

FEBRUARY  
2023



OUTWOOD  
ACADEMY  
ADWICK

# IN TOUCH

## NEWSLETTER



### KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### Parents' Evenings

We are pleased to welcome you in to the academy on the following dates to meet with teaching staff

Year 7 and 11  
Year 8 and 10

Thursday 23rd February 2023  
Thursday 27th April 2023

#### Praising Stars©

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

Praising Stars 3 : Wednesday 8th February 2023  
Praising Stars 4 : Wednesday 29th March 2023

**February Half term - Monday 13th February -  
Friday 17th February 2023**

**Easter Holiday - Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th  
April**

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**Andy Scruby**  
Principal

Welcome to the second edition of our Personal Development newsletter, In Touch. We hope that this newsletter is providing you with a better insight into academy life, with a flavour of what students have been learning and an opportunity to share their achievements. It has been another busy half-term at the academy and it's exciting to share with you a vast array of events, experiences and celebrations which have taken place over the last 7 weeks.

It has been wonderful to hear your feedback on our first edition and also via our surveys that many of you completed. We always welcome your constructive views that support us in continually improving.

Many of you shared that you wanted to see developments in how we communicate with you as parents and carers. This is an area we have really focussed on, introducing initiatives such as; this newsletter, a letter/guide (on our letters section of the website) showing how to contact individual staff and departments by telephone and email, our social media accounts, a concerns form on the front-page of our website, releasing our parents evening dates, more information and open evenings and continuing to share our half-termly Praising Stars student progress reports.

## MEET THE INCLUSION TEAM



**Sarah Richardson**  
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Lead Learning Manager



**Emma Addy**  
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# MENTAL HEALTH



## 'Odd Socks'

On Anti-Bullying week we promoted diversity and what makes us all unique. Students attended assemblies led by Mrs Gray and both staff and students came into the academy wearing odd socks on Monday 14th November 2022.

#reachout #anti-bullyingawareness #standagainstit!



## SUPPORT AND HELP

### Learning Manager Boxes

Our learning manager boxes are always available at SID in case you don't feel comfortable asking for help in person.

### Reporting Concerns

Everyone has the right to feel valued, unique and feel supported in school. If students have any worries or concerns, the 'Don't Worry Bee Happy' box is placed at SID.



## 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)

## 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>



A form for student concerns can be found by scanning the QR code



# 1 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



*In a world where you  
can be anything.*

*Be Kind*



## **Food Bank Collection**

In the UK, more than 14 million people are living in poverty – including 4.5 million children. The food bank collection is something that is close to my heart. Due to the cost of living crisis and families being in need now more than ever I just knew we had to act as an academy. The charity event was launched in year group assemblies and staff and students pulled together to donate items of food each day throughout December. The idea being a 'Reverse Advent' calendar where tutor groups collected items each day in the run up to Christmas. I have been overwhelmed with the responses across our Academy this year. Students used their own pocket money and took themselves to supermarkets to buy essential items to show their support. The Maths department have shown their support by each donating huge shopping bags full of goodies, cupboard items and food and non food essentials which are urgently needed at the Doncaster foodbank. Staff have donated monetary donations to show their support also. Doncaster food bank are part of the Trussell Trust group where they supply an emergency food parcel to families every 13 seconds. I'm so grateful to anyone who has been involved in this event this year but also previous years. Your kindness, generosity and collaboration can help end the food poverty crisis and support those in desperate need.

Mrs Perry



## **'Pet Food Collection**

After losing our dog Meggie, myself and my partner decided that we wanted to be proactive in our loss and support other families. With the cost of living increasing, the number of our furry friends having to be rehomed has increased. We read the heartbreaking statistic that 42,000 pet owners have been in touch with the Dogs Trust to seek support and help about how they could re-home their pet.

