



Dear parents and carers,

We're delighted to be able to look back on such a successful, enjoyable and productive half term. Thank you for all of your positivity and enthusiasm on the playground, at Meet the Teacher and parents' evenings and when coming into school for concerts and events.

There have been hundreds of highlights this term, including Team GB athletes and ice skating championships, not to mention the cooking and baking projects and the time that glitter monsters took over Key Stage One!

We are so proud of Birley Spa and all of our fantastic children, staff and parents. The House Points and Learners' Code points have really supported children's self-esteem and will continue to be used to celebrate effort as well as success into the new year.

We hope that your family time over the next two weeks is filled with fun, laughter and opportunities to relax and look forward to hearing all about your break in the new year.

### **Working together:**

We would love to hear your thoughts around the opportunities children have had in school this term, the development work that has taken place with teaching and learning, and general feedback for current experience in school. Please spare a few minutes to complete this survey as this gives us valuable feedback to help with future developments in school.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SD8RHMW>

It was really lovely to see the children enjoying themselves at their parties today.

Well done to Early Years for performing their Wiggly Nativity so well during both performances. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the children. Well done Key Stage One for really shining in their play and also a huge well done to Key Stage 2 for the lovely carol concert.

### **Enterprise Week**

Each class has really risen to the challenge of creating something to sell at the Christmas Fayre. I was lucky enough to buy something from each stall and am thrilled with my fridge magnet, candle holder, cards and crackers as well as full from some delicious soup and bread. The reindeer food, gingerbread and hot

chocolate were all fantastic as well. Thank you to everyone who bought anything to support our children to raise funds for school. The profits go towards the Christmas presents for the children, with any remaining money being used to buy more equipment in school as needed so we really do appreciate your support. Our Christmas events have been a huge success, breaking our Birley Spa fundraising record; **we raised £1,548.60.**

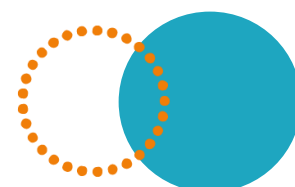


Thank you to all the parent volunteers; Mrs Gibson is really looking forward to meeting them in the new year to design a programme of support for our children.

### **Staffing:**

As you know Mrs Horsfield will take over the leadership of the IR in January. Mrs King has been a valuable member of staff, teaching in Shirebrook for the last year, so we would like to thank her for her contributions and wish her well for the future.

Mrs Thomas is starting her maternity leave over the Christmas break. We wish her all the best and cannot wait to meet her new arrival in the new term.



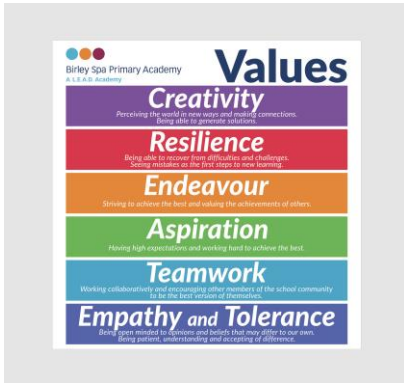


# Birley Spa Primary Academy

## A L.E.A.D. Academy

### Curriculum Enrichment

It has been a great few weeks for visits to enhance our curriculum offer.



Please look out for the latest curriculum newsletter which will be sent out via Showbie and will also be on the website.

### Aspiration and Endeavour

Year 6 enjoyed a unique opportunity to experience the British Figure Skating Championships 2022 at Ice Sheffield and were able to see local children achieve their potential. They were noticed by staff and Ice Sheffield staff for displaying the School Values when they were out in the community.

### Creativity and Teamwork

All of the children enjoyed the Christmas church service at Spa View Church and gave another example of how we show our School Values to members of the local community.

We had wonderful feedback from to staff at Church. "It was wonderful having Year 1-6 visit Spa View Community Church for their carol service. They sang some lovely carol's that they've been practicing in school. We did other fun activities and the children (and teachers) had a great time joining in. They were so well behaved and did some fantastic listening throughout. We really enjoyed being able to host the school carols service and hope we can do it again next year."

- Amy (Children and Families Worker).

