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NEWSLETTER



KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

INSET Day and Summer Holiday

Friday 30th June- the academy is closed to students
Students will break up for the summer holiday at 2.30pm
on Friday 21st July 2023

Holiday dates for the 2023/24 Academic Year

October half term holiday - 21st-29th October 2023
Christmas holiday - 22nd December- 7th January 2024
February half term holiday - 10th-18th February 2024
Easter holiday - 29th March - 14th April 2024
May day bank holiday- 6th May 2024
May half term - 25th May - 2nd June 2024
Summer holiday - 20th July - 1st September 2024

Praising Stars ©

Information regarding your child's progress and effort for
the next half term will be released on the following date.

Praising Stars 6 : Wednesday 19th July 2023

Y6 Transition Days - 12th, 13th and 14th July
Summer School - 24th, 25th and 26th July

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Andy Scruby
Principal

Welcome to our latest edition of our Outwood Academy Adwick In Touch newsletter. We're now well into the summer term, a term that celebrates another years achievements and the all important examination season. Students have been working hard across all year groups, whether achieving the Silver ACE accreditation in Year 7 through to focused exam preparation in Year 11 and the 6th form. We hope that this edition provides you with further insight into academy life and the wonderful achievements of so many students.

It has been great welcoming many parents and carers into the academy over the course of this academic year, and we're grateful of the opportunities that post-Covid life has brought us, despite the many challenges many still face. We hope to see and continue working in school with as many parents and carers as possible in these final months of the year and we warmly welcome your support and thoughts.

To gain a regular insight into academy life please continue to follow us via our social media channels for daily updates.

MEET THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENTS



Mrs Vance

English



Miss Byrom

Technology



Mr Lockwood

Computer Science



Mr Reed

Life



Mrs Ravenscroft

Maths



Mrs Sohel

Science



Mrs Bowers

Humanities



Mr Speed

Physical Education



Mrs Seiler

Languages



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Creative Arts



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OFSTED INSPECTION

We are Good

It seems a long time ago now, as life in school moves extremely quickly, but if you missed it, back in January the academy was inspected by Ofsted.

We are extremely proud to share that the academy was graded Good in all categories.

This is testament to the hard work and efforts of staff, students, parents, governors and the support of the academy trust. Whilst this is a brilliant uplift for the academy and excellent to have external validation that students receive the positive education that they deserve, we will always continually strive to do our very best for our community.

The report if you haven't had opportunity to read it features some wonderful comments, such as; "The school has a supportive and caring culture. Staff build warm and friendly relationships with pupils. Pupils achieve their full potential."

We see this as a milestone as we continue our journey in putting students first and transforming lives.



Social Media



For almost daily updates to what is taking place in the academy please follow our social media pages on Instagram and Twitter. We also aim to share a weekly academy film which showcases the last week and our superstar students & staff showcasing their efforts.

Instagram - [outwoodacademyadwick](https://www.instagram.com/outwoodacademyadwick)

Twitter- [@outwoodadwick](https://twitter.com/outwoodadwick)

SEND PARENT NETWORK

Natter and nibble

Thursday 6th July - 3pm to 5pm.

Come and join our open forum event and speak to support services in Doncaster.

Waiting to speak to you are:

Outwood's inclusion team
Mental Health (CAMHS)
Autism (ASCETS)
SEN advice (SENDIAS)
Sleep Clinic
Educational Psychologist
Citizens Advice Bureau

Let us know you're coming by scanning here.



A fantastic resource for supporting teen sleep can be found by scanning the QR code



Useful links for parents

CAMHS <https://camhs.rdash.nhs.uk/>

Outwood Wellbeing - <https://mentalwellbeing.outwood.com/>

Doncaster Safeguarding hub <https://dscp.org.uk/>

Mental health service <https://www.rdash.nhs.uk/services>



TEENAGE CANCER TRUST



*In a world where you
can be anything.*

Be Kind



Forever 19

Students and staff at Outwood Academy Adwick have raised more than £1,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust after a charity event. The 'Forever 19' event was held in memory of Joseph Lunn and Lulu Blundell, who both passed away at age 19 after battling cancer.

