



Birley Spa Primary Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

# Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> June 2022



Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, we would like to start by welcoming you all back into school following the half term break. We have been really busy over half term creating some amazing learning environments for our children! We have had our forest school area re-developed and a sensory learning environment created within the quad area at the centre of school. Our children will get to use the new learning environments over the coming weeks. This is all thanks to L.E.A.D. Academy Trust for funding the developments to support our pupils with their learning journey. We would like to say a huge thank you to them in making this possible.

It has been wonderful to see our children return to school with a positive and ready to learn attitude. The children are already enjoying exploring their new History and Geography topics.

The topic titles each class are investigating this half term are:

EYFS	We are Explorers
Year 1 & 2	Why do boats float?
Year 3	How extreme is the Earth?
Year 4	How does the water go round and round?
Year 5	On top of the World
Year 6	Artists of the 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> Century
Shirebrook	How extreme is the Earth?

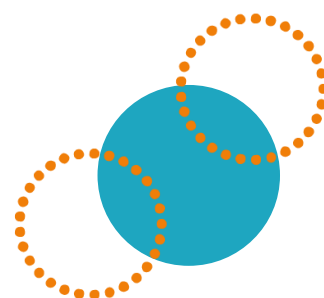
We have already seen our children immersing in some amazing fun filled learning. Last week we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the children enjoyed getting creative, making crowns and learning all about our Queen.

Our year 6 pupils went on residential to Kingswood, where they experienced a wide range of team building activities to develop resilience and perseverance through activities such as problem solving, orienteering, zip wires and archery. They all had a fantastic time!

Finally, just a reminder as the weather is getting warmer can you please ensure your children are wearing sun cream and bring a hat to school.

We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Pemberton  
Executive Headteacher



# Upcoming Dates for the Diary

<b>Jun</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y1 & Y2 Visit to Birley Spa Church	<b>Jul</b> 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 Leavers Celebrations
<b>Jun</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 Visit to Crucial Crew	<b>Jul</b> 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term
<b>Jun/Jul</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 Transition Outwood Academy	<b>Jul</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset Day – School closed to children
<b>Jul</b> 8 <sup>th</sup>	Enterprise / Summer Fair	<b>Sept</b> 1 <sup>st</sup>	Inset Day – School closed to children
<b>Jul</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Transition Birley Academy	<b>Sept</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset Day – School closed to children
<b>Jul</b> 13 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Sports Day	<b>Sept</b> 5 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens to children – Autumn 1
<b>Jul</b> 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day: Y1 & Y2 (am) Y3 & Y4 (pm)	<b>Oct</b> 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term
<small>March</small> <b>Jul</b> 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day: Y5 & Y6 (am)		

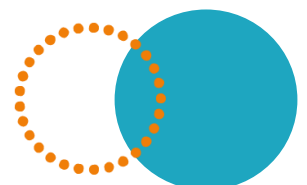
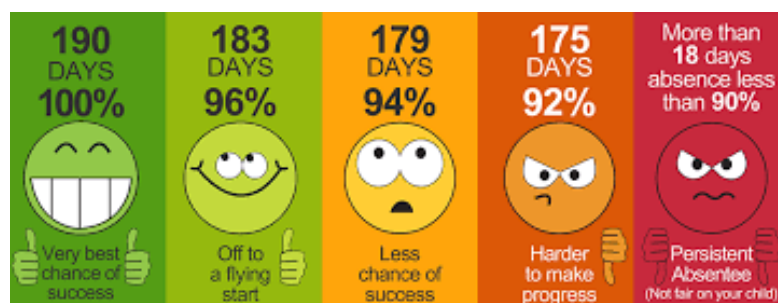


## Attendance Figures 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Class	Attendance %
Whirlow	85
Heeley	89
Sheaf	93.3
Endcliffe	93.1
Norfolk	91.8
Crucible	96.9
Lyceum	87.5
Kelham	90.9
Weston	91.1
Millennium	92.3
Graves	86.2
Bolsover	97.7
Peveril	90.7
Shirebrook	93.8
School Total	91.1

Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please do remember – excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements.

