

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Welcome to this half term's newsletter

Welcome to the last Newsletter of the Spring term. I hope you will enjoy reading about all the wonderful things that have been happening across our sites.

As we approach the Easter break, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this term. We have had the usual challenges in the Spring Term of snow and bad weather, which has meant we had to close for a short time. We recognise that this is always disruptive and hope that we are now beyond the poor weather for another school year.

As we look ahead to next term, I would like to remind you that the testing and exam season is fast approaching. Your children have been working hard throughout the year to prepare for their exams, and we are confident that they will do their very best. However, we also know that this can be a stressful time for both them and you as parents/carers

We want to assure you that our staff teams are here to support your children in any way we can. Our staff are available to answer any questions you may have about the SATs or exams or your child's progress. At this time of year, good attendance is really important to make sure your child is as well prepared as possible in the lead up to the exams.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy and restful Easter break. This is an important time for our pupils to recharge their batteries and come back ready to tackle the challenges of next term.



*Scott Jacques*  
Executive Principal

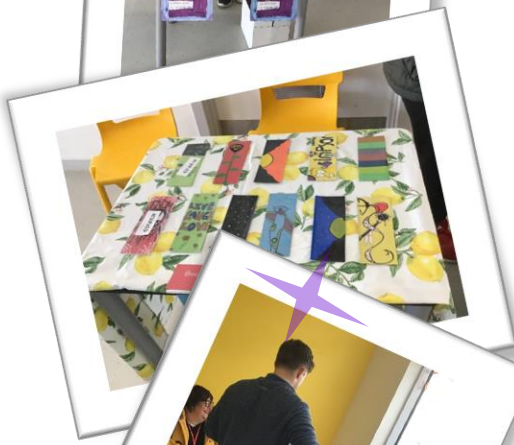
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# North Site



## Parent Pop-In

We have now had 2 very successful parent pop-in sessions with our SEND team. These are an opportunity for parents and carers to come together and foster a wider community of support and shared experiences. Parents who have attended have really enjoyed some time focused on themselves as well as getting to know other parents in the Springwell North community. We have had lovely breakfasts and therapeutic craft activities on offer alongside a session by one of our external providers. During our last session we were joined by our Educational Psychologist who discussed windows of tolerance. Please join us for the next session on the 20th of April which will include a Coronation themed “morning tea”. Members of Scope will be present to discuss all aspects of sleep and associated challenges faced by families and young people.



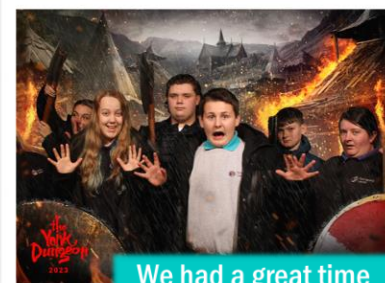
## Enterprise Fair

In February we had a very successful enterprise fair in Primary and KS3. As part of the Element’s curriculum students had to design, make and market a product of their choice to sell at a school marketplace. As part of this topic students learned about human rights, sustainability, and how businesses work. We had some wonderful designs that students saw on the product stage including pet rocks, wax melts, dog and rabbit treats, and some beautiful key chains and pen pots. Students also practised the social skills needed to work collaboratively with others and engage confidently with adults they were not familiar with.

Parents and carers were invited in to see all the hard work that had gone into creating the range of products on offer and to spend a few pounds! It was a great success and raised over £300 pounds for a number of chosen charities.



# East Site



We had a great time at York Dungeons!

## Youth Summit Visit

We had the privilege of being invited to meet the Lord Mayor of Leeds last month at the Inner East Youth Summit. Students took part in activities alongside several mainstream schools, and shared their views and ideas on initiatives for young people in the local community. All of our participants were impeccably behaved throughout the day, which included a complimentary lunch at the Rose Bowl. Further, they showed incredible confidence during the question and answer session with the Lord Mayor, raising their hands to ask questions in front of around one hundred other students.

## Valentines Fair

Primary and Key Stage 3 pupils put on a joint Enterprise fair, with parents and carers (as well as staff) purchasing items made in school including bath bombs, keyrings, sweet bags, home made cakes, stress toys. The pupils raised money for charity after spending time researching charitable causes, and planned the whole event. After the Enterprise fair, Key Stage 3 pupils put on a Valentines concert for parents and carers in the heart space, with some wonderful performances.



## World Book Day

World Book Day saw a range of themes this year from War Horse by Michael Morpurgo, where students 'neighed' responses from horse head hoods, to Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll.

Students at East are creating strong reading identities, through embedded DEAR time as part of the morning literacy routine throughout the school, and Accelerated Reader in KS3. Non-fiction texts are increasingly popular amongst the boys, and a range of 'dyslexia friendly' options have helped to make reading accessible and enjoyable for all.

## Maths Success

A big well done to Kieren, Freddie and Holly who have all recently passed their external exams in Number and Measure at Level 1 and 2!



# South Site

Look how much fun our children had at Science Week!

## British Science Week

We celebrated British Science Week with activities related to science, technology, engineering and maths. Science plays an important role in finding solutions to all sorts of problems from ensuring our transport is safe to thinking about how we can make the world we live in more sustainable.

Our budding scientists were inspired with the range of activities using their inquisitive minds to learn about new phenomena.



## Our Springwell Basketball Team

Our wonderful basketball team has had an incredible term. Made up of students from Y7-10, and coached by Mr Eschoe, Mr Lynch and Mr Zvoushe, the team has shown determination and skill in abundance over the year. This term they have performed a showcase for the whole staff body, in a students versus staff match, in order to raise funds for their trip to a professional basketball match. The students outplayed the staff in all respects, winning by a sizable margin, and made a staggering £130. Whilst the skills were incredible and their leaps gravity-defying, what really shone through was the teamwork and compassion for one another. Fast forward to the end of term and the team went en masse to Sheffield to see the Sharks in action. This was a first for the boys - for some it was their first trip beyond the city and for most their first professional sports game. As a team, they modelled the Springwell values in their attitude throughout the trip and made their coaches very proud. A huge and sincere thank you to the staff team (Misters Eschoe, Zvoushe, Lynch and Skirrow) for taking the children on this visit last Friday evening and for the work that goes into broadening their horizons every day.



## Our Heroes

Look at the egg-cellent designs our Blue pod created on the theme of 'our heroes'