The event saw students and staff take part in the charity cycle and rowing event, with a target of covering 195 miles which signified the distance between London and Rotherham – Joe and Lulu's home towns. On the day, around 250 staff and students participated, clearing the target and ending with a whopping total of 498 miles covered.

The money raised will go to the Teenage Cancer Trust bringing Joe and Lulu's 'patient funds', the total amount of money raised in their names, to £85,000 and £95,000 respectively. Lulu's family hope to reach £100,000 by 12th June, which would have been Lulu's 20th birthday. Donations will be used to fund patient services, specialist nurses and support staff for other young people who are going through their own cancer journeys.

Heather Bowen, Senior Relationship Manager at Teenage Cancer Trust, commented on the event, saying: "The pupils were an absolute credit to the school as they each threw all of their energy into the challenges. The atmosphere was alive with friends pushing and cheering each other on to do another mile, all in support of Teenage Cancer Trust which supported both Joe and Lulu after their cancer diagnoses.

"Raising funds is always vital but educating teenagers on the five signs and symptoms of cancers in their age group, whilst still at school, means that they will understand what to look for, what to do and where to go for support."

TEACHING AND LEARNING

*Never stop learning
because life never stops
teaching*



Praising Stars Release

We ran our fourth Praising Stars Release event of the year on Wednesday 29th March. The event was a great success with over 350 students taking part. Students detailed what they were proud of on their report and were then given a chance to select an egg from the mini easter egg hunt. Each egg revealed a prize. Students had their pictures taken and a video was created of the event. The video was shared via social media.



Hop till you drop

Bartlett liked to spend her days
Giving teachers sincere praise
Rushton made a new resource
And did a learning walk, of course

Johnson took a walkabout
And Brannan got those show me boards out
Carter told Bartlett a terrible white lie
That her mocks were finished, we can dream sky high!

Dover did a recall starter that went just swell
Tyas made a check of understanding as well
Bartlett collected exit tickets happily
And asked probing questions to 7x/En3

Carter created a toolkit game
Showing that revision doesn't have to be the same
For teaching English, there is a nack
And Johnson made us all wear black

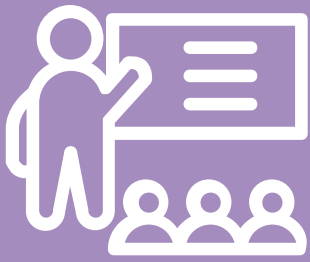
Rushton learned about a student's interest
That 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' is the best
Tyas posed questions. I wonder who she picks
The challenges made harder using the matrix

Johnson quizzed her tutor group on the play
Brannan called with praise at the end of the day
Carter used her whiteboards to spot
The learning that students knew or not

Lomas' favourite CLS is Speak for My Team
She also had minutes of silence if you know what I mean
Brannan used Show Me boards over which to clamber
Carter asked questions then used red, green or amber

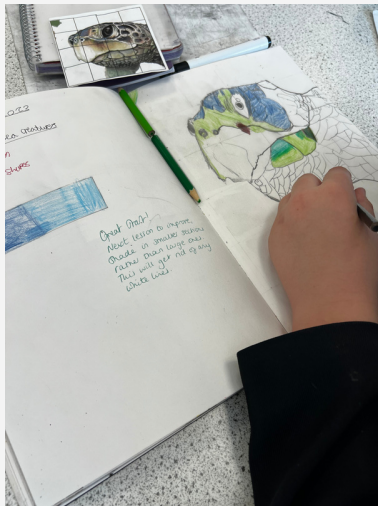
Johnson and Tyas the powerhouse of team teaching
11x/En3 knew what they were both preaching
So English has met the twenty tasks
What else would we do? She asks!

TEACHING AND LEARNING



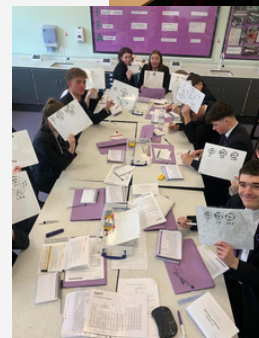
Love to Learn

Our 'Love to Learn' CLS challenge for students was fantastic. Students were asked to spot CLS sightings. A number of students took part in the challenge and it was wonderful to hear how they could describe the learning structures used in lessons. There were 6 winners of the challenge and these students received doughnuts and a certificate.