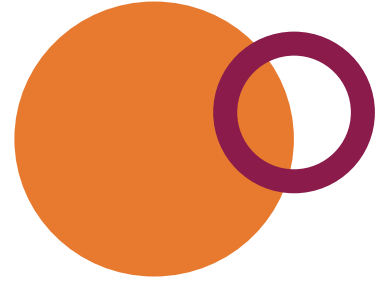
This week we have achieved 91.1% attendance as a whole school. Crucible class are our overall attendance winners this week with 96.9% Well done Crucible!



# Class Round-Up

EYFS

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We had a wonderful time celebrating the Royal Jubilee in EYFS! There were some amazing crowns made at home. Thank you for all your efforts.

We found out all about Queen Elizabeth and looked at photographs of her from when she was a baby, as well as a little girl and looked at how she has changed as she has grown older. We found out that the Queen is 96 - so we counted all the way to 96!

We all enjoyed eating the delicious biscuits that we made for our Jubilee picnic. The Queen herself said how scrumptious they were when she joined us out on the playground! We finished our celebrations by playing traditional circle games that the Queen would have played when she was a little girl, such as Ring a Ring of Roses, The Farmer's in his Den and Dusty Bluebells.

For the next few weeks we will become Explorers in EYFS. We can't wait to find out all about animals that live in different countries around the world, to investigate the moon and to explore under the sea.



Ms. Peck & Mrs. Thomas



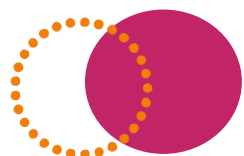
Our topic in Year 1 and 2 this half term is 'Why Do Boats Float?'. In topic, our focus is History in which we will be looking at famous pirates and explorers.

In English, we had a very special visit from Captain Purple Beard last week, who left us a letter and a treasure map to follow. The children worked together to follow the map and find the treasure that he had left us, which was some golden coins and a new book called "The Pirate Cruncher". The children have already engaged well with this story. They have developed their prediction skills, used their knowledge of the story to sequence pictures and next week will move onto planning and writing their own diary entries.

In Year 1 maths, we are focusing on calculation to 20. The children will be using lots of different methods and resources to work out addition and subtraction calculations. Where as in year 2, we are revisiting place value looking at the value of each digit in a 2 digit number and partitioning the numbers using different representations.

The children have also had lots of fun taking part in the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. The children had the opportunity to learn all about the Queen and what the Jubilee celebrations are. They made bunting to decorate the classrooms and made crowns to wear.

We would just like to say a huge well done to the year 1 and 2 children for their engagement in our recent trip to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park before the half term break. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the park, seeing all of the animals and drawing some fantastic observational drawings of the animals. The children are a real credit to Birley Spa Primary Academy and should be very proud of themselves.



## Year 3

Year 3 are very excited to be learning about rocks, soils and volcanoes. The children have begun their writing sequence by creating an art piece using the descriptive phrases from the book 'The Pebble in My Pocket'.

In science, children have started to learn how geologists classify rocks by different characteristics, for example hard or soft, lustre and cleavage.

Children have planted a tree sapling to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and planted their own mini plant completed with a decorated crown.

Mrs. Roberts and Miss Gostelow



## Year 4

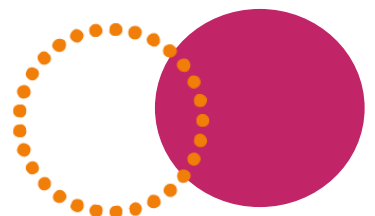
Year 4 had an interesting and informative visit this week from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue who delivered a Play It Safe presentation to the class. The children had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and learn about fire safety, escape plans, fire drills, hazards in the home, as well as bonfire safety and road safety.

It was lovely seeing everyone dressed up in red, white and blue for our Jubilee day on Wednesday. The children impressed us with their knowledge about the Queen and took part in various activities celebrating her seventy years on the throne.

We have started a new topic on 'Rivers'. In Literacy we are again focusing on narrative using the book Arrow To The Sun as a stimulus, and in maths we will work on area and perimeter. As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning please let us know.

How quickly this year has flown by! But there is plenty of learning and progress to be made in the coming weeks and we look forward to a fun and busy half term.

Miss Landowski, Mrs Powell Ferguson and Mr Jackson



## Year 5

This term's topic is called 'On top of the world'. We will be learning how mountains are formed, why people visit them and what people's homes are like around them. In Science we are learning about how our bodies change as we grow up, which also links nicely to our PSHE unit called 'Changing me'. In Art we are learning how to paint landscapes including rivers through the medium of paint. As part of this Art unit, we visited the Birley Spa Bath House to sketch some landscapes of the river there.



