



SPRINGWELL SKY

Where learning matters for everyone

THE HEADLINE

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Welcome to all our parents and carers to our Spring newsletter and our Family Learning Day. It is always a pleasure to meet our families on this day, to strengthen our partnership to achieve the best outcomes for our children and young people.

The theme of Family Learning Day, is 'Growth'. Not only does this theme reflect all the positivity of spring but it reflects the positive focus of the staff working with our pupils, re-enforcing the importance of having a Growth Mindset, seeing mistakes as important to learning and not giving up and giving in when the going gets tough. Giving up is tempting at this time of year with the pressure of exams looming in year 6 and in Key Stage 4. With that pressure comes stress, poor sleep and anxiety. Our staff understand that this and in spite of some pupils wanting to give up, not only on their work at times but more importantly, on themselves, our staff will not give up on the pupils. As a result, the pupils make tremendous progress, through every tiny step that is made every day. Thanks to the commitment of the staff to keep believing in the pupils, so that they begin to believe in themselves. Our year 11s have already sat exams in hospitality and P.E. and we wish them all the best of luck in sitting the rest of their exams next term.



For pupils to thrive and grow they need to be able to regulate their stress, have plenty of sleep, eat healthily, exercise and practise mindfulness and calming strategies. At Springwell, we teach our pupils strategies to help them to calm so they can learn and physical exercise is also essential, so we encourage pupils to exercise across the day, not just during P.E. lessons.

For pupils to learn well in school and be prepared for their exams, they need plenty of sleep and we need the help and support of our parents and carers with this part! If your child is struggling to sleep, please visit the SENDIASS the sleep advisory service stall on Family Learning Day, or our pastoral team, as they will be able to support you with strategies.

Never giving up, however challenging life is, was also the message to pupils in a visit in March from 'Making Generation R', veterans from the armed forces, who, in spite of becoming disabled as a result of their work, have kept going. Their inspirational message was powerful for our Alternative Academy pupils, who are about to sit exams.

The message, that the only limits you have are the ones you give to yourself, was also put across by members of the Life Act company of actors with disabilities who visited in February. Their play about living with disabilities was part of our Opening Minds week on 'Celebrating Difference'.

During our spring term, we were also privileged to have a visit from His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester. This visit was testimony to everyone involved in Springwell, staff, parents and carers, multi-agency partners, the Local Authority, governors, and last but not least our wonderful pupils. Visits like this come about as a result of a team who are positive, resilient and never give up on themselves, the school, the parents, or pupils.



Have a lovely Easter break and good luck for a fantastic summer term everyone and remember – never, ever give up!



LIVING MUSEUM

As part of our Elements topic, the pupils in Key Stage three learned all about World War 1, and the sacrifices that so many soldiers had made. To honour this sacrifice, the pupils created a "living museum" where they displayed all of their writing and artwork. The pupils also put on a short play to commemorate the story of a Barnsley Pal, and shared their writing in a very heart warming and moving video.



WORLD BOOK DAY

For World Book Day 2019 each class throughout the school chose a book or story to focus on for the day. Every classroom entrance was then transformed into a gateway to the world of the book.

The decorate your door competition was judged by Mr Ben Finlay, our Chair of Governors. Congratulations to Primary 5, whose Gruffalo door was judged to be the winner. It was a fantastic day and great to see so many pupils and staff dress up as their favourite book characters. Lots of fun was had by all!



Opening Minds Week- Accepting Differences- Respecting Diversity

During our special week, we invited Life Act to perform for us. Life Act is a Theatre company with a difference because all the actors have a disability. They taught us that even though some people look or act differently due to their disability, inside they are just the same as us and want to be accepted and respected for who they are. The message was: "This is Me", accept it and make the most of it, there are no limits to what you can achieve!

We were all touched by their talent, their resilience and their kindness.



Crime and Punishment in KS3

Key Stage 3 have had a busy term learning about Crime and Punishment. The three classes looked at different stories, Year 7 Face, Year 8 Holes and Year 9 Blood Brothers. Pupils have been taking an active role in learning about the criminal justice system, becoming crime scene investigators in the classroom to solve a crime and learning about how to manage emotions in difficult situations. All classes have worked extremely hard to create biographies about famous cases in the criminal system. Well done Key stage 3.



