



NEWSLETTER

6th October 2023

We've been so busy over the last couple of weeks!

Pupil voice:

We're delighted to have appointed our pupil voice teams and look forward to see what their plans involve this year.

Safeguarding Stewards:

CREATE Collaborate:

Eco Council:

Class C Emily C

Maisie A

Ivy S

Class D Maxwell B

Annabelle S

Lily J

Class E Jaxon C

Bella H

Evie-Rose D

Class F Taylor A

Willow M

Eddie A

Class G Reggie V

Charlotte F

Amelie B

Class H Lyla W

Arianna M

Oliver A

Class I Lucy S

Darcie G

Oliver S

Class J Charlie W

Mila H

Leo G

Class K William O

Dianne Z

Yousuf R

Class L Daniel S

Rigo W

Keavy C

Class M Evelyn C

Jenson L

Khloe O-W

Class N Mckenzie M

Oscar M

Junior L



The CREATE Collaborators met with pupil voice groups across LEAD Academy Trust this week and we look forward to the assembly they're going to lead as a result of this collaboration.



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Each year group has been loving their learning this week and it's been a pleasure to see such great attitudes to learning throughout school.

In EYFS, the children have been sharing their learning about number and their love of books and reading. It was lovely to see such enthusiasm in phonics.

In Key Stage 1, the children have been learning to compare numbers by using the < and > symbols and could explain these really clearly using manipulatives.

In Year 3, the children are really enjoying finding out about animals that were alive during the stone age – one pupil said that they wished they had a woolly mammoth to ride to school!

In Year 4, we have been taking our Science outside and comparing the leaves of the plants in our forest areas and taking photos of the natural environment then editing the images.

In Year 5, *The Thieves of Ostia* has captured the imagination of the children who were dazzling us with their fantastic, rich vocabulary.

In Year 6, the children's love of their Class Text, *Goodnight Mr. Tom*, was inspiring to see as they created a map of the village in the story.

Our wonderful Governors loved hearing about the reading programme we have for our children and were delighted to talk to some of our pupils about their attitude to reading. They gave lots of ideas for us to promote reading even further so watch this space!



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Lifestyle opportunity clubs:

We are excited to start our Lifestyle opportunity clubs from **Monday 9th October!** If your child has filled out and returned the letter you will receive a message through the Gateway app confirming which clubs your child has been accepted to.

Payment will be available Monday 9th October on the Gateway app.

A reminder of collection points for each club will also be sent out on Monday 9th October. We ask that parents ensure they are at the correct classroom door for 3:40pm.



Weekly Attendance Reward:

Well done to this week's 100% attendance reward winner:

Ruby From Class M





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Our children loved this last year...if you're interested, please go to the link below to sign up.



30th October -
5th November

Follow the trail of decorated windows
around Sheffield this Autumn.
How many can you find?

You can get involved by decorating your
window and being added to the trail.

Sign up online at
<https://www.streetsoflight.co.uk/>
by 16th October

Check out these designs from previous
years for a bit of inspiration.

Your display must include the words,
love, light or hope.

You will need to leave your lights on
between 4:30 and 9pm for your
display to shine.

Spa View Community Church will be
doing a trail around some of the
Hackenthorpe displays on Wednesday
1st November at 4pm, you are invited
to come along for a Hot Chocolate
and walk.



Useful Link for Parents:

4. South Yorkshire Talking Together

This is a website for parents and carers living in South Yorkshire to help develop vital communication skills in children.

<https://sy-talkingtogether.co.uk/>



Links from previous weeks:

3. Sheffield Parent Carer Forum

They are an independent group of parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Their main aim is to ensure the needs of our children are met. We bring together parent carers from across Sheffield to provide mutual support, exchange information, and influence policy and practice.

The SPCF have a dedicated Speech and Language groups for parents/carers which runs once every two months. There will be dedicated topics to discuss and support parents.

<http://sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk>



2. Sheffield Children's Speech and Language Therapy website

This is a website where you can find videos and information about developing your child's communication skills at home.

<https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/speech-and-language-therapy-new-homepage/communicating-kids/>



1. Sheffield Children's Speech and Language Therapy Patient Information Library.

This is a website where you can find information about activities, resources and therapy techniques to help your child's communication at home



Staying Safe Online!

**BE SMART
ONLINE** 



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

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Weekly Attendance

2nd – 6th October 2023

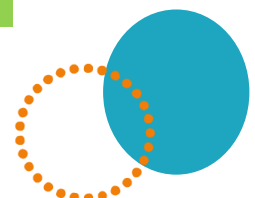


EYFS	A	76.9%
EYFS	B	91%
Y1/Y2	C	97.9%
Y1/Y2	D	92%
Y1/Y2	E	90.1%
Y3	F	88.3%
Y3	G	88.9%
Y4	H	92.2%
Y4	I	94.6%
Y5	J	96.2%
Y5	K	99.6%
Y6	L	82.7%
Y6	M	92.6%
Y3/Y6	N	95%
Whole School Attendance		91.1%

Well done to K,L and C classes: for achieving over 96%!

