



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, we celebrated all the fabulous things that many of our children have achieved outside of school in our second Beyond Academy Aspire award assembly, and our year 1 and year 3 children enjoyed a visit from Revd. Twig to learn about the Easter story and the ten commandments respectively. As if this was not enough, our School Council have also been busy working with Barnburgh Parish Council, where they discussed ways to improve our local community and make a positive difference.

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

CAREERS WEEK

On the week beginning 2nd March, our school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Careers Week. Throughout the week, pupils had the opportunity to meet a wide range of visitors, take part in engaging activities, and learn about different career pathways. These experiences helped to broaden their aspirations, build confidence, and develop a deeper understanding of the skills and qualities needed for the future.

We are incredibly grateful to the parents, carers, and friends of our school who generously gave their time to support this event. Their contributions made the week truly special and ensured it was a high-quality and inspiring experience for all of our pupils.



KEY DATES

- 13.04.26 Return to school
- 17.04.26 Year 2 school visit to National Coal Mining Museum
- 21.04.26 STEM festival
- 22.04.26 KS2 netball festival
- 27.04.26 Year 2 cooking workshop
- 04.05.26 School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 06.05.26 KS1 Leger Sport Festival
- 07.05.26 Year 2 Leger multi skills competition
- 11.05.26 Year 6 SATs week
- 14.05.26 Year 6 family picnic
- 14.05.26 Year 4 Athletics Competition
- 19.05.26 Whole class photos
- 20.05.26 EYFS trip to Whitepost Farm
- 22.05.26 School closes for half term break

#TEAMBARNBURGH

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 98.7%. Our overall attendance for this term is 95.5%. Our target is to hit 96%

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Mandela 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 3417 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 Ivy (year 3) and Mrs Ball 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 Ivy and Mrs Ball for being Truly Great!



LEGER SPORT COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION OR FESTIVAL	DATE	YEAR GROUPS	POSITION
Don and Dearne Football Cup Qualifier	04.03.26	Year 5/6	6th out of 6
KS1 Multi-sport festival	11.03.26	KS1	n/a
KS2 Multi-sport festival	18.03.26	KS2	n/a
Dance	24.03.26	3 & 5	

WORLD BOOK DAY

On 5th 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 enjoyed 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.

Thank you also to all families who joined us this half term for our morning reading sessions in the hall.



It has been lovely to see our children learning to love to read this half term.

LEGER DANCE FESTIVAL

On the evening of Wednesday 25th March, our fabulous dance team performed in the Leger Dance Festival at Campsmount Academy. The festival included 4 dances by junior schools and 5 dances by infant schools.

Our dance team presented a dance based on the children's film, The Lion King. Their performance was simply wonderful and we could not be more proud. Well done to our Truly Great dancers!



HOUSE CAPTAINS FUNDRAISING EVENTS

It has been a busy half term for our House Captains, who have organised three fantastic fundraising events.

On Friday 27th February, we turned our school red in support of the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. Thanks to everyone for "rocking the red", we raised an amazing £383.14 to support Yorkshire children and families affected by congenital heart defects.

We then got our combs and hair gel out for a fun-filled Crazy Hair Day in aid of Comic Relief.

Finally, on 26th March, we all wore purple in support of Robbie (year 1), who has been raising money for Young Epilepsy Charity. Robbie completed an incredible challenge of walking 26 miles in 26 days, finishing his final mile here at school with his class. It was a very special moment for everyone involved.



A huge thank you to all our children and families for their continued support, and to our House Captains for organising such meaningful events.



DONCASTER READ ALOUD & SPELLING BEE

We have enjoyed two fabulous events this half term, where some of our older children represented our school with confidence and courage.

On 3rd March, five of our Year 6 pupils took part in the Doncaster Spelling Bee competition held at Hill House. Competing against a number of other Doncaster schools, the children were challenged to spell a range of very tricky words in a written round. I am delighted to tell you that Kale progressed to the final, where he had to stand and verbally spell some extremely challenging words in front of an audience. I think it's fair to say that all the adults watching were in awe of our Truly Great spellers - they made us incredibly proud.

We also entered the Doncaster Read Aloud event for the first time this year. As only one child can represent each school, we held two rounds of auditions in school to select our finalist. Over 40 children entered the first round, showing fantastic enthusiasm for reading. From this, 10 pupils were selected to move forward to the next stage, where they read aloud in front of an audience of family members and a panel of four judges.

In third place was Jude (y3) and Evelyn (y6), in second place was Eva B (y4), and in first place was Clemmie (y4), who went on to represent our school at the Doncaster event on Thursday 26th March.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part in both events. Their enthusiasm, bravery and love of learning truly shone through.



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 fabulous event.

