



Dear Parents and carers,

## Welcome to another edition of the Springwell Leeds Academy Newsletter!

I would like to start by thanking all the parents and carers of our children on the Primary Site for attending the consultation meeting before the half term holiday. I was really pleased that so many of you were there to hear and discuss the exciting news that from September, all our Primary children will be attending the new sites across the city.

As I said in the meeting, this change means our all our children will:

\*be taught in state of the art facilities with bigger classrooms and specialist areas

\*have better outdoor & PE spaces

\*still be taught with high levels of staffing, so they can get the support they need

\*have an opportunity to develop strong relationships with staff and peers over time

\*travel to site nearer to their home, meaning they spend less time in transport

\*have access to the same range of support and interventions where ever they are from in the city

Our teams on the new sites are also very excited at the prospect of being joined by our children and staff from Oakwood and look forward to seeing parents at the planned open evenings for Oakwood parents on:

**Monday, 11th March -East site**

**Tuesday, 12th March -South site**

**Thursday, 14th March -North site**

Parents and carers should all have received a letter confirming this, but if you are not clear, please get in touch with Oakwood as soon as possible.

Therapy dogs come in all sizes and breeds. The most important characteristic these dogs have is their temperament. They have been chosen and will be trained to be friendly, patient, confident, gentle, and at ease in all situations. It is clear already that they all enjoy human contact and love being petted, cuddled, stoked and fussed over by our children.

You can follow Josie's adventures on twitter @JosieNORTH11



Finally, we have had three very different new members of the team join us over the last few week - they are; Josie at the North Site and Louie and Oscar at the East. They are different because they all have 4 legs, fur and wet noses. These three new additions are our school dogs !



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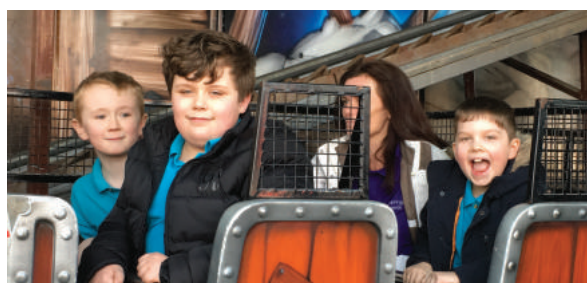
Kind regards,  
*Scott Jacques*  
Executive Principal



# Primary Site



ON THURSDAY 14TH FEB  
WE WERE INVITED TO  
JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE  
VALENTINE'S DAY FAIR.



Over half of us trekked over to the fair and had the best time! We got the chance to go on all of the rides and explore the fair before it opened to the general public. As you can see from the photographs, we were very brave and had a go on lots of the rides. Even the teachers got to have a go. All of the children were incredibly polite and made us all really proud with the way that they looked after one another.

We really enjoy our trips and visits at the Primary site. We already have plans to visit Tropical World as part of our 'Animals' topic and visit Yeadon Tarn at the end of the year.



# North Site

In Elements our students in Orange and Yellow pods have been busy setting up their own businesses. They have chosen a charity to raise money for, designed a product and carried out some market research. They are going to make and sell their products this half term. Our Y6 class were very pleased about receiving a message on Twitter from the Dogs Trust, helping their advert for their company 'Cross Jewellery' to receive over a thousand views!

Our students in Green has been producing some outstanding work in English, drafting work and then making changes to produce improved final versions based on their feedback from Mrs Brunton. This shows some real perseverance and determination to succeed.

Students in Blue have continued to develop their mountain biking skills at the Leeds Urban Bike Park, braving the hazards and challenging terrain.



**Dogs Trust Leeds**  
@DT\_Leeds



**Springwell Leeds Academy** @Springwell\_Lds

Our Y6 class have made an advert, helped by Billy the dog, for their company 'Cross Jewellery.' All of the money they raise will be going to the @DogsTrust. They could be working for you in years to come @DogsTrustPR !

## My Escape Room

The escape room starts with a very interesting beginning. It all starts with 3 mysterious doors that have different dark paths that lead to different adventures. The creaky floor is rock hard ice which means, to get out of the ice, you need some sort of special key which is located in one of these 3 doors. But to get through these doors, to find the right key, you have to venture through all of them which is going to be a challenge.



Door one is an old rancid bathroom with the most disgusting smell of dampness and burnt blood. There is some weird images of graffiti on the wall, the most eye catching image. It's of a dead person with some very gruesome words written inside the grisly image.

The other dark door, which is off an abandoned cellar with some very smelly rats running round, has blood dripping down the cracked walls. There is a very deadly smell of some rotting dead bodies. There are also some very odd looking cracked skulls hanging off a very heavy and rusty metal chain.