We have an unshakeable belief that no family should have to make this heartbreaking decision. Pets are our family. We wanted to try and support our local community by providing food, treats and goodies. The support from everyone was amazing. We delivered huge parcels of food and treats various Doncaster and South Yorkshire based charities. We also took a cash donation that was presented to the Mayflower rehoming centre for pets.

Mrs Swiffen -Laing

# RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



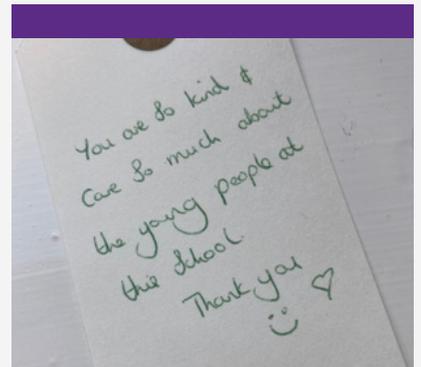
*Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly and most underrated agent of human change*

*Bobo Kerry*



## "Bee' Kind

We recognised all the students who had received a random act of kindness nomination with our 'bee kind' celebration. Students received certificates, hot chocolates and a bee cupcake. We spent some time planning our 'kindness challenge' for staff and students that will be launched soon.



## Positive Noticing Day

We took part in the national positive noticing day. Students in year 7 were all given a label to give to a student or member of staff in school. It was wonderful to see staff and students proudly wearing their label with a positive comment on.



Would you like to tell us about a random act of kindness that your child has done? Scan the QR code to send us a nomination



# CHRISTMAS IN THE ACADEMY



## A Christmas Carol Performance

This year, English Literature students are studying the text 'A Christmas Carol'. To support their understanding and to provide a cultural experience we were fortunate enough to secure the expertise of a professional touring theatre company. All of Year 11 alongside a group of VIP lower school literacy champions attended a professional performance of the play.



## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Trip

We had a wonderful time at the Playhouse in Leeds where we watched the professional performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We even got to meet a member of the cast afterwards too.



## Praising Stars Release

We ran our second Praising Stars Release event of the year on the 13th December. It was even bigger and better this time round with a range of games for students to take part in. Additionally, we provided an opportunity for students to write themselves a goal for the future on a large chalkboard. This was then displayed in the foyer as a reminder for students. Over 300 students took part and it was wonderful hearing what students were proud of.



## Christmas Dinner

The academy Christmas dinner is always an annual highlight. A Christmas dinner with the full works offered to the whole academy family, 1100 students & 160 staff! Our catering superheroes never cease to amaze us and it's wonderful coming together with friends to start the Christmas period and end the Autumn term... with very full stomachs!

# CHRISTMAS IN THE ACADEMY



## Christmas Film Evening

The top 25 students in each year group for positive behaviour points were invited to our praising stars 2 Christmas movie night. Students enjoyed popcorn and refreshments and a Christmas film.



## Wreath Making

This year staff at Outwood Academy Adwick were invited to take part in a Christmas Wreath making session to support the wellbeing of staff and to channel their inner creativity. It was such a fantastic evening. Support and teaching staff came together, over a hot chocolate, cake and festive foliage. Staff loved it, and some gave away their wreaths as gifts for family and friends.



## Christmas Cookies

Miss Addy and Mrs Simpkin enjoyed working with a small group of our year 7 students. They all had a brilliant time making Christmas cookies and yule logs and students were proud to show them off to the Senior Leadership Team.



## Christmas Concert

Students across the Creative Arts Department lifted those bah-humbug spirits with an amazing show at the annual Christmas Concert. Dancers, musicians and singers showcased their talents and performed in front of over 200 guests! Students, staff and parents and carers showed their support at the event which we are so grateful for. Each year students perform a song, dance or performance of their choice. This can be a performance they've been rehearsing as an ensemble, in lesson/enrichment time or in their bedroom. It's a fabulous start to the festive season and I'd like to thank every student, staff and community member involved.