With this being the last term for the children before they become Year 6s, we will be spending some time preparing ourselves for the year ahead. As part of this, we are encouraging all children to read at least 3 times a week at home, learn all their timetables and to access SPAG.com whenever possible. This website helps children to improve their grammar and spelling knowledge by answering a number of SATs style questions. Please support and encourage your children with all of the learning taking place this term.



Miss Ambler and Mr. Walsh

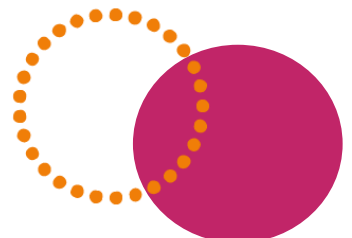
## Year 6

Last week, the Year 6 children had a fantastic time at residential! Over the three days, they took part in a range of activities: 3G swing, zipline, orienteering, problem solving, nightline, archery and bouldering. They all showed excellent teamwork, resilience and determination in each of the activities. In addition, the children also took part in a campfire, singing songs and eating marshmallows. On the second evening, they took part in a mini Olympics! This trip has also provided them with the amazing opportunity to develop independence, including making their own beds, getting themselves ready in the morning and at night, and packing their own suitcases.

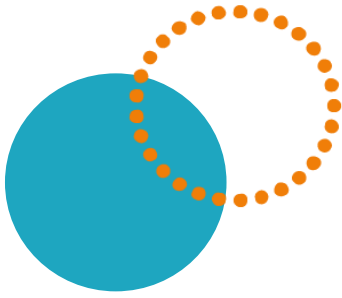


Another huge well done to all the Year 6s!

Miss Harper and Mr. Litherland







## Shirebrook 3-6

For the final half term, the children in Shirebrook are learning about “How extreme is the Earth?” We have already begun to talk about earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis and will continue to explore them through stories, baking and fact finding activities. We will also be exploring position, direction and movement through programming Bee Bots/ Mouse Bots and time in Mathematics.



Mrs. King and Mrs. Miller





# Star Pupils of the Week

7<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022



Whirlow	Pippa for her enthusiastic learning about the Jubilee.	Piper for her enthusiastic learning about the jubilee and working so hard at home to make her crown.
Heeley	Amelia for amazing independent writing in provision.	Milana for working really hard in PE and creating amazing shapes.
Sheaf	Max for being a resilient learner! Even when work is a little tricky, he always tries his absolute best! Keep it up Max.	Lillie for showing fantastic manners and enthusiasm during our recent trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park.
Endcliffe	Archie for showing great enthusiasm during our immersion week for our new story 'The Pirate Cruncher'.	Arianna for showing great prior knowledge when being introduced to our new topic 'Why do boats float?'
Norfolk	Oliver for putting in 100% effort into his learning and showing enthusiasm towards our new story Pirate Cruncher.	Poppy for always having a positive attitude and outstanding manners around school.
Crucible	Golnoush for great progress in her reading.	William for commitment to reading at home.
Lyceum	Mason for being polite and respectful; great effort and attitude towards his learning.	Grace for a great attitude towards learning, maintaining focus at all times.
Weston	Ruby - your manners, your enthusiasm and your learning attitude make you a real role model in our class!	Jamelia for working hard on the formal method of multiplication with terrific results - well done Jamelia!
Kelham	Hollie-Rose for amazing home learning, a wonderful crown for jubilee day.	Oscar for amazing home learning, a wonderful crown for jubilee day.
Millennium	Isaac for his knowledge and understanding of fractions. He ALWAYS impresses me within maths lessons.	Andre for his portrait of the Queen. He was resilient and composed throughout.
Graves	Mia for being a brilliant role model in class and always trying her best.	Logan for working hard on his presentation in all subjects.
Bolsover	Zain for great enthusiasm and getting stuck in to all activities on residential	Grace for never giving up and trying her best at everything on residential
Peveril	Jacob for demonstrating excellent resilience and determination in Kingswood.	Harry for demonstrating excellent resilience and determination in Kingswood.
Shirebrook	Alex for his improved behaviour in class.	