

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year

Welcome to the last Springwell Leeds newsletter of what has been, once again a very busy school year.

I will start by celebrating our Y11 students who have just completed their GCSE exams and will very soon be leaving us. It fills me with great pride to say that this year, more of our students than ever before sat exams and will leave us with qualifications. This term 87 pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 were entered for one or more examinations which is the highest number since we opened. The exams taken by the students ranged over 12 different qualifications, some of which we ran for the first time. As well as the usual Maths, English and Science qualifications, students this year sat exams in Art, Music, Design Technology, Sports and Engineering. In addition to these exams we had students enter in a number of non-exam qualifications in areas such as Personal Growth and Wellbeing, PE and Art and Design.




Of course we hope that all our students get good results but sitting these exams is a fantastic achievement in its own right, whatever the outcome may be. We all know how worrying and stressful sitting tests and exams can be and being brave enough to come in and give them your best effort is the first step to success. All those young people demonstrated the resilience and courage to have a go that we want to develop in every single one of our young people.

All of that also goes for our Yr6's who took their SATs at the same time. It can be even more challenging for our younger students to do these tests and again, sitting them at all is an achievement itself, whatever the outcome. Well done to them all and to the staff for supporting them through it. We of course, wish our Y11's who are moving on, good luck and success in their next steps in life.

As we go into the long summer holiday I wish you all a very happy, peaceful and safe break on behalf of all of us at Springwell Leeds. We look forward to seeing you all in September. The new term starts with a training day on Monday 4th of September, when school will be closed to all pupils. We then have parent review meetings on Tuesday 5th of September - details for these will come to you directly from the site that your child attends. All key dates for next year can be found on the school website and in this newsletter.



*Scott Jacques*  
Executive Principal



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## Volunteering

This has been the first year we have run the Duke of Edinburgh Award as an option choice and it has been a wonderful journey for the students and staff involved with this creating valuable and memorable experiences for our young people. Throughout the award students developed new skills, found motivation, overcame personal challenges, found confidence and resilience and achieved things they thought they could not all whilst raising awareness of important causes and helping others.

We began our volunteering journey in our first term, continuing this through into the winter term, when many people and families in the UK and in the local area were facing an economic crisis and facing a winter of hardship. It did not take very long before a group of students felt they would like to spend their volunteering section supporting one of our local foodbanks. The foodbank was something that was very personal to some of the students, as one student discussed to the group that they remember a time previously in their life when they had struggled and needed support.

They spent time working as a team, exploring why foodbanks would be a good charity to support, researching why there was an increase in the usage of foodbanks, and discovering what local foodbanks were in their areas before finally deciding which ones to support with donations.

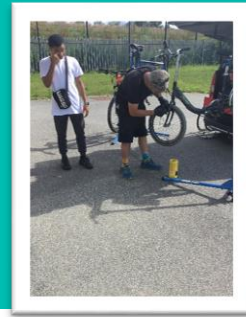
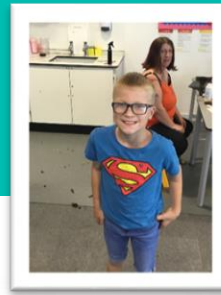
Throughout this period students then organised various fundraising events in school for foodbank donations and continued to contact many local supermarkets asking for direct support and raised a wonderful amount of donations for the Trussell Trust Leeds North & West, who were extremely thankful for the support.

In addition to this we also had students who gave up their time to work in local charity shops, helping out at animal shelters and mentoring our younger students in sports skills.

It has been wonderful to watch the students develop these volunteering journeys themselves and take pride in their achievements and be part of something that meant so much to them and to see them grow and give back to their local communities.



# East Site



Parent Review Day at Springwell East!

## Parent Review Day

Turnout was high at East site's Parent Review day - which was a fantastic day. Pupils met new class teams where appropriate, and there was a selection of providers and activities for both pupils and parent carers, including Haircuts from Leeds City College, bike repairs from local mobile mechanic business, dental advice/signposting from local dentists, careers advice, SENCo drop in, hot food and a raffle of which prizes were all kindly donated by local companies. Thank you to all those who supported the day!



## Silly Science



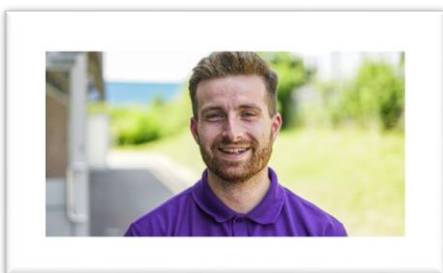
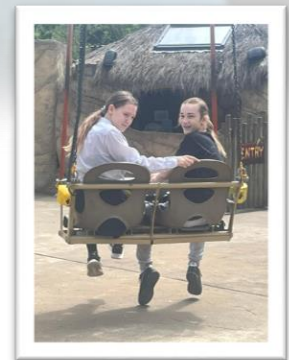
As part of our work on Forces and Friction we were visited by Professor Nitrate Sulphate from Silly Science.

We investigated balanced and unbalanced using a leaf blower and beach ball along with various other practical and engaging science experiments.

Then we looked at how an aeroplane wing creates lift using a toilet roll, the effects were quite dramatic!

## End of Term Trips and Celebrations

Staff and pupils celebrate the end of the academic year with various trips including: Scarborough, Flamingoland, Eden Camp and Laserzone amongst others.



## Welcome our new Care Team Lead!

My name is Niall and before working full time in schools, I was a professional rugby player that played around the world. My hobbies include various sports and the gym. I am looking forward to working with the young people (and parent / carers!) at Springwell!