# 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!



# CLASSROOM CHAMPIONS

## Gold Stickers



We have introduced gold praise stickers for our classroom champions. If your child has these in their planner, it means they were chosen as one of three top students in the class. We will be listening to student voice to decide on what further prizes will be for those students who collect the most gold stickers!

Students are awarded purple praise stickers in lessons. These are put into their planners and are counted and recorded each week in tutor time. At the end of last half term, we presented certificates for those students who had achieved their red and orange award for gaining 20 and 40 purple praise stickers. Our aim is for all students to achieve the purple award by the end of the academic year.





# STUDENT PRAISE

## Star Student

Every week in the academy, staff nominate a star student each. This can be for outstanding achievements and progress or improved attitude and effort. These students attend a celebration event with hot chocolate and games on a Friday and receive a letter home.



## SLT Superstars

The Senior Leadership Team nominate an SLT superstar each week and these students receive a postcard and treat from the praise trolley.



# STAFF PRAISE

## Recognising Staff

We are incredibly fortunate to have the most amazing staff in the academy who are relentless in their mission to ensure that students have the very best in and out of lessons. Every member of staff in the academy plays a very important role and as a result it is crucial that we recognise their daily work and effort. Each week our staff have the opportunity to send messages of thanks to one another. These messages are collated and sent to staff in the form of a printed message. In addition, each week in L&P a number of awards are presented to staff. Our awards are: Collaborative Learning Superhero, Collective Consistencies Champion, Captivating Classroom, Our Hero and Transforming Lives. Lastly, each week the Senior Leadership Team writes postcards of gratitude to staff. These postcards are delivered to staff by our student parliament praise ambassadors. #weareadwick



# ALWAYS AWARD

## Year 7 Praise

We have recently introduced a new award. This is the 'always award' for students who always do the right thing. These students receive no behaviour sanctions and always show an excellent attitude to learning. Well done!



## TREE PLANTING



### *Year 9 tree planting*

During year 9 geography lessons, students spent time planting trees on the academy site to help reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Special mention to the groups who had to dig through the frozen soil to plant their tree!



## REVISION EVENING

### *Year 11 Revision Evening*

On Thursday 10th November, around 70 of our Year 11 students attended a revision evening with their parents at the Academy. This was an opportunity for students to work with staff to pick up key revision resources and techniques in preparation for the summer exams. Parents were also invited to engage in the activities to gain an understanding of how to support students' revision at home. Students were also given a goodie bag full of exciting equipment to support their revision in the coming future. The next event is already being planned for March and we hope to see lots of students there. In the meantime, please take a look at some of our Trust revision websites.



<https://revision.maths.outwood.com/>  
<https://science.outwood.com/>  
<https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/english>  
<https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/geographyrevision>  
<https://history.outwood.com>

## CAREERS



### *CV Writing workshop*

The academy welcomed our enterprise partnership company, HERAS, to the academy where they delivered a workshop all about CVs. The company's HR team shared their expertise around what a CV should include and what can make you stand out from everyone else. Students then had a go themselves at writing their own CV, guided by the team. This will help students when they apply for further education and jobs in the future.

## EPIC SESSIONS



### *Virtual Reality*

EPIC sessions 15 students took part in a new virtual reality child criminal exploitation workshop experience 'Change your game' which highlights the dangers of child exploitation related to drugs and county lines activities, building awareness and resilience amongst young people. The programme included hard hitting references to drug taking, alcohol, drug dealing, violence, threats of violence, child criminal and sexual exploitation. This programme is a collaboration between Doncaster council (EPIC) South Yorkshire Police and Peel interactive.

## SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE



### *OGAT Conference*

Student Parliament attended the OGAT Sustainability Conference where they shared vital information about OAA's sustainability and presented questions of great importance to the OGAT Board. We look forward to attending the Houses of Parliament in 2023



# BOYS FOOTBALL

## Football Success

Wednesday 23rd November saw the first Outwood Derby of the year as the Outwood Academy Adwick Year 10's hosted Outwood Academy Danum. The boys were fantastic and cruised to an 11-0 win! The comfortable score line allowed for the boys to rotate around the pitch and led to 7 of the 14 finding the back of the net.



# GIRLS FOOTBALL

## #thisgirlcan

Our girls football teams have been incredible both in training and matches with several wins in both matches and tournaments. They play every game with a smile on their face and are an absolute pleasure to coach.



# RUGBY

## Doncaster Knights



Our Year 7 and Year 8 Girls have continued their work with Doncaster Knights and developing their rugby skills. This will be building up to the Doncaster Girls Rugby Tournament coming up later this year.



# PROGRESS 8



## Driving lessons

Congratulations to all students who received a positive progress 8 postcard for praising stars 2! A special well done to the students who were selected to receive driving lessons. We are so proud of you all!



# NATIONAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

## Interview with Hedi Argent - a Holocaust survivor

In recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day, year 7 students took part in a very moving and thought provoking live stream interview with Holocaust survivor Hedi Argent. Students were so respectful as they listened to her incredible story.



# READING



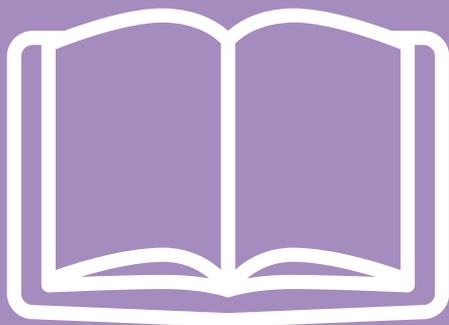
## Accelerated Reader

There have been lots of accelerated reader certificates awarded in recent weeks for students who have reached their reading milestones. We are so proud of your reading achievements. Keep reading!



## 12 Stories of Christmas

We absolutely loved taking part in the '12 stories of Christmas' with Outwood Primary Academy Woodlands. It was wonderful to see our students as role models for the younger children as they read Christmas stories with each other that were shared on social media.

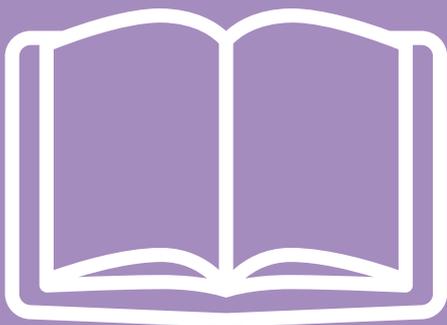


*Reading is a passport to countless adventures*  
*Mary Pope Osborne*



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

# READING



*Reading is a gateway skill that makes all other learning possible*

*Barak Obama*

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



## Read Around The World Cup

Whilst the football world cup was running, we held a reading competition. Students in year 7 and 8 were assigned 28 books on their online myOn account. The books were all related to sport or geography around the world. Congratulations to all students who completed the challenge and well done to those students who made it in the top 10! We hope you enjoyed your new book and Christmas themed prizes!



## Millionaire Readers

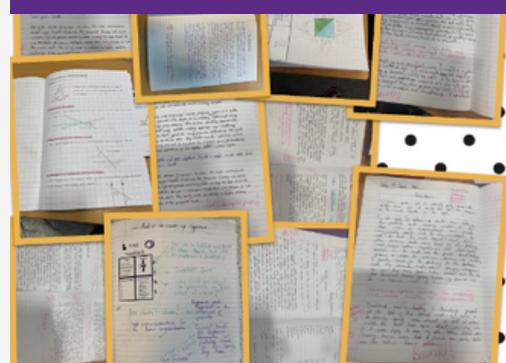
We have two millionaire readers in the academy. This is a wonderful achievement and we are really proud of both of the students. Keep reading those books and don't forget to keep completing a book test on AR. You can test on any book you are reading at home as long as it is on AR.