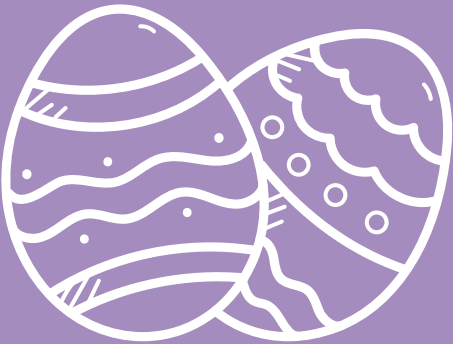


Awesome at Adwick

Teaching and learning in the academy is absolutely fantastic! Students are experiencing active learning alongside a wonderful range of activities such as: collaborative learning activities, whiteboard activities, games for learning, fantastic modelling, experiments and wonderful opportunities to shape creativity. For a brilliant overview, please see our 'A Week at Adwick' videos on social media.



EASTER IN THE ACADEMY



Easter Praise

There were lots of praise events that took place in the academy including praise assemblies and a movie night. The top classroom champions in each year group as well as the students with the most purple praise stickers received Easter eggs. We had Principal awards, top tutor group prizes and a movie night in the library for students who had the top behaviour for learning points. Congratulations to all our winners!

The big Attendance Easter Egg Give-away!

This Easter the attendance team have given away 150 Easter eggs! Leading up to the Easter holidays, eggs were given away each day to 15 lucky students. Students enjoyed checking each day to see if they had won in the daily draw.

It was done this way so that students with low attendance still had equal chance to join in and win prizes. As a school we continue to strive for strong attendance for all students. Our most recent predictions for Year 11 show that students with over 90% attendance are predicted to achieve an average of 1.5 grades higher than their peers. Attendance Matters!



Family Easter Egg Hunt

We hosted our first family Easter egg hunt for families of the students who had achieved the most E1 effort grades. We had a brilliant time and loved seeing the competitive nature of the parents. Lots of yummy treats were collected and there were prizes awarded to the fastest 3 families. We also had prizes for anyone who found a golden egg. Congratulations to Sophie in year 10 and her mum for winning the top prize! We hope you enjoyed your Easter treats.



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PURPLE PRAISE

Champions Breakfast

We have celebrated with a number of Champions Breakfast so far this year. We have seen lots of successes with the football teams and it has been brilliant to recognise their achievements and talk all things football with them over a champions breakfast.



Overall Star Student

An overall star student winner is picked from all the nominations received each week. This student then receives a visit from a member of the Senior Leadership Team, who brings doughnuts for the winner and their classmates. Our personal highlight is to see the praise and gratitude that the students show to the winner.



CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class of the week

Staff nominate a class of the week and a random draw then takes place to select an overall class. These students receive a visit from the senior leadership team and a chocolate treat. Don't forget to check social media each week to see if your class has been nominated!



PURPLE PRAISE

Adwick Rainbow



Students are awarded purple and gold praise stickers in lessons. These are put into their planners and are counted and recorded each week in tutor time. Each half term, we present certificates for those students who had achieved the different milestones on the Adwick rainbow. Our aim is for all students to achieve the purple award (120 purple stickers) by the end of the academic year. All students who do this will be invited to take part in a praise activity at the end of term.

Our gold stickers are for classroom champions (students who go above and beyond in lessons). It is wonderful to see the amount of gold stickers in planners. We are looking forward to our celebration event for the top students in each year group. This year we are heading to MissionOut in Leeds.



DRIVING LESSONS

Progress 8 Initiative

All students in year 10 who have a positive progress 8 score at each praising stars cycle are entered into a prize draw if they return their postcard with a positive comment from home. Congratulations to these students who all enjoyed driving lessons.



VOCABULARY

All students in years 7, 8 and 9 have a purple vocabulary book which they are expected to have in all lessons. It has been great to see our year 7 students bringing their books to take part in Word Wall Wednesday where they have chance to earn praise stickers and win a gift voucher



CAREERS



He Can Project

A group of Y10 students are currently undertaking a project in partnership with HeppSY. This project aims to raise aspirations of students and the equip them with the knowledge about future pathways. It focuses on decision making and gives students the confidence to make decisions about their future. Recently, the group of students visited Sheffield Hallam University to take part in an Empowerment Day where they were joined by local business leaders and a guest speaker.

