# East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

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11/10/ 2019

Menu Week no: 1

**Attendance:** Congratulations to classes F2A and Class 8 who had 100% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars. Well Done to you all!

### What we have been up to this week:-

Last week ended with our School Council meeting with MP Andrea Jenkins. The children took the opportunity to ask lots of questions about how parliament works. Mrs Pattison was very proud of the way that they conducted themselves and the importance they attached to their role as councillors.

We have some staffing changes coming up over the next few weeks. Firstly both Mrs McLean and Mrs Mallinder left us last week. We are very grateful for all the time and commitment they gave to our children over the extensive time they worked at our school.

Miss Hardcastle will be taking adoption leave from next Thursday so we wish her well in her new adventure. Miss Mallinson will be Class 10's teacher for the rest of the school year.

Congratulations also to Mr Shabbir who has got a promoted post and will be leaving us in November; we have started the recruitment of a new teaching assistant. Finally, unfortunately Ms Sadiah is unwell so we are in the process of appointing a new Class 2 teacher.

Wednesday was a crazy day in school as poor Miss Batty managed the mammoth task of school photographs. The weather was against us so proceedings were hampered by rain drenched children and indoor break-times, but she did a stirling job and the whole operation ran as smoothly as could be expected. Thanks also to Mrs Paver who was run ragged without Miss Batty in the school office.

We have reviewed our before school interventions this week. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have been bringing children to attend them every day. They are a fantastic opportunity for those children who lack confidence or have missed some key learning to practice and apply the skills they are learning in school.

We have also spent time this week reviewing the teaching of reading in school and particularly teachers and adults in school listening to your child read. We realise we still have some improvements to make but we are on our way and embedding lots of our new routines. **Ms Talbot** 

## **Dates for your Diary**

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15.10.19	Y2 & 4 Pedestrian Training		
15.10.19	KS2 Merit Assembly		
15.10.19	Y6 Mini Police Initiative		
16.10.19	EYFS/KS1 Merit Assembly		
17.10.19	Y3 & 5 Scooter Training		
17.10.19	KS1 Music Workshop		
22.10.19	KS1 'Box Day'		
22.10.19	Resources Committee 5pm		
23.10.19	EYFS/KS1 Merit Assembly		
24.10.19	School Nurse F2 health-checks		
24.10.19	Year 4 Theme Day		
24.10.19	Halloween Disco		
25.10.19	Year 4 Skipping Workshop		
25.10.19	School closes		
4.11.19	School opens		
7.11.19	PTFA Meeting 6pm		
11.11.19	Anti-bullying Week		
14.11.19	Open Day		
19.11.19	KS2 Merit Assembly		
20.11.19	EYFS/KS1 Merit Assembly		
21.11.19	Trustees Meeting 6pm		
25.11.19	Year 6 to Robinwood		
26.11.19	KS2 Merit Assembly		
27.11.19	EYFS/KS1 Merit Assembly		
29.11.19	PTFA Dress Down Day		
3.12.19	KS2 Merit Assembly		
3.12.19	PTFA Film Night		
4.12.19	PTFA Christmas Surprise		
4.12.19	EYFS/KS1 Merit Assembly		
5.12.19	Trustees Meeting 6pm		
9.12.19	KS2 Merit Assembly		
11.12.19	Year 3 Christmas Concert		
17.12.19	Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert		
18.12.19	Nursery Christmas Party Day		
19.12.19	Foundation Stage Nativity		
20.12.19	Christmas Jumper Day		



#### Aldi Kits for Schools

Thank you to everyone for sending in the stickers. We have now completed 2 posters, so please keep sending the stickers into school so that we can complete our 3rd one. By collecting the stickers we will be given free school sports kits and also have a chance of winning £20,000.

#### Year 4

We hope that your children have been enjoying our Ancient Greek topic. To celebrate and share our learning we are going to hold an Ancient Greek inspired feast on Thursday 24th October. It would be great if the children could bring a toga or an Ancient Greek inspired outfit to school on this day for our celebration. Head wear will not be needed as we shall be crafting our own!

