



Well, you've guessed it, it has been another very busy half term! A HUGE thank you to all families who attended parent's evening and our ASPIRE events this half term. We are always so grateful that you support and engage with these events. I would also like to thank so many of you who have shared such lovely feedback from these events. Your kind words make such a difference to all our staff. In addition to all the news articles below, our Year 4 class have been on a trip to Murton Park to learn about Vikings, our Year 6 children wowed us with presentations about Anne Frank after enjoying workshops provided by the Anne Frank Trust, our Year 2 children welcomed Ed Miliband to their class and quizzed him on lots of local issues, we celebrated all the fabulous things that many of our children have achieved outside of school in our second Beyond Academy Aspire award assembly, a talented group of year 6 children represented our academy at a Spelling Bee competition at Hill House and our year 1 children enjoyed a visit from Revd. Twig to learn about the Easter story! In addition to all this, our PTA have been working incredibly hard to fundraise for us – I hope you all love your tea towels! And they have some very exciting plans to develop Walt's Wood – watch this space! A huge thank you to our PTA for their ongoing support and hard work. Enjoy reading the rest of our newsletter and don't forget to refer to School Ping for more photos and videos on any of the articles below.

Mrs J Potts - Headteacher

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

This half term we have been participating with the Eat them to Defeat them programme which has been led by our catering team. This is a national programme aimed to encourage children to eat more vegetables. It has been wonderful to see so many of our children defeating Carol 'the crunch' Carrot and Pippa 'The Bullet' Pea to name just two! As part of "Eat Them to Defeat Them", our Catering Team also hosted a Veggie Art competition with our School Council. Children (and staff) were invited to unleash their imaginations to create a piece of art based on the theme of vegetables.

Thank you to our School Council and Kate and her team for making vegetables so much fun!



KEY DATES

- 14.04.25 Return to school
- 15.04.25 Year 1 and 2 Athletics Competition
- 15.04.25 Ben Parkinson visits Year 2
- 17.04.25 PTA Easter chick event
- 17.04.25 School closes for Easter weekend
- 22.04.25 School re-opens following Easter weekend
- 24.04.25 STEM festival
- 25.04.25 Year 2 school visit to National Coal Mining Museum
- 29.04.25 Year 2 visit from local miners
- 29.04.25 Year 3 and 4 Athletics Competition
- 30.04.25 Year 4 Road Safety Training
- 05.05.25 School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 07.05.25 Year 5 trip to Leeds Armouries
- 09.05.25 Year 1 trip to Canon Hall
- 12.05.25 Year 6 SATs week
- 15.05.25 Year 6 family picnic
- 19.05.25 Year 5 and 6 Athletics Competition
- 23.05.25 School closes for half term break

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ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to Year 3 for being Truly Great at coming to school every day. Year 3 had the best attendance this half term with 97.9%. Our overall attendance for this term is 96.3%. Our target is to hit 96%

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Einstein House who were awarded with the most house points this half term. Our cumulative winners so far this year are Mandela House with an impressive 4565 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!

TRUST VALUE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Fletcher S (year 4) and Miss Machin for winning the Trust Value Award for Integrity. These awards are given out every term to one pupil and one member of staff who are demonstrating one of our Trust's Values. These awards are very well deserving. Thank you to Fletcher and Miss Machin for being Truly Great!



LEGER SPORT COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION	DATE	YEAR GROUPS	POSITION	
Cheerleading Festival	24.02.25	1 & 2	NA	
Cheerleading Competition	24.02.25	4 & 6	2 nd	
Tennis	04.03.25	1 & 2	Aces	5 th
			Bouncers	4 th
			Big Hitters	8 th
Tennis	10.03.25	3 & 4	Aces	4 th
			Bouncers	8 th
			Big Hitters	7 th
Tennis	18.03.25	5 & 6	Aces	2 nd
			Bouncers	4 th
			Big Hitters	5 th
Dance	26.03.25	3 & 5	1 st	

ROCKING THE RED

On Friday 28th March we turned our school red for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. We raised a fantastic £225 which will help support Yorkshire children and families being treated for congenital heart defects. The children looked amazing! Katie Bear made sure to visit each classroom to explain a little bit about the charity and to look for photo opportunities with the children. Thank you for rocking the red!



BIG WALK AND WHEEL

For the final two weeks of this half term, we have been supporting our 'Big Walk and Wheel' fortnight at school. This is a national event and we were so pleased so many of our children and families got behind this initiative to support active travel. There are many reasons we wanted to take part in this event. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into a child's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed, alert and is great for their mental wellbeing too. Active travel choices also improve air quality in the neighbourhood and benefits the world around us. During the event, we also enjoyed riding our bikes and scooters in the playground at break and dinner times.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Kay for organising this.



WORLD BOOK DAY

On 6th March we celebrated World Book Day. It was lovely to see everyone getting into the spirit of the event through comfortable clothes and fantastic fancy dress. Across the day, our children joined in with online live reading events, story times in the library and buddy reading. A huge thank you to everyone, and especially the librarians, for organising and sorting our second book swap. This was a brilliant way to recycle old books and give them a loving new home. It was amazing to see the enthusiasm and engagement from the children throughout the day, and especially the joy they had choosing and swapping books.

What a successful World Book Day!



LEGER DANCE FESTIVAL

On the evening of Thursday 26th March, our fabulous dance team performed in the Leger Dance Festival at Campsmount Academy. The festival included 5 dances by junior schools and 7 dances by infant schools. 'Once Upon a Dance...'. Our dance team presented a dance based on the children's book, The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. Their performance was simply sensational and we could not be more proud of all our dancers. There were four judges and we were delighted to score a total of 39 out of 40 points! There was also an audience vote. I am delighted to announce that our wonderful dance team came first in the junior section. Well done to all our little Rainbow Fish dancers!



CHEERLEADING FESTIVAL

On Monday 24th February, nineteen KS2 children and twenty KS1 children represented our school in the Leger Sport Cheerleading workshop and competition. They travelled to Campsmount Academy to take part in a workshop led by Campsmount and Ridgewood cheerleaders. They took part in activities related to cheerleading including choreography, stunts, pyramids, tumbling, cheer/chant, arm motions and jumps. They LOVED this part of the afternoon.

Our KS2 children also performed in the competition part of the afternoon. They performed brilliantly, showing confidence and sass. They finished 2nd in the competition, just beaten by Castle Hills Academy. Well done to the whole squad for being truly great!



COMIC RELIEF

On Friday 21st March, we had a non-uniform day chosen by our House and Vice Captains to help raise money for Comic Relief. We saw lots of children wearing their own clothes or Comic Relief merchandise. Just from our non-uniform day, we raised over £200. The House and Vice Captains also challenged everyone to complete a sponsored activity. They asked everyone to complete 40 (something) in 3 minutes. Children were seen doing star jumps, squats, the worm, cartwheels, scoring goals and much more.

Our non-uniform event raised a HUGE £199.25 and our sponsored event raised a MASSIVE £1737.50 giving us a grand total of £1936.75!

A HUGE thank you to our House and Vice Captains for organising this event and to everyone who joined in with the celebrations.

