



The first half of the summer term has been packed with lots of exciting activities across our academy. With the brighter weather we have had the opportunity to increase our health and safety activities from Road Safety training in year 4 to a Swim Safe assembly for the whole school. We have welcomed a whole variety of visitors into our academy including Ben Parkinson, the Civic Mayor, Ed Milliband, Soundtrack Brass Band, some miners and, our year 4 class even had a visit from newly hatched chicks! Our year 1 class enjoyed meeting creepy crawlies and visiting the sand quarry at Austerfield and our year 2 class donned their hard hats and lamps to travel deep underground at the National Coal Mining museum. I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Mr Micklethwaite who has given up his Wednesday mornings to re-introduce Wheelie Wednesdays to continue to promote active travel. It has been a pleasure to see so many children riding their bikes and scooters to school every Wednesday. Enjoy reading the rest of this newsletter to see what else has been happening this half term.

Mrs J Potts – Headteacher

A TRULY GREAT YEAR 6 CLASS

We want to say a huge WELL DONE to our amazing year 6 children for the way they have applied themselves during SATs week. This class of children have demonstrated all our Core Values in everything they have done this year: from giving up their own time to attend booster lessons after school to arriving in school extra early during the week of the tests to enjoy breakfast together. Regardless of the outcomes of the tests, we are so immensely proud of them all. Thank you to all our year 6 families who attended the picnic at the end of SATs week.



KEY DATES

04.06.24	Class photos
05.06.24	KS2 Rounders Competition
07.06.24	Love Mexborough Community Project
08.06.24	Barnburgh & Harlington Carnival
11.06.24	Drama Club to attend Drama Festival
12.06.24	Nursery trip to White Post Farm
12.06.24	KS1 Rounders Competition
13.06.24	Reception visit to White Post Farm
13.06.24	Year 5 trip to Leeds Armouries
14.06.24	Wear purple for JIA day
17.06.24	Y6 ASPIRE event (9am)
17.06.24	Choir at Sing Out event
18.06.24	Y3 ASPIRE event (9am)
19.06.24	Y2 ASPIRE event (9am)
20.06.24	Y1 ASPIRE event (9am)
21.06.24	Y5 ASPIRE event (9am)
21.06.24	Y4 ASPIRE event (13:45)
26.06.24	Nursery ASPIRE event (9am)
26.06.24	Reception ASPIRE event (14:15)
26.06.24	Y5/6 Cricket Competition
03.07.24	Y3/4 Cricket Competition
08.07.24	EYFS Sports Day (10:30)
09 10 & 11. 07.24	Transition Days
10.07.24	KS1 Cricket Competition
12.07.24	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
15.07.24	End of year reports
16.07.24	Year 6 Leavers Trip
18.07.24	Year 6 Leavers Concert (6pm)
19.07.24	Last day of the school year

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ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to Year 5 for being Truly Great at coming to school every day. Year 5 had the best attendance this half term with 98.5%. Our overall attendance for this term is 97%

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Einstein House who are our cumulative winners so far this year with an impressive 6062 house points!

ASPIRE WINNERS

It has been a pleasure to present ASPIRE awards to so many children this half term. For photographs and names of children, please refer to our School Ping newsletter items. Thank you to our ASPIRE winners for being Truly Great!

LEGER SPORT COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION	DATE	YEAR GROUPS	POSITION
Tag Rugby	17.04.24	5&6	6 th
Tag Rugby	24.04.24	3&4	1 st
Tennis	15.05.24	KS1	n/a
Tennis	22.05.24	KS2	cancelled

BARNBURGH & HARLINGTON CARNIVAL

The Barnburgh and Harlington Carnival will take place from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday 8th June on the Church Lane Recreation Ground in Barnburgh with free parking on the field. Entry is £1.50 per person with under 11s free. This year the theme is World War 2/D-Day.

There will be raffle with prizes such as: £100 cash, £100 worth of freeze-dried sweets, a Magna family voucher, a meal for two and a bottle of wine at the Cadeby Inn, food hampers, vouchers and much more.

Tickets are £1 each which can be purchased from the school office.

CAMPFIRES IN WALT'S WOOD



This half term we have been able to develop our Outdoor Learning offer to include making fires! Our Year 5 and 6 children worked with Lesley from Doncaster Forest School to learn the three elements that make up the fire triangle - oxygen, heat and fuel. They practised entering the fire circle safely before having a go at using a flint and steel to create their own small fire independently. This took a lot of courage and perseverance.

Once the children had demonstrated they could create their own small fire, they worked together to make a class campfire. They then made damper bread from flour and water and cooked it over the fire. The final part of the session was to learn how to safely extinguish a fire and dispose of the ashes.

The children (and staff) absolutely loved these sessions and we look forward to building more sessions like this into our Outdoor Learning curriculum for next year.

STEM DAY

On Tuesday 16th April 2024, the children at Barnburgh Academy took part in our annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) event. The children accessed a series of activities and tasks that required them to use different practical and problem-solving skills, that enhanced their STEM learning. The children had such an engaging and practical day. As part of this amazing experience, we were visited by the Civic Mayor, who took the time to work with the children throughout the event, he was so impressed with the engagement and learning the children produced at Barnburgh! A huge thank you to Janice Richardson for organising this event for our school.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The theme for Mental Health Awareness Week 2024 was 'Moving More for our Mental Health'. We embraced this idea and spent a full day on Friday 17th May learning about the importance of exercise on our mental health. We also learnt some movement techniques to help us manage our feelings when we feel worried or anxious. A huge thank you to Mr Rawson (NHS Mental Health Support Worker) for visiting our school to teach our year 4 children some breathing techniques to help them manage uncomfortable feelings. It was so lovely to see everyone wearing green in recognition of Mental Health and we are delighted to announce that we raised a fabulous £120 which will go towards a Chat Shack.