# TEACHING AND LEARNING



*Never stop learning because life never stops teaching*



## Match Day Challenge

In order to mark the start of the World Cup 2022, the Deep Learning team set the academy teaching staff a week of challenges. The challenges included: planner day Monday, Tues your CLS, whiteboard Wednesday, throwback Thursday and Friday classroom champions. Each challenge completed earned the players a goal. Sharing pictures and resources resulted in scored penalties. The challenge was well received by staff and over 180 goals were scored over the 5 day challenge. Staff who contributed won resources for their classroom.



## Christmas Challenge

During the month of December, the Deep Learning team ran a whole academy Christmas challenge. Mr Scruby had been kidnapped by the Grinch and in order to release him in time for Christmas, staff and students had to collect as many baubles as they could through completing a variety of challenges. The contributions from both staff and students was fantastic. As a student body we received nearly 900 contributions. Staff contributed over 250 entries which was absolutely fantastic. Students were visited by Santa to say a huge thank you for their contributions and to wish them a Merry Christmas. Additionally, all staff received a thank you certificate on their desks/workplaces.

***At the end of October, the Deep Learning team ran a Halloween Collaborative Learning Structure challenge called 'Trick or Structure'. Teaching staff were organised into 8 groups, each with an SLT leader who took on a spooky Halloween name. Different structures equaled different amounts of points. Staff were very excited about the challenge and really worked hard to ensure that students received a good diet of Collaborative Learning Structures. We received over 270 entries to the challenge. As for the results, Team 'Tyrell of Terror' came in third position, followed by team 'Mr Spooky' in second position. The winners of the challenge were team 'Carpo the Friendly Ghost'. Mr Horsfield won the individual teacher award with over 180 entries logged. Well done all.***



## Assemblies LAST 1/2 TERM

### Self Discipline & Positive Behaviour

Mr Scruby

### Remembrance

Mr Tweedale

### Anti Bullying Week

Mrs Gray

### Road Safety (Sixth Form)

Vicky and Miss Swiffen

### World GIS Day & Geography Careers

Mrs Bowers

### COP27- Climate Change

Miss Sohel

### Food Bank

Mrs Perry

## Assemblies THIS 1/2 TERM

### A personal story

Mr Wheatcroft

### Curriculum and Ebacc

Miss Bawamia

### The Holocaust

Mr Tweedale

### Army Careers

The Army

### E Safety

Mr Tyrrell

### Praise

Mr Catterall &  
Mrs Smith

## Life Curriculum Overview (Term 1)

**Year 7 - Active Citizenship - What should I be doing to make sure that I am a good citizen?**

**Year 7 - Christianity - What is Christianity and how has it changed and developed over time?**

**Year 8 - Money and Finance - Why is money important and how do I manage it?**

**Year 8 - Judaism - What is Judaism and how has it changed and developed over time?**

**Year 9 - Buddhism - What is Buddhism and how has it changed and developed over time?**

**Year 9 - Rights and responsibilities - What rights do I have and what responsibilities should I be aware of?**

**Year 10 - Rights & International responsibilities - What rights do I have and what do I need to be aware of internationally?**

**Year 10 - Islam - What is Islam and how has it changed and developed over time?**

**Year 11 (Tutor) - Different religions and their influence on current affairs**

## British VALUES

Our tutor time sessions for  
half term 3 have a focus on  
the 5 British Values.

Democracy

Rule of Law

Individual Liberty

Mutual Respect

Tolerance of cultures and  
religions

## The Ace Programme

ACE Silver - Students are all working hard towards their ACE Silver trying to get as many silver ticks as they can. The ACE Silver celebration is coming soon so watch this space!

Make sure you've got your Bronze ACE badge and as many ticks as possible on your Silver Sticker. Any issues come and see Mr Reed, Mrs Gray or Miss Addy.