



SPRINGWELL SKY

Where learning matters for everyone

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THE HEADLINE

Another year has flown by and it's the summer holiday again. As always we have been doing some wonderful stuff across the whole Learning Community. We say goodbye to our Year 11 pupils who have finished their exams and look forward to starting college in September. It has been a pleasure to work with them and see them through to the end of their school years. Maybe it's me who is getting old, but I can remember many of them as primary children as if it were only yesterday. Thanks must also go to all the parents and staff who have worked to support their children through their time in Springwell. We all know that school can be hard for our children but they made it!

On a serious note, we have been thinking very carefully about e-safety recently and also the use of mobile phones. Bullying is rare at Springwell but there seems to be an increase in incidents of bullying associated with mobile phones and the internet. We need to make sure we deal with this and protect everyone from what we all know as cyber-bullying. Also, mobile phones are becoming an increasing

problem in school and often distract pupils from their learning. They can cause and escalate behaviour problems that could be easily avoided. With this in mind, we will be not be allowing mobile phones in school from September. This will apply to all our dispersed settings and satellite provisions too.

We would really appreciate your help with this and for you to support us with not allowing phones in school. The children will be expected to hand their phones in on arrival to their class or to leave them at home all together. I would like to reassure you that this does not mean you can't contact your child in an emergency. Parents can ring the school reception if they need to contact their child.

Running a successful school is all about teamwork. That means children, staff and parents working together. As a team we need to understand what is best for the children's learning, progress and behaviour.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in school life this year, have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Key dates for the diary – Autumn Term 2016

School INSET Day: **Monday 5th September 2016**

School INSET Day: **Thursday 15th September 2016**

School opens for Autumn Term: **Tuesday 6th September**

School closes for half-term: **Friday 21st October**

School re-opens: **Monday 31st October**

Family Learning Day: **Tuesday 13th December**

School closes for Christmas: **Friday 16th December**

School opens for Spring Term: **Tuesday 3rd Jan 2017**

Springwell
Welcome to our blog!

Please visit our blog on a regular basis to see all the latest work created by Springwell pupils. Please feel free to comment on the blog in an e-safe way. Our blogging rules can be found on the blog. All comments are moderated by school staff before they become public.

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Understanding QR Codes

You may notice a number of these strange looking square codes throughout this newsletter. They are QR codes and can be scanned to get information. They can contain images, links to websites, sounds, numbers and messages.

How do QR codes work?

You can scan the QR code on a device, like a smartphone or tablet. You need to make sure you have a QR reader, like Qrafter, for free from the app store. The QR codes within this newsletter will direct you to further information or even videos that the pupils have produced.

1. Open the QR reader
2. Point it at the QR code
3. Scan it and the link will open. Easy!



Keeping our students safe

A few years ago our biggest concern with regard to pupil safeguarding was ensuring that all staff and visitors to Springwell had a clear criminal record check. Times have moved on so quickly that we are finding ourselves dealing with issues that didn't exist in the public eye just 3 or 4 years ago. Yes we still ensure every staff member and unsupervised visitor has a full and enhanced debarring check, but we also go much further.

The theme for this term's Family Learning Day was E-safety and you would have learnt that pupils are constantly being reminded about cyber bullying and of course guidance is included on the school website, yet it still occurs. Social networking sites are blocked in school, preventing pupils from using Facebook etc. to intimidate each other, but we still deal with cases every week and they all have one thing in common. Messages are sent in haste from home in the evening, having nothing to do with school and yet we pick up the fall out the following morning. If you get chance over the summer break to speak to your child about cyber bullying, please do so, or better still keep a close check, for their own sakes, on their social media accounts.

Sexting is a growing national issue and we are not exempt from the problem.

The legalities of this are clear and again they are reinforced with the older pupils regularly. Coercing and indeed bullying a person into sending inappropriate pictures is illegal. Having or sharing inappropriate images of a child in any form is also illegal. Pupils still see it as a bit of fun... until the relationship turns sour and recriminations creep in. Again if you have the opportunity to discuss this with your child (specifically our secondary aged students) it would certainly help us to reinforce the issue. Our stance is clear... we will invariably involve the police.

