



BELL LANE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



October 2016



Let's celebrate!

The academy has celebrated a variety of different things this half term. Following our securing of an Ofsted 'good' grade in 2014, we were invited to contribute to the 'Parliamentary Review' publication for the north of England which you have now all received a copy of. The academy was proud to have been chosen as this is acknowledgement of our continued work to improve standards.

We also continue to develop our P.E curriculum with the support of Mrs Reed (formerly Miss Southam) who is our P.E advisor. This has led to the academy achieving the silver 'Sportsmark' award which acknowledges how well we are supporting the children in engaging in a range of different competitive events.



Thanks to your support with the electrical recycling day organised by Shanks, we won second place in their competition for the most items collected. The prize for this was a small tablet computer which is already being put to good use.

The children are excited about being asked to name a new road in Ackworth for the development behind the war memorial. Each class has decided on a possible name and these are currently with Wakefield Council who will select the one that is to be used.

What's new?

Our Reception children became construction workers for the day when they helped Mr Schofield to erect a new stage area for our outdoor provision area. The children are using this regularly for a range of different performances!



Website

We apologise for the limited updates on our current website this half term. WCAT are in the process of redoing all their academy websites and we are currently in a transition period. We look forward to seeing the new format and, as always, would value your feedback on this when it goes live.

Key Experiences

Our Year 6 children had a fabulous time on their residential visit to 'Robinwood', challenging themselves in a variety of different activities whilst developing their teamwork skills which they continue to build on in their final year at the academy.



Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed taking part in Sculpture workshops, using their mathematical knowledge and teamwork skills to construct famous landmarks from around the world!

Sporting Events

This half term our Year 1, 2 and 3 girls have had football training with Ackworth Juniors Football Club and our Year 4 and 5 Cross Country teams put in great performances at the Wakefield Area Cross Country event. Our Change 4 Life club will start again on Thursdays after half term for Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Reed.

Uniform

Just a couple of reminders now we appear to be well and truly into autumn. Please ensure that your children have appropriate shoes and coat for outdoor breaks. We aim to take the children outside as much as possible, even in light rain, so it is important that they have footwear as stated on our uniform policy and a waterproof coat that will keep them warm enough. Could you also please label all items of clothing clearly as we already have a large amount of lost property, most of which is un-named.

P.T.O



Administration of medicines

For your information we have introduced forms that we need completing and signing for when we are asked to administer any prescribed medicines. These are available at the academy office.

Dates for Autumn Term 2015-16

(Please note that there may be additional events to those below and more detailed information will be sent out for specific events)

Wednesday 2nd November - Bonfire Safety Assembly with PC Blunt
Thursday 3rd November (9:00am) - Robinwood awards assembly (Y6 Parents welcome)
Friday 4th November - Dental Hygiene session for Year 3 with School Nursing Team
Friday 4th November - Hand washing session for Year 1 with School Nursing Team
Tuesday 8th November - Visit to The Deep for classes UFSR and UFS/1H
Wednesday 9th November - Flu vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday 9th November - Assembly by Reverend Paul Fox
Thursday 10th November (9:00am) - Class 5/6H Showing Assembly for parents
Thursday 10th November - Year 6 and Year 5 Anti-bullying workshops with PC Blunt
Friday 11th November - KS2 class councillors attending Poppy Day service at Ackworth war memorial
Wednesday 16th November - Road Safety Assembly with PC Blunt
Wednesday 16th November - Consultation Evening for class 5/6H
Friday 18th November (9:15 - 11:15 am) Class 6P INSPIRE session for parents
Monday 21st November (7:00pm) - P.T.A meeting, everyone welcome
Friday 25th November - Non-uniform day, please bring an item for the Christmas Fayre tombola
Friday 25th November (1:30pm) - Class 5/6H INSPIRE session for parents
Friday 2nd December - Keeping Safe sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with PC Blunt
Friday 2nd December - Christmas Fayre for all pupils followed by refreshments and choir performance for parents at 2:30pm.
Tuesday 6th December (10:00am and 2:00pm) - Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) Nativity
Wednesday 7th December (10:00am and 2:00pm) - Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) Nativity
Friday 9th December (1:30pm) - Academy Choir singing at St Cuthbert's Christmas Celebration.
Wednesday 14th December - Assembly by Reverend Paul Fox
Wednesday 14th December - KS1 Christmas Parties
Thursday 15th December - KS2 Christmas Parties
Thursday 15th December (6:30 - 8:00pm) - Christmas Disco
Friday 16th December - INSET Day - Academy closed for staff training

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January

SPRING TERM BEGINS on TUESDAY 3rd January 2017