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Dear Parents / Carers,
**Welcome to this month's edition of the
Springwell Leeds Newsletter!**

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Springwell Leeds Newsletter. I hope that you enjoy reading about all the fabulous things that have been happening in our sites across Leeds this half term.

We were delighted to discover earlier this half term that the Wellspring Academy Trust, of which Springwell Leeds is a proud member, were winners of the Multi Academy Trust of the Year at the National School Awards in London ! These are very prestigious awards and include all schools in the country so we are thrilled to have the work that are teams do, in all our academies recognised in this way.

As this term comes to an end we are saying goodbye to a familiar member of our team. Anne-Marie Oliver, who is Principal at our South site, has secured an exciting leadership role at another Trust. Anne-Marie had been Principal of the South site up until last Easter when she left on secondment to run two schools in Sheffield. She has done a great job for us over the years and will be missed by everyone who has worked with her. I am sure you will join me in thanking her sincerely for all the work she has done over the years for Springwell Leeds Academy and in particular the children and young people at the South Site.

We wish her good luck and success in her new role. As soon as a permanent replacement is confirmed, we will of course let you know.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Easter break and remind you that school opens again at the usual time on Tuesday 19th April - Monday is a bank holiday.

Scott Jacques
Executive Principal

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North Site



MUSICAL SKILLS AND TALENTS

Some of our secondary students have been working towards instrumental qualifications at North and three of our talented musicians took the time to perform some of their pieces at a primary assembly.

Students from Y9, 10 and 11 performed songs such as 'Wonderwall' by Oasis and 'Count on me' by Bruno Mars. The performances were confidently and professionally delivered. There was a very extremely appreciative audience of what they heard with many saying they would like to have a go at performing one day in the future. One student was appearing for the 2nd time having previously sung for students at Christmas. They loved watching and listening to her so much that they asked her to come back and she was happy to oblige! Another has now recorded his exam and should receive his result in a few weeks' time.



Our North site Intergenerational Project was lots of fun last week for our secondary students who had a zoom chat and video with the residents of Adel Grange Care Home. Everyone introduced themselves and said hello and it was great to finally see each other in person on screen after months of exchanging postcards, letters and pictures. The students read poems out to the residents which they had written themselves and we talked about lots of different and interesting topics.

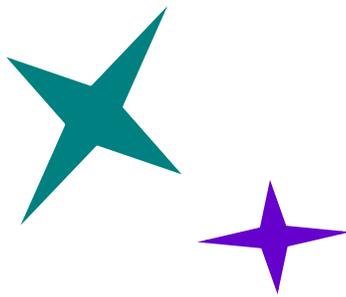
Copper, one of our school dogs met Paul the dog from Adel Grange at the zoom meeting and we are hoping that an Interdog friendship has now been formed!



We are really looking forward to our next zoom chat but most of all we are all super excited about hopefully visiting Adel Grange in the near future to meet our new friends there.



East Site



TITANIC EFFORT!

COMIC RELIEF !

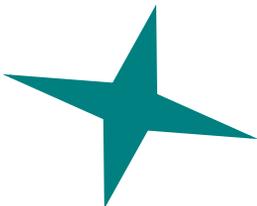
Children and staff raised money for Comic Relief whilst raising awareness for all of those affected by the atrocities of war. Our pupils chose to wear blue and yellow to raise awareness along with some red noses! During the day classes walked a mile and pupils were involved in a food tasting activity based on the initiative 'Eat them to defeat them'. Gherkins, watermelon, pomegranate seeds and pickled cabbage were some of the favourites of the day!

PRIMARY NEWSROUND



The Primary has had a fantastic time this exploring the Titanic. We completed lots of different activities including making our own cardboard replica of the ship. The children enjoyed planning, designing and building it together, demonstrating some amazing team work. We employed our very own Captain 'Mr Bill Rayworth' who looked very smart in his white uniform.

We enjoyed immersive experiences and could even tell you the differences between 1st and 3rd class passengers and what their accommodation looked like. We researched two children 'William and Alice,' who travelled on the ship in different classes and how they both managed to survive.



South Site



FAMILIES ARE THRIVE-ING AT SPRINGWELL LEEDS SOUTH!

Following the pandemic, and the necessary restrictions on visitors, it has been a pleasure this term to welcome parents and carers back onto site to attend our Family Thrive course. Our first cohort is made up of a group of parents across key stages 2 and 3, is being ably led by Mr Hallsworth, our Primary Care Team Leader, supported by Miss McMillan, our Acting Vice Principal.

The course aims to support parents by teaching them about the structure and functions of the brain, making links between this theory and the behaviours they see in their children, and helping them plan for the future. Thrive gives parents an insight into why children behave how they do, and our families have really felt the benefit of working with others and being part of a like-minded group of parents. Week 1 included the opportunity to make a Play Doh model of the brain, allowing participants to practise their articulation of the brain function to one another, in a safe and trusting environment. We are really proud of our parents, and it is a pleasure to see them back in school, working to support their children and develop their own knowledge and confidence. Together, we can make a difference to our children.

If you would be interested in attending a future Thrive session, please contact Mr Hallsworth via Reception.



WORTHY WINNERS!

MOST IMPROVED

This term, we are once again celebrating our 'most improved' students. These awards are very special to us, as they can be awarded to any student in any class, whatever their starting point. They are given to those students who have gone above and beyond and who have shown the greatest improvement over the course of the term, be it in SEMH skills, academic effort or a standout performance in a particular subject. These awards are nominated by class teams, twice each year. I am sure you are equally proud of this term's worthy winners!.