TESCO Bags of Help

Bags of Help is Tesco's local community grant scheme where the money raised by the carrier **bag** charge in **Tesco** stores is being used to fund thousands of community projects across the Great Britain. We have been successful in our application for the scheme and hope to raise money to help fund our farm. You can help to support our farm by voting at Tesco stores at Calton Road, Wombwell and Stairfoot from the 1st May until the 30 June 2019. Thanks as always for your



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 27/1

Sunday 27th January was Holocaust Memorial Day. As part of our Opening Minds theme, the pupils at Springwell studied the Holocaust and discussed the importance of remembering the millions of people who tragically lost their lives. Pupils in Primary 4 imagined that they had been sent away to a concentration camp, they then wrote letter to send home.



TERRIBLE TUDORS

Primary KS2 have been learning about the terrible Tudors this half term as part of the elements curriculum. They have covered many aspects of the Tudor times including the Battle of Bosworth, Henry VIII and his 6 wives, Tudor punishments, housing, clothing and even the Great Plague that killed millions of people!

Primary have been lucky enough to visit Bishops House in Sheffield to take a peek through a window into the past.

We we are able to look around a Tudor house, eat a sandwich in a house that is over 450 years old and explore how the Tudor's lived all those years ago. We were able to touch different artefacts, which would have been around in the times of Henry the VIII.

One thing we found cringe worthy was that mice and rats would live on the floors of the house in the hay and straw- they even slept in the cot with the babies... uuugg!

We also heard about the nagging hood- useful if you have someone who likes to talk a lot. The Tudors put it over someone's head and the metal plate pressed down on their tongue- we didn't know anyone who nags enough to have to wear it!

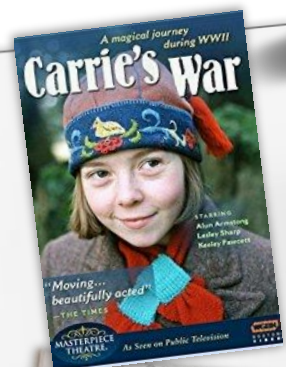
After finding out about the reality we didn't think we would want to live in the Tudor times- would you?



Creative Writing at Dearne AA

Year 10 and 11 students at Dearne AA have been looking at World War II to practise their creative writing skills. Stories and pictures about the war seem to have really fired up their imaginations. We watched episodes of Carrie's War, a programme about two children being evacuated from London, read extracts from the book of the same name and looked at photographs from the war. One photograph shows young evacuees at a train station; another shows troops arriving at a beach, under fire. The students were asked to write a description or story based upon the scenes in these pictures.

We were all very impressed with the use of ambitious vocabulary and the way that the students used their imaginations to envisage and detail what the photographs don't show; the sound of the fighting, the raw emotions of the people caught up in the war and the horror they experienced. Excellent preparation for English Language GCSE.



The student council meet HRH the Duke of Gloucester

When HRH the Duke of Gloucester came to visit our school, he wanted to meet some representatives from the Student Council. He spent more than fifteen minutes with us, wanting to know all about the great things we do at Springwell, from campaigns we run to the charities we support. He was very impressed by how hard working, sensible and mature our Voice of Change pupils were. He was happy to hear about our Kindness focus in school.



Here are some of our achievements so far this year:

- We are kind to the planet by recycling (Plastic, paper, old clothes, toys etc.)
- We have raised money to help refugees and homeless people
- We organised a kindness café and all classes baked and shared buns
- We have a kindness display in the Heart Space
- We have a "Kindness Week" every year to celebrate kindness
- We have raised money to help a school in Nepal
- We have donated toys to create Christmas boxes for underprivileged children
- We always say something kind to each other at the end of our Wellbeing lessons
- We sent messages of peace to our local MP- Dan Jarvis
- We have raised money by running a marathon in Year 10 for the Tiny Hearts Foundation



Safer Internet Day 2019

Together for a better internet | Tuesday 5 February

At Springwell, we do lots of work with the pupils to ensure they understand how to be responsible digital citizens. Pupils are constantly reminded about the many dangers that can be found online. Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February with the slogan 'Create, connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you.'

The day offered the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. The pupils of Springwell are keen to share the message and recently received a 'thank you' from Childnet for sharing their powerful film that has now been viewed far and wide across the world. If you haven't seen the film, this can be watched by scanning the QR code above.



Plants

Springwell@Forest and Primary 1 had an exciting start to their 'Plants' topic this half term, with a visit to Wentworth Garden Centre. They looked at a range of garden flowers that were for sale, to help them decide which flowers they would like to plant in the school's garden. The children then decided to challenge themselves by entering the maze... Luckily, they all managed to find the centre, with brilliant team work!



#TOP TWEETS

These are some of our top tweets from the last term. If you have not already done so, please follow us to keep up to date with everything that is happening at Springwell.

