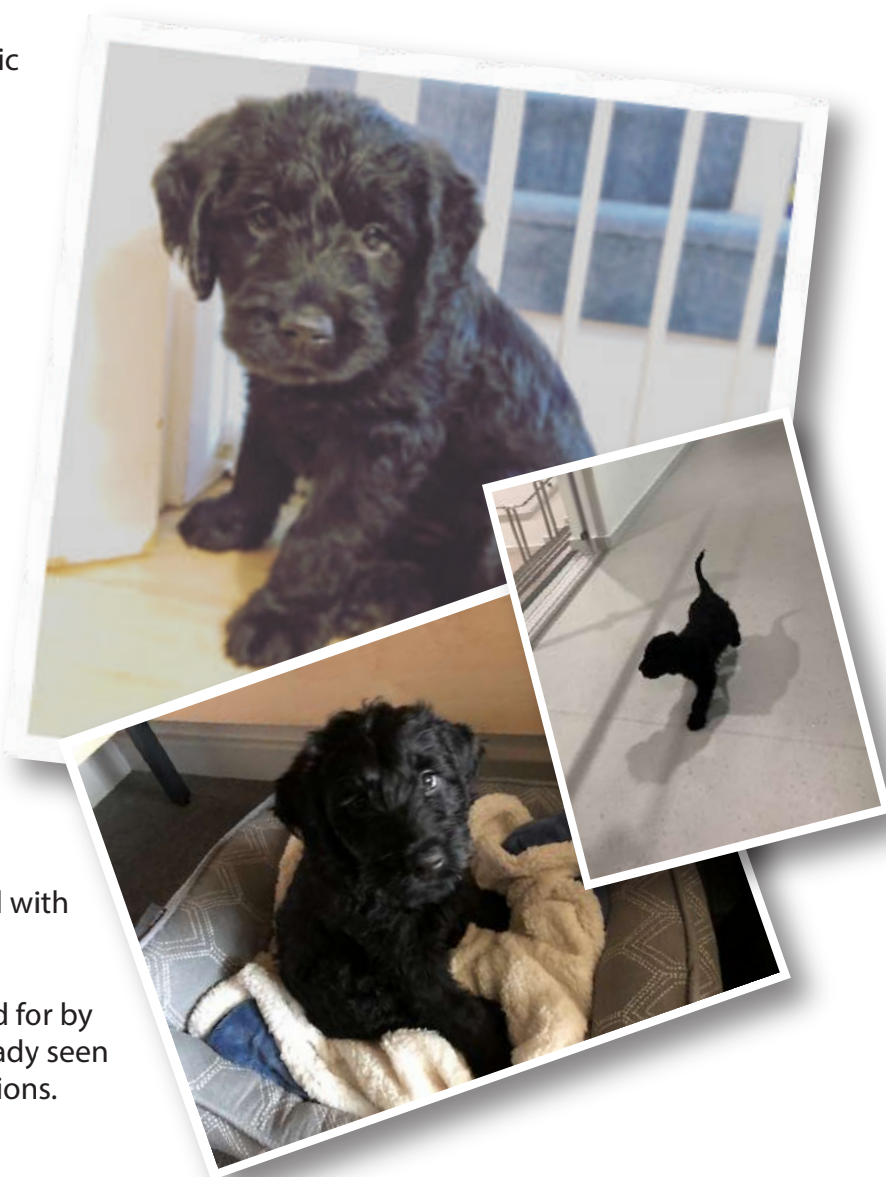
North Site

Meet Josie !

She is a mixed breed called a Double Doodle. This means she is part poodle, part golden retriever and part Labrador. She will have an excellent temperament and be hypoallergenic due to her poodle heritage. She will get chance to work with a qualified animal behaviour specialist to ensure she is happy and also so we can support her training in school.

This week Josie the dog has met her potential puppy champions. Students have applied and interviewed for an opportunity to take part in her training and care in school. We had a lovely week welcoming her to school with lots of love and cuddles!

As training goes on we hope Josie will be cared for by pupils and have a positive effect. We have already seen an increase in their wellbeing through 1:1 sessions.



Year 7 enjoyed a brilliant visit to the National Science and Media Museum in Bradford. They tried out some of the experiments about sound, heat and light in the Wonderlab and looked at exhibitions on the development of television and computing, as well as trying out some retro video games. The visit was rounded off by watching 'Walking with Dinosaurs' in the IMAX cinema, with some very realistic 3D dinosaurs!

www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk/visit-us



East Site

MATHS SUPER STARS



Really well done to Hope, Omari, Damien and Richard from Orange 1 for their fantastic work on angles! Also well done to those in Orange 2 - Natneal, Bailey, Zion, Harvey and McKensie for their superb work with negative numbers! A special mention too for Jolie doing some great GCSE work! Keep up the good work!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Last year the student council had a large influence over rewards, possible charities for the school to support, safety and many other issues that the children brought to the school the attention.

In December student council discussed a school improvement plan and how to sell this to leadership. This term, three student council members will be filming a promotion, dragons den themed pitch to put forward all of their ideas to improve the school. This will be done with the help of the Digital Leaders and hopefully represent the pupils voice.

All students are looking forward to future meetings and influencing the school.

Daniel and Natnael



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The school has invested in an online maths system used by many high schools. It is a great way for those with internet access to catch up, do extra maths work, homework or revise for forthcoming exams. Class teachers can set and mark work and it is a great way to improve your maths!

Visit the website for more info and log in.

 www.hegartymaths.com

South Site

We often get a little craving for cake. When we do, its time to crack some eggs. Some of our pupils did exactly that.



Some of our students have taken to our lovely new body socks. We enjoyed stretching and moving around trying different poses.



Springwell Arts

Some star pupils who won Friday Rewards decided to trade them in for some extra time in DT.

The extra session saw pupils learning how to strip back walking sticks. In future awards weeks we plan to visit a home for the elderly.



Rebecca paints a romantic silhouette scene by layering water colour and acrylic paint.



Since Christmas our Year 6 classes have been exploring different instruments and working on band skills. They had the choice of playing guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or drums. Some students enjoyed playing one instrument whereas others tried several. Students played music as varied as the 'Rocky' theme, 'Riptide' by Vance Joy to 'Bohemian Rhapsody'!