At Birley Spa Primary Academy we are committed to helping all pupils to achieve their full potential. Good attendance is a key factor in raising pupils' attainment and supporting their personal development. Whilst it is appreciated that children are ill from time to time, please think carefully before allowing your child to be absent from school. The chart below provides an indication of how just a few days absence can significantly impact a child's overall attendance percentage and impede their learning:

Description	Attendance	Whole Days Lost	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100 – 99%	0 – 2	0 – 10
Good	98 – 96%	4 – 7.5	20 – 37.5
Requires Improvement	95 – 91%	9.5 – 17	47.5 – 85
Persistent Absentee	90 – 86%	19 – 27	95 – 135
Critical	85 – 80%	28.5 – 38	142.5 – 190



STAR OF THE WEEK

2nd – 6th October September 2023

Class:		
A	Freddie F – Developing his independence within nursery.	Harry – His Aspiration and Teamwork in all areas.
B	Evie – Showing great Aspiration when completing her work.	Dion – Showing great Resilience practising her phonics
C	Anaya – Showing Resilience when faced with a challenge and being a good role model.	Finley – Showing Aspiration and enthusiasm whilst writing his own story in class this week.
D	Ellie – Endeavour – You are a role model to others for how you try everything.	Daisy – Showing Aspiration to present her work in science to high standard.
E	Cullen – A terrific learning attitude every day which makes him a great Role model to his classmates.	Theo – Engaging fully in all his lesson and Aspiring to do his best.
F	Dexter – Wonderful Resilience in Maths, listening to achieve and becoming far more accurate.	Lyla – Having high Aspiration in all areas, listening and working hard a true role model.
G	Harlow – Endeavouring to improve her Mathematical skills and knowledge.	Alina – Being such an enthusiastic, Aspirational learner. In class Alina makes everybody else want to work harder.
H	Arianna – Showing Creativity in her English work. Arianna produced a brilliant letter using her imagination.	Harry – Showing Aspiration . Harry is always doing the right thing and has high expectations for his work, always.
I	Isaac - Showing Aspiration for consistently reading at home and completing home learning.	Ebony - Showing all the school values and being an excellent role model.
J	Jenson – Creativity in his writing throughout R.E.	Mason – Demonstrating all school values throughout his work.
K	William - William always participates in class discussions, always sets high expectations of his work and always shows our school values daily .	Yousuf - Not just this week but every week, Yousuf always sets high expectations of himself and his work producing the most fantastic work and this shows our value of Aspiration .
L	Jayden – Always being ready to learn and showing excellent Teamwork skills.	Savannah – Showing a really positive attitude to learning. Your productivity has improved already.
M	Khloe – Her brilliant Teamwork skills during Maths. You work hard to overcome challenges, which shows determination.	Kayla – Her brilliant Teamwork skills during Maths. You work hard to overcome challenges, which shows determination.
N	Junior - Resilience - Junior has had a great week, showing a good attitude to work and showing a range of mindfulness techniques.	

Dates for the Diary

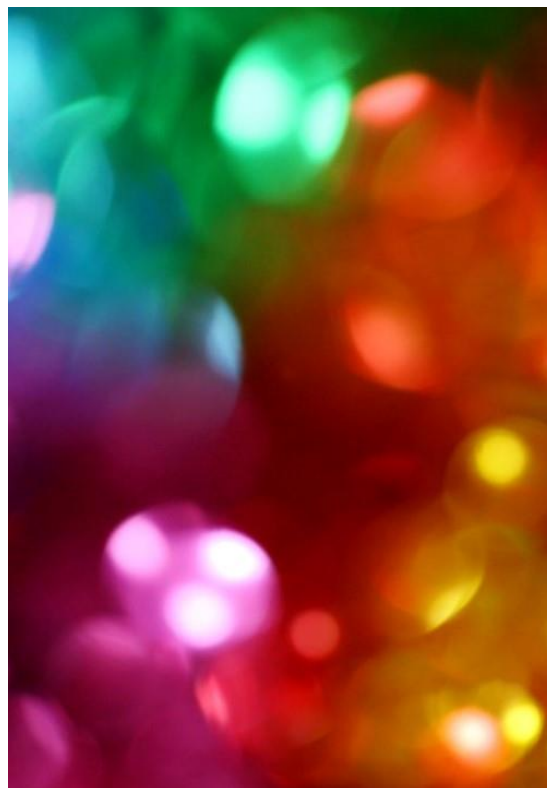
<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
20 th October 2:00 – 3:00pm	Exploring our Curriculum – Science Experiments with parents
23 rd – 27 th October 30 th October	Half term Holiday INSET day – school closed
31 st October	School Reopens to children
31 st October 3:10pm – 3:25pm	Meet the teacher – this half term’s learning
1 st November 3:10pm – 3:25pm	Meet the teacher – this half term’s learning
13 th November 3:30 - 6:00pm	Parents’ Evening
15 th November 3:30 – 5:30pm	Parents’ Evening
15 th November	Individual School Photos
23 rd November	Reading with Parents
4 th December	Student Flu Vaccinations
25 th December – 5 th January 2024 8 th January	Christmas Holidays INSET day – school closed
9 th January 2024	School Reopens to children
12 th – 16 th February 2024	Half term Holiday
19 th February 2024	School Reopens for children
29 th March – 12 th April 2024	Easter Holidays
1 st May 2024	School Reopens to children
6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday – School Closed
27 th May – 31 st May 2024 3 rd June	Half term Holiday INSET day – School closed
4 th June 2024	School Reopens for children
23 rd July 2024	Last day of the Academic Year
2 nd /3 rd September 2024	INSET Days – School closed



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SPA VIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH



Spa View Rd, Hackenthorpe, S12 4HD
Tuesday 31st October

Year 3-Year 6 ♦ 5-6pm
Party and Games

Year 7- Year 11 ♦ 6:30-7:30pm
UV Disco

Tickets are £1 and can be bought on the door
A consent form will need filling in before the event.
Contact number: Amy 07462646222

An alternative to Halloween