



Newsletter 20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school and the learning taking place is fantastic. Year 5 have started their computing coding project of building a Solar System, introducing algorithms, variables, and commands. Year 3 have begun their learning on the Stone Age. Year 1 have started looking at The Adventures of Paddington. All topic pages for each year group are available on our website under the Curriculum section. Lots of learning is shared through our X (twitter) class pages and school page – you do not need to sign up to X to see these updates.

Learners of the week:

Reception – Jayden – for showing a can-do attitude in phonics and demonstrating new skills to staff and children.

Year 1 – Melvin – for trying his best, completing all his work and giving 100% all week.

Year 2 – Isaac – for his fantastic phonics work and great attitude to learning.

Year 3 – Sadie – for showing maturity and enthusiasm in her learning.

Year 4 – Kaiten – for showing maturity and making the right choices.

Year 5 – Annie – for doing her best to apply everything that's been taught to her – keep going!

Year 6 – Joshua – for a dramatic and enthusiastic turn around in his learning.

Well done to everyone! This really highlights the efforts and attitude towards learning this week!

SEN Local Authority Audit.

This week, the Local Authority came to our school to audit the documentation in place and the SEN provision we have in school. There were many positives to share; the main highlights were:

- The Leadership team in school is exemplary – even though new to role, they could see the passion and drive for SEN children to succeed and the vision of every child getting the best possible start in life.
- The prominence of SEN across the School Improvement Plan
- Lots of opportunities for support, collaboration and networking moving forward.
- SEN provision in place meets the needs of the children.
- TA's are very proactive in lessons, all were interacting with pupils and addressing need
- Behaviour for Learning across school is fantastic – 'Children have a thirst for learning and strive to be challenged.'

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole staff team for their relentless attitude towards ensuring all pupils get all their needs met.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

I would like to invite you along to our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September in the Key Stage 2 Hall at 9am! If you are going to be busy baking, can we ask that all donations are brought to KS2 reception either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning please. Any cakes or buns left over will be sold in the hall at the end of the school day. We are also having a 'wear green' day and asking for donations towards this invaluable cause which I'm sure most of us have had experience with.

Secondary School Open Days

Please see below the dates for the Secondary School Open Days.

School	Day	Date	Time
Astrea Academy Dearne	Wednesday	25 th September 2024	4 - 6pm
Barnsley Academy	Thursday	3 rd October 2024	4 - 7pm
Darton Academy	Thursday	26 th September 2024	5 - 7:30pm
Holy Trinity Catholic and C of E	Thursday	26 th September 2024	5 - 7:30pm
Horizon Community College	Saturday	21 st September 2024	9am - 3pm
Kirk Balk Academy	Thursday	10 th October 2024	4 - 7pm
Netherwood Academy	Thursday	26 th September 2024	4:30 - 6:30pm
Outwood Academy Carlton	Thursday	10 th October 2024	4-6pm
Outwood Academy Shafton	Thursday	26 th September 2024	4 - 6pm
Penistone Grammar School	Thursday	3 rd October 2024	5 - 7:30pm
Trinity Academy St Edwards	Thursday	19 th September 2024	5 - 8pm

Bikeability

Next week, Year 5 will be taking part in the Bikeability program. Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. They will master the basic skills of cycling and understand the importance of keeping healthy.

Punctuality

We have had 12 late marks this week. The official start time of the compulsory day is at 8.55am and pupils are actively learning by 9.00am, any children with missed learning time need to catch up during the school day.

Attendance

This year improving attendance is a huge focus of ours in school and it is an area on our school development plan. I hope you support us in achieving the national attendance target of 97% each week and ensuring your child/children are in school daily and on time. Every day is a learning day.

Class	Weekly attendance
Reception	93.1%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	92.2%
Year 6	96%
School average this week	96.1%

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!

Yours Sincerely,

Miss. K Glyde

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