Opportunities Doncaster LIVE

A group of our Year 9 students travelled to take part in this annual careers showcase at Doncaster Racecourse. They were able to explore a range of post 16, post 18, apprenticeship and employment opportunities. They took part in practical demonstrations and were able to speak to industry experts to discover future pathway options. Students were able to ask lots of questions to find out how they achieve their desired pathway.



EPIC SESSIONS



Change Your Game

Over 60 Year 10 students have participated in a new virtual reality experience 'Change Your Game' which seeks to highlight the dangers of child exploitation related to drug and county line activities as well as building an awareness and resilience amongst young people. This experience has been developed through a collaboration between Doncaster Council (EPIC) South Yorkshire Police. Young people can also visit the EPIC hub based in the Frenchgate centre. Mrs Richardson has further information about this if required.

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PRAISING STARS CELEBRATION

Afternoon Tea with SLT

For Praising Stars 3 we invited our top E1 students and their families for afternoon tea with SLT. It was lovely to be able to have so many family members join us to celebrate their child's achievements. A huge thank you to our wonderful catering team who provided the delicious afternoon tea and also to our brilliant quizmaster Mr Tweedale.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



In order to raise awareness we promoted and celebrated Women's History Month in the academy this year through a range of different activities. Staff added an inspirational quote by a woman to their email signature. The honours board display was updated with quotes from inspirational women and fact sheets on ten inspirational women. A number of department also decorated their doors with displays on inspirational women. Lastly, we shared facts and quotes linked to Women's History Month daily via social media.

FIRST AID

Active Personal Development

As part of their personal development lessons, year 7 students have completed a module of first aid lessons. They have learned about CPR, the recovery position, head injuries and choking. We are incredibly proud of the way our students engaged in learning about these vital life skills



PI DAY

PI Day

We enjoyed Pi dingbats, Pi treats at break and lunch as well as competitions to recal Pi to 98 decimal places and words beginning with Pi!

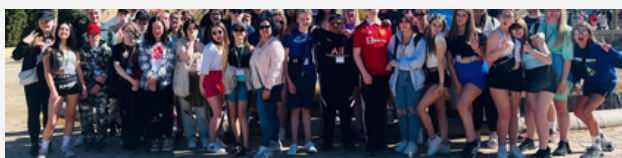


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BARCELONA

Languages Trip

At Easter this year Miss Sautron, Miss Seiler and Mr Fletcher from the MFL Department took 40 Year 9 and 10 students to Barcelona to experience the Spanish culture. Mr Longden, Miss Bawamia and Miss Davison also went on the trip. We travelled on the coach and it was a long journey indeed. We had a bit of a choppy crossing on the Ferry which was also an experience! We stayed in a 4* hotel in a lovely sea side town called Tossa de Mar. On the first day students went to a tapas restaurant and tasted some delicious tapas. On the second day we visited the Barcelona Landmarks; Las Ramblas, La Sagrada Familia and Parc Guell. Some of us even got delicious free Ben & Jerry's ice cream! On the third day we went to the amazing Port Aventura Theme Park where students enjoyed some of the best rides in Europe and had lots of fun! On the fourth day we enjoyed shopping in Tossa de Mar and spent time at the beach. Some great beach games were led by Miss Bawamia. Before we knew it was already time to say bye to Tossa de Mar and head back to Doncaster. Our lovely students have been commended for their excellent conduct by the restaurant staff, the hotel staff and the teachers



ENRICHMENT

Enrichment at Adwick

Enrichment this term has been fantastic. Thank you to everyone who has made it to a session. We have had sessions ranging from: Dodgeball, Cooking, Product design, Gaming, Football. Many of these sessions have been voted for by students through Student Voice. Year 11 sessions have occurred before, during and after school too; which has led to a total of 900 students attending since Easter! For the rest of the school our average weekly attendance has increased to well over 300 students which is an excellent achievement. We can still improve that number, so as the evenings stay lighter have a look at the QR beside and why not come and try out a new club with a friend for this last half term.