Every member of staff has undergone a 2 hour Home Office programme regarding the national PREVENT programme to identify extremist behaviour and how to report it. With recent events in Rotherham being both fresh in our minds and geographically very close to us, we have also taken the opportunity to discuss the risks of Child Sexual Exploitation with our youngsters, highlighting safe practice and how to avoid potential situations such as grooming.

All of the issues outlined above are revisited with the pupils regularly and themed days refresh the dangers and discuss any recent cases that may be appropriate. Your support and input on any of these matters is much appreciated.

Parent Council



Parents Council will take place on Tuesday 20th September at 12:30pm. Parent Councils can provide an excellent forum for parents to come together, share ideas, and put forward their views to the senior management and governing body of their school. They can break down barriers, perceived or actual, between the school and parents who are less involved in the school. Parents wishing to attend and require transport should contact Rachel Musgrave PSA on 07702897563 or rMusgrave@springwellacademies.co.uk

Lead Parent Partnership Award

Can you believe it's been three years since we gained the award! In the autumn/winter we will need to have the award reviewed. Parents wishing to help support the review would be greatly appreciated

MACBETH

This year pupils have studied Macbeth for our Shakespeare text. Not only have pupils studied the text in English and Elements but some pupils performed it for our annual Shakespeare Festival. Amy Johnson, Nathan Whitehead and Josh Guest from Year Seven, Kiera Clarke and Kyle Firth from Year Eight and James Sheppard, Steven Ives, Cameron Felton and Corey Sheard from Year Nine rehearsed for eight weeks with Simon Wells from the Open Minds theatre company and Miss Kirkbride. The performance was on Friday 27th May. Pupils worked extremely hard and were extremely brave. The hard work paid off as the performance was excellent. The pupils did themselves proud. The Year Nine pupils and Nathan Whitehead and Kiera Clarke are also performing some extracts at Celebration Day too. A massive well done to everyone involved.

Scan the QR code to view the Springwell Macbeth movie trailer



Springwell goes global!

Pupils at Springwell have been learning on a global scale! Pupils have been learning facts about Fair Trade and taken part in learning workshops. The school has now been awarded the Fair Trade Foundation Award. They have discussed ways of making the school more eco-friendly and we have also been awarded the Eco School Award. A big thank you to all pupils involved, especially the school council.



Primary children wrote letters of support and donated gifts to refugee children in a camp in Calais called "The Jungle". Mrs Riley, a local artist, took all the letters and donations to the

children who, in turn, drew a lovely picture for us. On her return, Mrs Riley said the children were overwhelmed by our generosity and thoughts. Some of them cried reading the letters.

Pupils have also taken part in the "Send my friend to school" campaign. They have decorated ruck sacks and written messages to our local MP Mr D. Jarvis, urging the government to release funds for children who do not have access to school throughout the world. Our fund raising support, this year, will go to a charity building schools in Nepal.



We are very proud of our children showing such generosity, empathy and awareness of global issues. We aim to continue to grow together as global citizens.

Thank you to all the parents, carers and children who have helped with our campaigns





On Friday 1st July Springwell held a careers morning. As part of our careers topic in PSHE pupils from year eight, nine and ten and some pupils from our Alternative Academies visited different stalls, took part in activities and chatted to professionals about their futures. There were lots of different further education and apprenticeship providers (Barnsley College, NEET, BCB, FLEETS etc.) there for pupils to chat to and get advice from. Not to mention the army and Barnsley Football Club! Pupils were

given a passport to get stamped at each stall/activity and completed passports were entered into a prize draw for a £10 Argos voucher. It was a very successful morning. It is so important for pupils to start thinking about their futures and for them to aim high. A massive thank you to Tracy Moxen-Waddell for helping to organise the event and to all of the further education providers who came.



Magic Moments In our Alternative Academies

Darton AA

Over the last year, Darton AA have regularly visited Hesley Wood Activity Centre. The students have thoroughly enjoyed mastering the art of climbing, navigating the pedal cars, getting lost in the indoor maze, challenging themselves on the obstacle course and lots more. The students developed resilience, worked as team and demonstrated their ability to follow instructions.