Door 3 has a hidden silver key but it's located in the ceiling but to get into the ceiling, you have to get a ladder which pulls out of the wall. Every wall is different so to find the right one, you need to press gently in every wall. Eventually, when you find the right one, the wall will open for you but 5 spears will point at you so you have the challenge to avoid these sharp spears. This is going to be extremely dangerous.

Kate Hartley

# East Site

## On the 5th February, students engaged in Safer Internet Day (SID) 2019

The Academy signed up to the Safer Internet Centre to support SID 2019. The theme was 'Consent'.

"SID is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation." (SID, 2019). Our super students created eSafety Classroom Contracts and made eSafety posters to display around school and in classrooms.

## Student Digital Leaders at #SpringwellEast



A massive Well Done and Thank You to our Student Digital Leaders who have been busy helping staff and students with digital solutions at Springwell East. Existing Leaders, Marco, Pristus and Tayy, have helped to recruit more Student Digital Leaders and we are pleased to welcome Hayden, Cian and Adrian on board. So far, our student leaders have helped staff and students mirror an iPad to the Smartboard, solve Immersive issues, PC issues and much more! They are also working on a range of video tutorials and working with our Student Council members to create a video to present to Mrs Crichton and Mr Jacques. If you would like any support with digital solutions at Springwell East, just speak to one of our Student Digital Leaders who will be happy to help!

## Miss T's Terrific Talent Show:

Our super student Teigan organised a talent show that proved to be a great event for all! Lots of students and staff showed up on Wednesday 13th February for an afternoon of pure talent and entertainment. Well done to everyone who participated in 'Miss T's Terrific Talent Show' and thank you from Miss T to all those who shared their talents and thanks to the great audience. We saw an amazing singing performance from Natasha and Rebecca, a great Fortnite dance from John the 'Marshmallow Man' and Hope's sweet Valentines Day poem. Mrs Crichton and Mrs Dodsworth entertained the audience with the Chicken Song as did Graham with his version of opera combined with rap! A massive thanks to Teigan for creating and hosting the fantastic show and a great big thank you to McKyle for judging!

## English

Confidence! Confidence! Confidence! This seems to be the key word for three young men here at the East site. Kenan, Kieron and Shane have amazed staff with their determination to achieve in English through hard work. Kieron was a reluctant writer and hated English! However, through persistence in doing a little every day, Kieron has developed the resilience to make mistakes and carry on, leading to huge improvement. Recently, he sat two mock exams, using the full time and producing four A4 sheets of creative writing. Kenan is new to Springwell, but has already shown an impressive attitude to his work. Keen to improve, he is learning to draft and re-draft his prose. Recently, he wrote a short story about a racing diver's perilous journey through a winding, icy road in the mountains. The story leaves the reader breathless as he builds tension and suspense. Shane is studying for Functional Skills Level 1 Writing. He admits that SPaG is his area for development, but he is determined to succeed! He has worked tirelessly to improve, self-correcting his mistakes using a mark scheme, before re-writing his final draft. Well done to these three SUPER boys and their classroom staff!



# South Site



Pupils learning about self regulation and breathing techniques.



## cashforkids

We are taking part in CashforKids and everyone on site is making as much money as possible for this amazing charity. Please keep an eye on social media and the website. We will also be letting pupils know what is happening through the next few weeks.

The FUNdraising begins now and lasts four weeks. Staff are getting their legs waxed on 1st March. There are also other events and non uniform days planned.

Our goal is to get through to the final rounds and potentially win £5000!

Please use this link to sponsor us.



<http://bit.ly/springwellcashforkids>



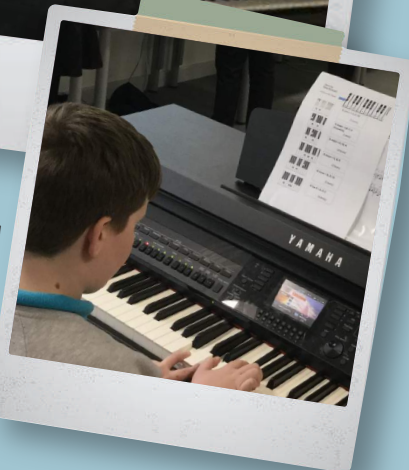
# Springwell Arts



At the south site before the half term we had a fab time playing along with songs using boomwhackers. All the students enjoyed the experience and it was a great exercise in teamwork, listening skills and cooperation. And a right laugh too!!!



'Team time has been really successful in Music at the North site this half term. Lily, Casey and Destiny have been practising their singing whilst Jaime can be seen in this photo learning a piece on the piano and David is arranging a piece of music using music technology.'



Year 9 Night Light Project  
Year 9 pupils researched, designed and made a night light. The Laser cutter was used to imprint their idea onto acrylic.