Springwell @springwellLC · 15/02/2019
Well done to Miss Maw and all involved in the WW1 Living museum. Absolutely brilliant! #Elements #MagicalMoments 🍌🍌🍌

Danny Ross and Verity Watts
4 retweets 12 likes

Springwell @springwellLC · 19/03/2019
Today we welcomed HRH The Duke of Gloucester to Springwell. It's been a special day and great to share the work of our amazing pupils and brilliant staff! 🇬🇧 @RoyalCentral

Danny Ross and 4 others
20 retweets 39 likes

Springwell @springwellLC · 07/03/2019
Tough job today for our chair of governors trying to select a winner of our #worldbookday decorate your door competition. Good luck with that one Mr Finley, rather you than me! 🍌

David Whitaker and 3 others
1 retweet 4 retweets 18 likes

Springwell @springwellLC · 01/02/2019
Brilliant work Primary 5! I can't wait to read them. 📖

Dan Morris @Dan_Morris91
#NationalStorytellingWeek We planned and wrote our own stories. @springwellLC

5 likes

Springwell @springwellLC · 15/02/2019
Happy half term! Have a well deserved break! #TeamSpringwell ❤️

Danny Ross and 2 others
20 likes

Springwell @springwellLC · 07/03/2019
Guess the book! 🍌 #worldbookday #CelebrateStories #LoveReading

Luke Mitchell and 3 others
2 retweets 8 retweets 29 likes

Springwell @springwellLC · 22/01/2019
What an absolute pleasure it is to welcome Life Act Theatre Company to Springwell to perform for our pupils. Simply brilliant! #inspiring #OpeningMinds #CelebratingDifferences

David Whitaker and 3 others
1 retweet 3 retweets 17 likes

Springwell @springwellLC · 05/03/2019
Well done to class 10 for doing a sponsored run from 9am to 3pm a total of 32 miles for the Tiny Hearts appeal at Barnsley Hospital. Total raised will be announced in 2 weeks but we have raised so far approx £200 @SpringwellLC @WellsSpringAT @DannyRoss80

2 retweets 6 retweets 26 likes

Springwell @springwellLC · 04/03/2019
Thank you so much to @MusicintheRound for teaching us about music from around the world. 🎵🌍

Danny Ross and Verity Watts
3 retweets 7 likes

Springwell @springwellLC · 20/03/2019
Just a little performance for #HisRoyalHighness 🎵❤️

341 views
5 retweets 15 likes

Springwell @springwellLC · 28/01/2019
Please click the link to view the Holocaust survival story of Arek Hersh told by the pupils of Springwell. #HolocaustMemorialDay #NeverForget
❤️ youtu.be/qlalWHI--M

David Whitaker and 3 others
4 retweets 6 likes

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FUNDRAISE

RED NOSE DAY

This year pupils and staff had fun supporting Comic Relief and raised over £200! Pupils wore something red, bought red noses and sold their baking. Well done everyone, it was a fun day and together we can definitely make a difference!



Aim for 100% attendance for a better future
There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

190 DAYS 100% Very best chance of success	183 DAYS 96% Off to a flying start	179 DAYS 94% Less chance of success	175 DAYS 92% Harder to make progress	More than 18 days absence less than 90% Progress severely prevented
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Give your child a better future - aim for 100% school attendance

Springwell Learning Community
Springwell Special Academy Springwell Alternative Academy

WELLSPRING ACADEMY TRUST

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



As a Learning Community we continue to have a focus on ensuring that we have the very best climate for learning so that our students are fully prepared for lessons and any distraction is eliminated. To support this, at the start of the last academic year we made the decision to ban the use of mobile phones within school because of the negative effect on student learning and that mobile phones should be 'off and away' at all times. Unfortunately, mobile phones continue to cause problems.

Students have been informed that after Easter mobile phones will be handed in to the class teacher at the start of the school day, locked away and returned at the end of the day. Should students wish to contact parents with any concerns, the school phone can be used. We would also ask that should you have a message for your child to contact the main reception and your child will be informed.

We would ask that you further discuss this with your child and thank you for your support.

happy
Easter

Key dates for the diary – Summer Term 2019

- Academies open for Summer Term: **Monday 29th April**
- Academies closed for May Bank Holiday: **Monday 6th May**
- Year 6 SATS week: **W/C Monday 13th May**
- Academies close for half term: **Friday 24th May**
- Academies re-open: **Monday 3rd June**
- Special Academy Sports Day: **Thursday 27th June**
- Family Learning Day: **Tuesday 16th July**
- Academies close for the summer holidays: **Friday 19th July**