WORLD BOOK DAY



Our wonderful reading ambassadors dressed up as book characters and headed to Outwood Primary Academy Woodlands where they helped with their special reading event and afternoon tea. You all looked amazing and were a credit to our school.

Michael Morpurgo

Our year 7 and 8 students were incredibly privileged to be able to take part in a virtual talk by world renowned author Michael Morpurgo. Students listening intently as Michael talked about his life and career as well as his book 'War Horse'.



Staff Dress up

We had some wonderful costumes this year. A huge thank you to staff for your efforts. You looked brilliant and students loved seeing all the different costumes



Rewards

We had lots of book themed lessons, activities in the library and quizzes in tutor time. Staff were all given a golden ticket that they could award to a student who had shown an excellent attitude and progress with reading. Students were invited to a celebration at the end of the day and enjoyed milkshakes and a book from the vending machine



READING



Reading is a gateway skill that makes all other learning possible

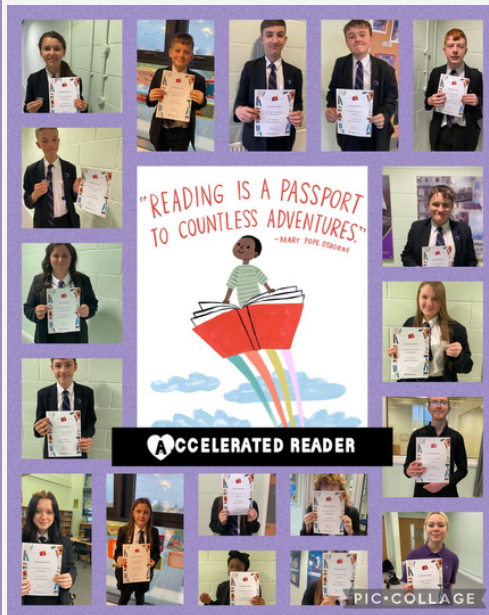
Barak Obama



A few of the latest additions to our parent and staff lending library that can be found in the main reception



More information on Accelerated Reader and myOn can be found by scanning the QR code



Reading Milestones

Students are recognised for reaching the milestones of 100,000, 500,000 and 1 million words with bronze, silver and gold star awards as well as books from the vending machine. We currently have 8 word millionaires and we are looking forward to a very special reward trip to London to celebrate the achievements of these students

Reading Rewards

Congratulations to students who have made it into the 100 Club. This is for students who have achieved 100% on at least 10 accelerated reader tests. Scan the QR code to go to a link that shows how your child can test on the books they are reading at home



The Library is open before and after school for students to access. The library opens at 7.45am and closes at 3.30pm. Library passes are also available for lunchtime access



Assemblies HALF TERM 5

Expectations and Standards

Mr Cattrall and Mr Tyrrell

International Astronomy Day

Mr Kenny

The Kings Coronation

Mrs Ravenscroft

What is good sleep?

Mr Gibson

Kindness in different languages

Mrs Seiler

Preparing for exams

Mr Scruby

Assemblies HALF TERM 6

Expectations and Standards

Mr Cattrall and Mr Tyrrell

Careers

Mr Longden

Praise

Mrs Smith and Mr Cattrall

Cancer Research- Race for life

Mrs Smith

LGBTQ

Mrs Swiffen -Laing

Keeping Safe over the Summer

Mr Tyrrell

Life Curriculum Overview (Term 3)

Year 7 - Human Rights - What are Human Rights and why are they important?

Year 8 - Humanism - What is humanism and why is it becoming more popular?

Year 9 - Abuse of animals around the world - Is using animals ethically right?

Year 10 - Fertility, abortion and euthanasia - What are these and are they ethical?

July Curriculum Focus - Animal Rights in the Pet Industry - Social Media and Anti-Social Behaviour in the Pet Industry/Dangerous Dogs

Race for Life 14TH JULY

On Friday 14th July, we will be holding a Race for Life event in aid of Cancer Research. Your child will be able to sign up to this event through tutor and further information will be sent out to you soon



Dates for the Diary

Reading Reward Trip to London- 21st June

Mission Out Leeds Trip - 27th June

Purple Praise Event - 29th June

Y11 Prom - 29th June

INSET DAY (school closed to students) 30th June