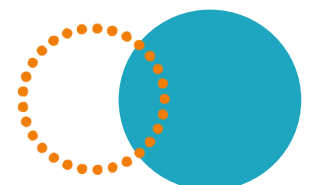
"It was a real privilege to welcome back Birley Spa for a Christmas Carol Concert again this year. The children sung beautifully and where a real credit to the school and their parents and guardians. As well as carols they enjoyed wrapping up their teachers and getting involved in a drama called the prefect Christmas portrait.'

Pastor Chris Jeavons

### Empathy and Tolerance

This week, Year 1 and 2 found out all about what makes a Catholic church special when they visited Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on Wednesday as part of their Religious Education. They found it very informative and showed Empathy and Tolerance throughout their visit. Well done Year 1 and 2!

We're looking forward to announcing our Pupil Podcasters and Eco Council after Christmas, along with the projects that they will undertake. It's been wonderful to see so many children volunteer to go the extra mile to make our school thrive.



# STAR OF THE WEEK – 9<sup>th</sup> December

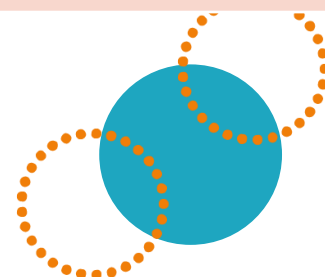
<b>Heeley</b>	Kya – for showing great <b>resilience</b> when independently writing in provision.	Bentley – for showing great <b>empathy</b> to his peers.
<b>Whirlow</b>	Charlotte – for always being an <b>aspirational</b> role model.	Luna – for her kindness and <b>empathy</b> supporting other children.
<b>Sheaf</b>	Ronnie – for showing <b>creativity</b> and enthusiasm when practising for our Christmas performance.	Walter – for showing <b>aspiration</b> and <b>teamwork</b> in his first week at Birley Spa. Walter has settled in so well and we are so happy to have him in our class.
<b>Endcliffe</b>	Calvin – for showing <b>creativity</b> when decorating his gingerbread biscuits and further creativity performing on stage at church last week.	Drin – for <b>empathy</b> and kindness towards others, he is always looking out for his friends.
<b>Lyceum</b>	Taylor – for displaying great <b>teamwork</b> in our class. You work well in groups and pairs and you help the whole class to keep our room tidy.	Lyla – for displaying great <b>teamwork</b> . You always help your class mates, both with their work and keeping the classroom tidy.
<b>Crucible</b>	Jayden – for <b>endeavouring</b> to improve your handwriting and presentation.	Kavern – for improved learning behaviour. It is great to see you <b>aspiring</b> to do your best.
<b>Weston</b>	Salma – for having a good start at Birley Spa and settling in well.	Oscar – for showing great <b>aspiration</b> across all his learning.
<b>Kelham</b>	Chloe – for having a <b>resilience</b> across the whole curriculum, trying really hard even when things are challenging.	Conor – for using a wide range of <b>creative</b> vocabulary when writing independently.
<b>Graves</b>	John-Henry – for being an amazing team player! You have helped our class so much this week.	Jamelia – for <b>aspiring</b> to do her best work in class, especially her writing.
<b>Millennium</b>	Mason – for showing <b>endeavour</b> and <b>resilience</b> in his fractions work. He managed to solve some very tricky problems.	Joshua – for showing <b>empathy</b> and <b>creativity</b> in his English work writing about the Birley Spa Bath House.
<b>Bolsover</b>	The whole of Bolsover class - for showing <b>empathy</b> , tolerance and <b>teamwork</b> during our trips to the church and Ice Sheffield.	
<b>Peveril</b>	The whole of Peveril class - for showing <b>empathy</b> , tolerance and <b>teamwork</b> during our trips to the church and Ice Sheffield.	
<b>Shirebrook</b>	Caleb – for demonstrating several school values by showing restraint in challenging situations.	