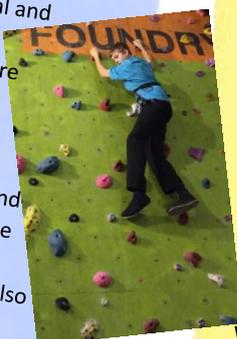
Kirk Balk

As part of GCSE Hospitality, the students at Kirk Balk AA were set with the task of preparing and cooking a meal for more than 10 people. The students had to think of everything from food and drink to the décor of the room. The meal was a complete success and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. The students did themselves proud!



Dearne AA

Dearne AA was a new start for everyone this academic year. We are so proud of the students that have attended on a regular basis as they have grown their own confidence as an individual and as a team player. Students have worked extremely hard and the staff at Dearne AA are proud in the effort that they have shown in coursework and in final preparations to their GCSE Exams. We have enjoyed rewards trips as a result of their hard work to Laser Quest and Jump Trampoline Park where the students have been able to enjoy and relax away from the pressure of GCSE work. Several students have also accessed placement at various establishments and they have been extremely successful.



Well done on an amazing year!

Netherwood AA

The students at Netherwood have recently successfully completed their accreditations for the academic year 2015-16.

They included:

GCSEs: English, Maths, Science, Statistics and Design Technology
Level 1/2 qualifications: PE, ICT and Creative Crafts – Art and Design



All 6 Year 11 students have been offered further education courses at either Barnsley College or Independent Training Services.

We wish them all the best in the future.

YORKSHIRE Wildlife Park

Primary 1 enjoyed a trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Everyone enjoyed the trip and it was great to see the animals so close. They then painted pictures of some of the animals, looking carefully at the colours and details.

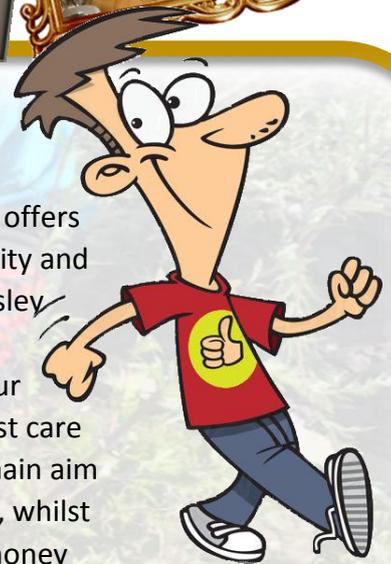


This year, Y7 have been on two educational trips which helped them engage with their elements topics. Firstly, they visited Leeds Armouries as part of their topic on WW1. They examined weapons from WW1 and took part in a workshop which involved exploring WW1 artefacts and clothing. As part of their multicultural topic, they visited the Sheffield Buddhist Centre. Here they learned a great deal about the Buddhist faith and mindset of the people who follow this religion. Both were excellent experiences!



COMMUNITY DAY in Primary 4

Community day is now a popular annual event in the Springwell calendar and offers the opportunity for students and staff to give something back to the community and have fun at the same time. This year students and staff are helping to tidy Hesley Woods, along the canal path, Clifton Park in Rotherham and Worsborough Mill. Primary 4 will be raising money for Barnsley Hospice by completing a four kilometre sponsored walk. Barnsley Hospice is a charity that provides specialist care and support to hundreds of local people and their families each year. Their main aim is to achieve the best possible quality of life for patients with serious illnesses, whilst supporting their families, during challenging times. We hope to raise lots of money and can't wait to get walking. Hopefully the sun will shine!



Primary 2 really enjoyed writing a newspaper report around the discovery of Tutankhamun. Children firstly, found out about the discovery using independent research skills. Howard Carter even came into Springwell to answer questions to deepen understanding. Their reports are interesting and full of fantastic detail. Well done primary 2 on your fantastic writing.

Scan the QR code to view the documentary we filmed on Egypt