We would also like to extend an invite to family to come and explore our learning after our feast. We will open the hall doors at 3 o'clock so you can take a peak at the beautiful artwork, magical Greek myths and other ancient wonders that your children have been working hard on.

Thank you

Year 4 Team.

#### Traffic outside school

Just a reminder that when driving past school the speed limit is 20 mph. We have had a few concerns for the safety of our children because drivers are not adhering to the speed limit.

Helpful telephone numbers- Leeds Anti - Social Behaviour Team: 0113 222 4402

Childline: 0800 11 11 Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2 460401

Out of hours service for ongoing noise 6.00 pm -3.30 am: 0113 395 0143 NSPCC: 0808 810 800 Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2460401

Home Start-Support and friendship for families 0113 244 2419 or email office@home-startleeds.co

#### <u>Duathlon</u>

We had a brilliant time last Friday morning, when six children from Year 5 participated in a Duathlon, which was held at The Brownlee Centre.

The children had to run 750m, cycle 2.5km, then run another 350m.

They were timed as a whole team, which means the clock stopped after the last team member crossed the finish line.

Our children were absolutely amazing against the other schools. At the end of the first run, Sammy was in the lead and first to retrieve his bike and set off, with the others following closely behind.

As the children approached the end of the cycling, it was Sam W who was out in front and was the first child to begin the final running lap. Sam powered on for the 350m and was the first out of all the children to cross the finish line. Grace was also the first girl to finish with the rest of the children following closely behind.

Overall our team came second, only 20 seconds behind the winning school. I was so proud of all the children, they showed great determination and never gave up even though it was tough going.

Since writing the tapestry post I have had confirmation of all the results of the day: out of 40 teams East Ardsley Primary Academy came 6<sup>th</sup>!!! With a team time of 12:34!! How amazing is that!! ③

Massive well done to everyone: Grace Avery, Lauren Addinall, Sophie Nicholson, Sam Ward, Sammy Grover and Cody Murray.

#### MSSA Autumn Football Tournament

Yesterday the school football team ventured to Bruntcliffe to participate in the annual Autumn Football Tournament.

Twelve schools took part and played in two separate leagues of six, playing games 8 minutes long.

Our league consisted of: Newlands, Westerton, Drighlington, Gildersome, and Churwell, and every game was almost played identically, with our opponents scoring an early goal!

All the games apart from Drighlington ended with a 1-0 loss for us. Very frustrating considering the team played some amazing football. Reuben hit the crossbar and posts on a few occasions and the goalies saved quite a few, Cameron also had a goal disallowed, but It just wasn't our day.

The game against Drighlington was much the same as the others with our opponents scoring early on. However, lots more possession from us and some brilliant runs from the boys and finally, Cody scored a cracking goal. The boys were buzzing but as the final whistle blew we still had to settle for a 1-1 draw.

Although disappointed, the boys and myself were really happy with their performance. I couldn't have asked for more. What was great to see as well was how much the team is improving and gelling. Well done to all the boys.

Mrs Fletcher 🛠 🏐 🛠

#### Year 6—Applying for a High School Place

The application process for secondary school year 7 places starting in September 2020 is open and a link to the on-line application process can be found on Leeds City Council website: <u>https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-places/admissions-secondary-schools</u> and will close on 31st October 2019. It is important that you submit your application before this date.

Because your child attends our school they will have priority for place at Woodkirk Academy, therefore please ensure that you include this as one of your choices.

After you have applied on line you will receive a confirmation email that your preferences have been received (which you should keep). It can take up to 24 hours to receive your confirmation email.

# NB: If you do not receive an acknowledgement email within 24 hours your application has not been completed successfully; you should go back and make sure it is completed properly.

Offers of school places will be sent out on 2nd March.

The Admissions Team have arranged drop-in sessions to help Year 6 families with the application process and answer questions at several venues across the city this year, alternatively families can contact the Admissions Team on 0113 222 4414.

Date	Venue	Time
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	City Centre Hub	10 to 11:30 am
	Merrion House	
	Woodhouse Lane	
	Leeds LS2 8LX	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Compton Centre	11am to 1pm
	The Compton Centre	
	Harehills Lane	
	Leeds LS9 7BG	