# STAR OF THE WEEK – 16<sup>th</sup> December

<b>Heeley</b>	Whole class – for your positive attitude. We have been so proud of your <b>teamwork</b> throughout this term.	
<b>Whirlow</b>	Whole class – for your positive attitude. We have been so proud of your <b>teamwork</b> throughout this term.	
<b>Sheaf</b>	Piper – for showing <b>endeavour</b> in all your learning and contributing great ideas to your group.	Eli – for showing resilience within writing. Really trying hard to segment words you want to write.
<b>Endcliffe</b>	Harlow – for showing aspiration when speaking in her part in the Christmas performance as a Narrator. Speaking loud and clear.	Maxwell – for showing <b>aspiration</b> in learning, trying his best to produce work of his best ability.
<b>Norfolk</b>	Colby – for <b>endeavouring</b> to do his best in all his learning, and staying focussed in lessons.	To the whole class – for the <b>creativity</b> and <b>enthusiasm</b> you displayed in our KS2 Christmas performance. You are stars in the marking!
<b>Lyceum</b>	Whole class – for showing all of our school values during our KS2 performances	
<b>Crucible</b>	Rhys – for showing resilience. Mrs Roberts is so please with how you keep trying to reach your targets in writing.	Cheetah – for <b>resilience</b> . Thank you for always trying to reach challenge 3 in maths even when it seems tricky.
<b>Weston</b>	Sophie – for continued <b>endeavour</b> and commitment with learning throughout this term.	Lucas – for showing great learning behaviours and focus in his learning.
<b>Kelham</b>	Isabella – for showing <b>empathy</b> and a commitment to teamwork by rushing back to school after swimming and ballet!	James – for a real inspiration to improve knowledge of times tables to achieve an amazing score in multiplication tables check.
<b>Graves</b>	Jamelia – for being such a helpful team player.	Beaux – for being creative in music and doing an excellent job in the KS2 performance.
<b>Millennium</b>	Mollie – for showing great <b>resilience</b> when solving tricky Maths problems.	Oliver – for <b>creativity</b> when writing and publishing a Christmas poem.
<b>Bolsover</b>	Kian – for using imagination in English. You have written a lovely narrative poem, well done!	Kayleigh – for being confident throughout the Christmas performances, well done!
<b>Peveril</b>	Braxton – for showing great teamwork by helping others to prepare for the KS2 Christmas performance.	Shaunay – showing great <b>resilience</b> by overcoming her stage freight during the KS2 performance.
<b>Shirebrook</b>	Oscar – for improvement in work ethic to develop the school value of aspiration.	

# Dates for the Diary

19 <sup>th</sup> December – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Spring 1 - School Reopens to Children
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y5 Young Voices Concert
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Swimming Commences – Ponds Forge
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term – School Closed
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day – School Closed
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Meet the Teacher – New Topics
28 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service at Spa View Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays – School Closed
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Inset Day – School Closed
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> May – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week – Y6
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week – Y2
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term – School Closed
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit
12 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Assessment Week
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Enterprise Week
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – Y1 & Y2 / Y3 & Y4
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – EYFS
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day - Y5 & Y6
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports Sent Home
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole School Family Picnic





## Meet our Safeguarding Team

**Designated safeguarding Lead &  
Advanced Designated Safeguarding Lead for  
L.E.A.D Academy Trust**



**Mrs Cathy Gibson**  
Head of School

**Designated Safeguarding Lead**



**Mrs Melany Pemberton**  
Executive Headteacher  
(across 2 schools)

## Wider Safeguarding Team



**Mrs Katherine Johnson**  
Safeguarding &  
Inclusion Officer



**Ms Sarah Peck**  
Deputy DSL, Phase Leader EYFS Lead &  
Designated Child Looked After



**Mr Rob Jones**  
Family Support Worker

### Useful contact details :

**Sheffield Safeguarding Hub (Referrals to social care by professionals)** 0114 2734855

**Sheffield City Council – Children’s Social Care – Public calls—**0114 2734855 (24 hrs)

**Sheffield City Council Safeguarding Children Board**

[www.safeguardingsheffieldchildren.org](http://www.safeguardingsheffieldchildren.org)

Telephone : 0114 2734450 or email : [sscb@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:sscb@sheffield.gov.uk)

**Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) and Prevent, Sheffield City Council :**

Hannah Appleyard, 0114 2734850

**Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Sheffield**

Telephone 0114 2734855 and 101 (police)

**NSPCC**

*If you are an adult who is worried about a child's safety or wellbeing but are not sure what to do, you can phone the*

*NSPCC Free Helpline on 0800 800 5000.*