

Springwell Leeds

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to another edition of the Springwell Leeds Newsletter!

This seems to have been a short term and here we are at the end of it! I still have not got used to the Easter holidays in Leeds being fixed to the first two weeks in April and know that in years like this one, it makes the start to next term a rather odd one. Leeds is the only local authority in the region I think that is having the first two weeks as holiday and I would be interested in hearing from parents/carers for whom this creates difficulties. A reminder then of some key dates coming up:

-  School closes on Friday 29th March for the Easter Break
-  School opens again Monday 15th April
-  School is closed for Good Friday on 19th April
-  School is closed for the Easter Bank holiday on Monday 22nd April
-  Tuesday 23rd April is a Parent Review Day across all our sites

This has been a really busy month as you will see from this newsletter and I have been once again moved and amazed by what I have seen going on around our sites. I was particularly proud, as I always am with charity events, to see the effort that was put into raising money for Comic Relief. I think it is important that we participate in these big, national events as it gives us all a great sense of community and shows us that we can make a positive difference to the world and the lives of others - they are usually good fun too! Thanks also to all the pupils and staff who dressed up for World Book Day photos inside this newsletter.

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I finish then by wishing you all a peaceful and happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you all at the start of the Summer Term.

Kind regards,

Scott Jacques

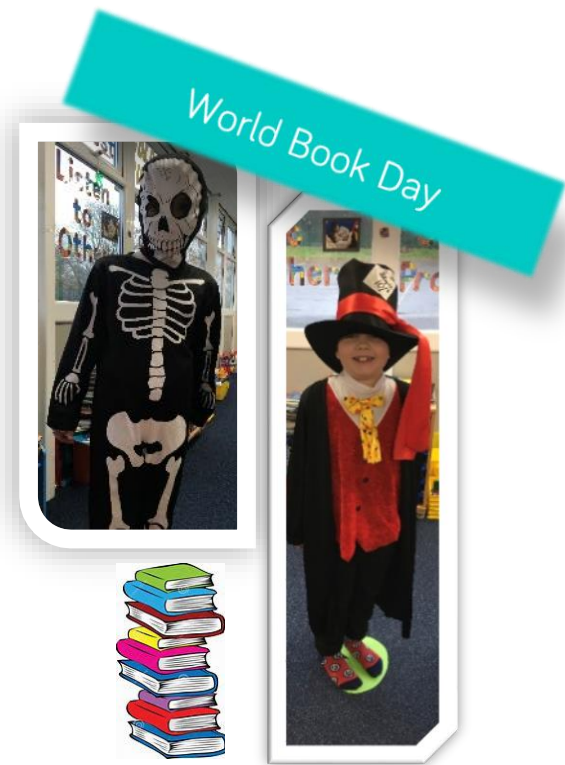
Executive Principal

Primary Site

It has been an action-packed month at the Primary site for both our staff and children. During Science week, Wharfe and Ness had a great day at Eureka. Mersey learned how to get a boiled egg into a jar using a single lit match, how to make their own lava lamps and how to stick pencils through a bag of water without any spillage! All of our classes had great fun with their crazy science experiments. Learning lots and having fun is what our school is all about! Great to see so many smiling faces



Finally, this month we also invited parents in to meet with Kate, a CEOP Ambassador from Principal Resourcing. She delivered the Thinkuknow workshop. The session gave parents and carers a chance to ask questions and talk together about online safety. Let's work together to keep our children safe online!



Just like the children, the staff never stop learning and our professional development over the last few weeks has been all about our curriculum. Next term we are looking forward to some great projects for the children to engage in. We will be going on lots of trips and visits as well as inviting lots of visitors into the academy. Some classes will be building Dens, some will become Scientists and some will be setting themselves weekly challenges. All of our projects have an exciting question to answer. Wharfe will be answering the question, 'I can't do it, can I?'

We also shared our exciting plans with staff from our secondary sites during our Friday professional learning session. I can't wait to see what all of our classes get up to. It makes me so proud to see the great progress that all of our children are making. Thank you for your continued support.