# South Site



## Family Thrive

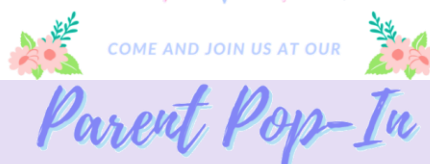
We have come to the end of another Family Thrive course, successfully and expertly led by Mr Hallsworth (Care Team Leader) and Mrs Riyat (Parent Support Advisor). The course aims to teach families about the workings of the brain, and how we can support our children to regulate, relate and reason. It helps parents to learn and mirror strategies used in school, meaning children experience a more consistent approach to learning, behaviour and meeting their needs. So far, we have trained 15 families, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. If you'd like to take part in our next cohort, please contact school and register your interest with Mr Hallsworth.

## Football at Springwell

This June saw our KS3 football team take on their biggest opponents to date - Joseph Norton Academy. It was brilliant for our newly formed team to take on real life rivals from beyond our own school community, to give them a sense of achievement and a new experience, both of which are key skill areas in our curriculum. JNA is another SEMH school within the Wellspring Academy Trust and we enjoyed showing off our skills in our family of schools. It was a case of old versus new, as our old PE teacher, Mr Skirrow, returned with his new school, where he has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher, and he took on Miss Macfarlane's mighty team...it is fair to say, Miss Macfarlane and the Springwell team reigned victorious on this occasion, and we look forward to the next game! Our team showed real sportsmanship and focus, with excellent captaincy from Dean. Well done, everyone!

## End of the Year

To end our academic year, we had an ice cream van on site, and treated every child (and adult!) to an ice cream, to thank them for their hard work and to celebrate the year. Transition is a time of new starts and goodbyes, and we are proud of the way our children have taken this in their stride as they have moved into their new year groups.



## Parent Pop Ins

Our Parent Pop ins will continue in September, and we look forward to welcoming more of you through the doors in person and virtually, across all sites. In the new year, we will have speech and language experts and an educational psychologist attending our sessions, which is a great opportunity for parents to pick these experts' brains! Here at South, we are keen to welcome our families in, so please get in touch with your child's Care Team Leader or a member of SLT if you would like to visit.

# Community Support

## Generous community support for Springwell's Music Technology Offer

Over the past few years we have seen an increased interest in student's interest in learning and developing DJ skills and, earlier this year, the Music department made the decision to seek opportunities to enhance this offer further.

In March 2023 we were delighted to receive a grant from the Universal Music UK Sound Foundation as a result of a successful application to their fund. Following this award we made contact with Bop DJ, a DJ and Music Production Technology specialist based in Leeds, and shared our wish list. Two questions were posed to the company:

- How much would our wish list cost?
- How much could we get with our funding?

So we could adequately resource our three Leeds sites we were looking for a number of DJ controllers as well as licences for the DJ software and we quickly found we would need our budget to stretch quite far! Andy, the general manager at Bop DJ, told us that Bop DJ are passionate about supporting local schools interested in incorporating DJ-ing in their curriculum and that they would look to put together a special offer for Springwell Leeds.

Within the week Andy came back to us having been in touch with 'InMusic' (owner of Numark) and 'Serato' (who produce the DJ software) on behalf of the school. As a result, Bop DJ made us an offer that ensured we could secure all the equipment we required for all three sites that worked to our budget.

We were delighted to take delivery of the DJ controllers last month and are now in the process of setting up the Serato accounts.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Universal Music UK Sound Foundation for their support and offer particular thanks to Andy at Bop DJ for his incredible support of our Music curriculum. We encourage anyone with an interest in DJ-ing or Music Production to visit the Bop DJ shop on Church Walk in Leeds or support them in any way possible.

*Adam Bell*

Head of the Arts

# Support for Families

## Summer Fun

Click on to this link and you will see the Summer Holiday activities page. Here you will find links to information, websites and articles suggesting activities and places to go for the children and for the adults in the different areas you live in.

<https://springwellacademyleeds.org/parents-carers/holiday-activities/>



## Parent/Carers helpful information and support

Click on to this link and you will find links to information from organisations and council websites offering support for parents/carers in the different areas you live in.

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Kids Eat Free  
(or for £1!)

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023 <small>COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL</small>	
<b>ASDA</b> Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.	<b>MORRISONS</b> Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.
<b>TESCO</b> Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023	<b>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS</b> Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants
<b>SAINSBURY'S CAFES</b> Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11.30am every day.	<b>PRETO</b> Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms
<b>BEFEATER &amp; BREWERS FAYRE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	<b>BILLS</b> 2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023.
<b>THE REAL GREEK</b> Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult!	<b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.
<b>TABLE TABLE</b> Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	<b>WHITBREAD INNS</b> Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased
<b>TRAVELOGUE</b> Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free	<b>SA BRAINS PUBS</b> Children can eat for £1 with any adult main, Valid All Day Wednesdays
<b>HONEYBROKE</b> Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast	<b>FUTURE INNS</b> Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays
<b>PREMIER INN</b> Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free	<b>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM</b> Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 5pm
<b>SEZZLING PUBS</b> Every Monday to Friday, 3-7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.	<b>YDI SUSHI</b> From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend
<b>IKEA</b> Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	<b>TO BE CONFIRMED...</b> M&S and Farmhouse Inns



## Useful Support Services & Activities

There is an extremely useful brochure, full of support services and activities for families in Leeds, on our website. Please take a look!

<https://springwellacademyleeds.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/06/WS-Leeds-Support-Summer-23-1.pdf>