



Dear Parents / Carers,

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Welcome to another edition of the Springwell Leeds Newsletter!

Welcome to the last newsletter of this school year. It has been a very busy end to the year here at Springwell. As you may be aware, we had a visit from OfSTED a week or so ago and I will share the report from that as soon as I am allowed to. We are not allowed to even share the outcome of the inspection with you until the final report is published, which should be towards the very end of term. As soon as it is, I will let you know. I can say a massive **thank you** though to those parents and carers who spoke to the inspectors and completed the on line survey we sent out. Your views are always important to us.

We have started our transitions early this year, with all our children and young people moving up to the class they will be with next year on the 1st July. This may sound unusual, but we hope that it will really help our students be less anxious over the holiday, where some of them, we know would worry about starting a new class with new staff in September. We also think that for our Primary students at Oakwood, who will be leaving that site at the end of July, we would not want them to have to start on a new site, with new staff. As with everything we do at Springwell, we try to make the decisions and plans we do with the best interests of your children in mind. I hope it means that we get off to a really positive start in September, with children feeling settled more quickly.

All our key dates for next year are on the Academy website, but I will take the opportunity to share them with you now:

Training Days – All sites closed to pupils

-  Monday 2nd September 2019
-  Tuesday 3rd September 2019
-  Monday 4th November 2019
-  Monday 20th July 2020

There will be a 5th training day to follow and we will share that date with you as soon as it is confirmed.

Finally, I would like to introduce and welcome our newly appointed Parent Governor, Jim Whurr.

I wish you all a **happy summer break** and I look forward to seeing our children back at Springwell in September.

Kind regards,

Scott Jacques

Executive Principal

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Primary Site

This month at Primary, we achieved 100% attendance for two days!

Sports Day

Over at the Primary site we hosted our annual Sports Day on Friday 21st June. This year's was better than ever! Our children were joined by more than half of our parents for a morning of races. We were overwhelmed by the crowd that turned up to cheer our children on – the atmosphere was electric!

The children worked in four teams, mixing with children from across the school. They chose which races they wanted to compete in. We had sprints, relays, three-legged, skipping and, of course, an egg and spoon race! The event was finished off with a tug of war.

The whole event brought a tear to my eye. The way the children supported one another was beautiful to watch. The loudest cheer was always saved for the child who was struggling and showing incredible resilience. I am so proud of the children. I am also incredibly proud of our fantastic staff team for making these events possible. Well done everyone.



Take a look at our snaps from the day...



Our Wharfe class were challenged to a Bake Off where they had to memorise and write the recipe, prepare all the ingredients and then bake the custard cream biscuits!

North Site

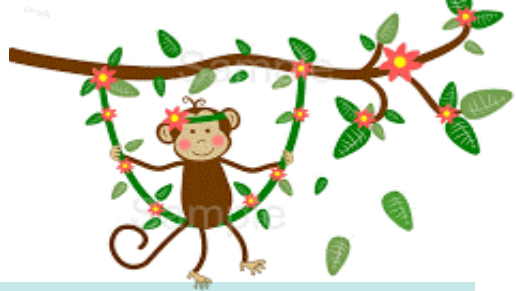
Our students in Yellow at North have been improving their instrumental skills this half term. They have been given the choice of learning either the Keyboard, Guitar or Bass Guitar and have been taught the skills they need to perform some well known pop songs including 'Songbird' by Oasis and 'See you again' by Charlie Puth and Wiz Khalifa.



As part of our Elements topic on Rainforests, we had a visit from Lion Learners this half term. Michaela brought a hissing cockroach, rabbits, guinea pigs, a giant snail and a snake. Everyone was very brave in holding the animals and finding out how they have adapted to live in different environments.



Each group has also had the chance to take part in a Steel Pan workshop led by Victoria Jaquiss from ArtForms. They have practised and performed pieces such as 'Ode to Joy' by Beethoven and 'Largo' from the New world symphony by Dvorak



East Site

Cambridge National in Sports Studies

Some of our KS4 pupils at East have opted to complete a Cambridge National course in Sports Studies over the past month. Amongst a number of units, the students will study contemporary issues in sport, developing sports skills, sport and the media and finally developing knowledge and skills in outdoor activities.