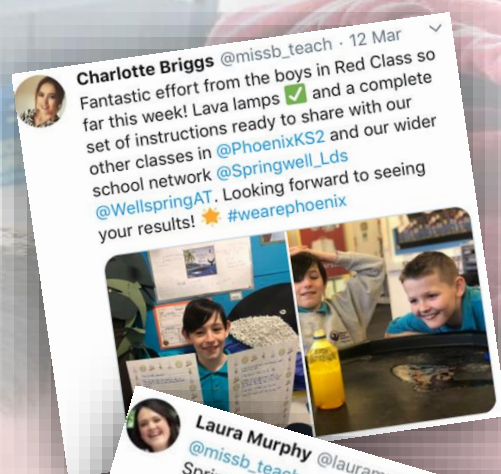
North Site

Springwell Science Week

Students across all sites enjoyed some fantastic activities following the British Science Week's theme of 'Journeys'. We made aeroplanes in the style of the Guinness World Book record holder, built bridges out of basic materials to hold a heavy can and observed the journey of a sneeze!

Water rockets were the main event, with a whopping 63 rockets launched over the secondary sites!

North site also did some cross site collaboration with Phoenix Park, one of our Academies in Grimsby. Two students volunteered to test the validity of Phoenix Park's method on making their own lava lamp. Their findings confirmed a successful replication of their lamp!



East Site

World Book Day

was enthusiastically celebrated this year by individual and even 'themed' group participation. Featured characters included several Willy Wonkas and his Oompa Loompas (complete with orange faces); The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe (but the 'wardrobe' had to change fairly quickly when she realised that 'furniture', even the cardboard variety, doesn't bend very easily; Cruella de Vil (T&L Lead) and Voldemort (Behaviour Lead) looking conveniently terrifying (staff and students were exceptionally compliant that day!) and Gansta Granny who insisted on cabbage soup being served for lunch!

Additionally, it was thrilling to see the determination of two amazing young men, Shane Armitage and Bailey Duffield, who worked daily in the exam room preparing for their Functional Skills exams next week. Shane will be attempting L1 writing and Bailey L1 reading. Both boys have completed three mock exams, worked on feedback and improved their results. Both are now quietly confident and truly see the benefit of perseverance and hard work (and a hot chocolate with marshmallows reward at the end).

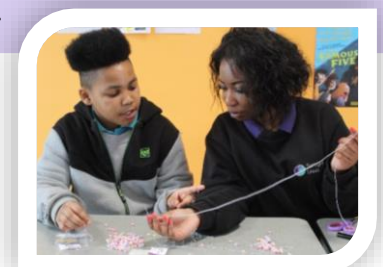


Year 6/7 have shown excellent practical skills during science. We have been learning all about how states of matter can change and had so much fun burning magnesium to make a new compound material. The children were true scientists and took their roles very seriously. Watch out for more updates about our ongoing science adventure!



Maths Trip to Leeds University

Our Yr 6 - 9 pupils have been working as young entrepreneurs as part of their Elements Enterprise theme of work. Our pupils voted to raise funds for Cancer Research and worked in teams to create their own businesses. They conducted market research, made adverts to promote their product's and worked to make enough products to sell to raise funds on the day. Every business was successful and made a profit with a total of £123.71 being raised for charity. It was lovely to see so many of our wonderful families coming in to support the event.



South Site

Celebrating Our First Birthday

On Tuesday 16th April, the South site has officially been open one year. To celebrate we are hiring a bouncy castle and having a picnic!

We have also invited Jollies the pet shop to come into the lower part of school with some animals.

Hopefully depending on the news that day we have the Yorkshire Evening post coming to take pictures of our first birthday.

On Friday 29th March we are having a non uniform day to help raise money for the decorations.



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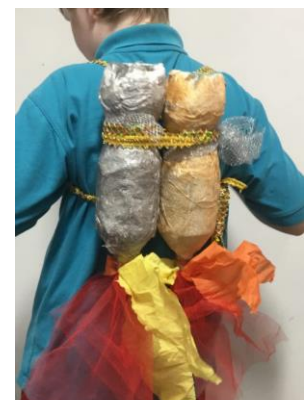
One of windows created by the children in Yellow 1 at the south site ...looks amazing



Playing with shaving foam in our Therapy Sessions



Visit from Oscar the therapy dog



Rocket made by one of our students in Art



How great are these fruit and veg animals that Orange 2 created?

Our Painted Windows

All across Springwell Leeds, staff and students have been filling our windows and doors with wonderful artwork!