The students have been attending Leeds Urban Bike Park for a 1 hour session, learning about safety prior to taking part, maintaining the equipment and lastly how to use the facilities safely.

The Bike Park has options to use both a BMX track and a number of off road trails through the woods – they test not only the fitness, but also the nerve as jumps and hills are around every corner. Once the practical course is completed the students will write up the processes required in order to take part in a safe, appropriate manner.

In school the students will take part in practical sessions in football, badminton and table tennis learning not only how to play and improve performance, but the rules, laws and regulations to officiate.

By summer 2020, it is hoped the first students will complete the course with a Level 1 or 2 qualification.

Year 9 pupils visited Harewood estate recently to tie in with our maths unit of work on Maps, Scale and Bearings. Pupils were able to use 4 and 6 figure grid references, plan a route on an Ordnance Survey map as well as use a compass to check we were going in the right direction!



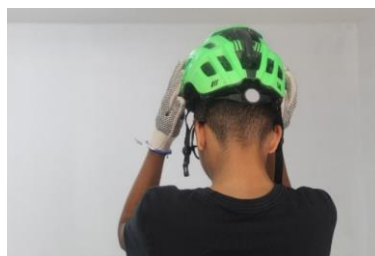
Pupils got to see the Harewood deer and dry off with a hot chocolate after the (very wet!) walk.

Maths stars: A special mention to the following pupils for their recent hard work and improvements in maths:

Chloe - fantastic work on fractions, great work.

Daniel - continued top maths work during intervention.

Kenan - again continued hard work and determination to improve.

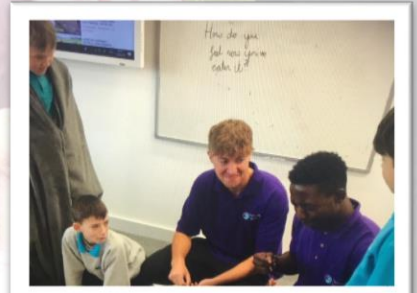


Leeds Urban Bike Park



South Site

Springwell South have had a fun month! Orange 3 had the chance to take part in their “bush tucker trial” tasting dried insects. Some were reluctant to try but a massive shoutout to Miss Lockwood - her reaction is priceless and we were lucky enough to catch this on camera.



Some of our students and parents went on a seaside trip to Bridlington. Although the weather wasn't great, they still managed to have a great day visiting the beach, arcades and fair ground.

Our trip photos



Some of our Year 11s sat their GCSEs and we are all wishing them all the best of luck for their results in August. Our Year 11 students were treated to a leavers meal at the Red Hot Buffet in Leeds.

This month also saw our first ever residential trip to Flamingo land. Everyone enjoyed the theme park and seeing lots of different animals.

We are now starting our Transition ready for the primary site to come over in September and some children have switched pods. Staff and students are very excited for the upcoming month before the Summer holidays.

This month, we hosted Theraplay Training. All who attended had a great time learning fun theraplay techniques to use with our students.



Sunday 7th July 2019
1pm - 4pm

Think Like a Pony Fundraising Fete

This will be a fun filled summer fete where families can take part in and visit:

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| 🌀 Face painting | 🌀 Book stall | 🌀 Pony tour |
| 🌀 Treasure Hunt | 🌀 Plant a tea cup | 🌀 Upcycled furniture |
| 🌀 Fun competitions | 🌀 Plant sale | 🌀 Pony polaroids |
| 🌀 Craft stall | 🌀 Cake stall | 🌀 Bric-a-brac stall |

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Occupation Lane
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Leeds
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There will also be opportunities to learn more about the impact of our work and how you can join the fundraising campaign.

The event will be in aid of Think Like a Pony campaign which is raising money for a purpose built, accessible Think Like a Pony Centre. They need this in order to meet the great demand for services to empower children with mental health, social and emotional difficulties.

This centre will also provide a unique child-centric riding school for children from the local community where relationship and harmony are at the heart of all teaching.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Think Link a Pony

Email : info@thinklikeapony.co.uk

Call: 07701 290 361

Single tickets - £2 per person

Family tickets a - £5 each

Price includes a free tea, coffee or cold drink.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.