



Birley Spa Primary Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

NEWSLETTER

19th May 2023



Year 1/2 Design Club

Dear parents and carers,

Please see below this weeks news/events;

Bikeability:

This week our children from Year 6 had a visit from the 'Cycle North' team. They came into school to help children with their ability and confidence riding a cycle bike and how to practice road cycling safety.

The children first had a 'Playground session' where the Cycle North team could monitor the children and see where they needed guidance, they then assisted those children on their skills and confidence until they were confident with road riding.

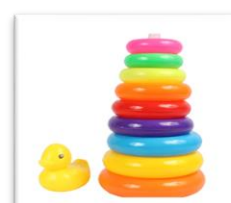
The children then went for a ride around the local area in small groups supervised by staff and the Cycle North team.

This was a great learning activity and allowed the children to make the most of the improving weather whilst exercising their social and physical skills.



Donations:

We are kindly asking for donations of baby/toddler items and toys (activity cubes/ instrument suitable for young ages and other 'baby friendly' toys, no small items to avoid choking hazards). These will be made to use within our new Toddler group starting next term and in other departments though out the school.



We are also asking for any donations of jigsaw puzzles, we ask for ones containing no more than 100 pieces please.

As always we are very grateful for the generosity and support from the community.

Lost Property/Tagging Clothing:

Can we please remind parents to label their child's clothing with the child's name/class as the school struggles to return unlabelled items.

Y3 - Weston Park Museum

On Tuesday 16th May, our year 3 children went on a trip to Weston Park Museum.

The children spent the day walking around and engaging with all the different types of exhibits the museum had to offer, these involved life size animals from the past, restored relics and artefacts and other amazing pieces of history.

Some areas of the museum are interactive and create a different type of environment for the children. These areas of the museum included tasks for the children to complete, encouraging the children to work on their team working skills.

The children had a fantastic time. They came back with lots of stories and newly learnt facts to share!

Here are some of our favourites:

Arianna from Crucible: At the museum there were lots of different exhibits. We saw fossils and even a Mammoth skull.

Ben from Crucible: In the museum there was an Iron Age sword and shield it was made with Iron age tools.

Freddie from Lyceum: 'My Favourite part was learning things I did not know and seeing the interesting stuff in the museum. I like ALL the exhibits.'

Isabelle from Lyceum: 'I like the iron house and the Bronze Age exhibit. I saw some hair there too and I was allowed to brush it.'



Y4 – Ice Sheffield

On Thursday 18th May our year 4 children went on a trip to Ice Sheffield!

The trip created an opportunity for the children to experiment and trial new skills that they may have not tried before. Creating a new experience for some of them.

The children had the choice to skate independently or with staff creating ensuring that all children could work at different skill levels that they were comfortable with.

Ice Sheffield also invited the children to watch and experience professional ice skaters perform! These skaters put on a small show for the children to observe, showing them an example of what Ice skating can lead to, maybe even inspiring some children and their future careers.

The children had a fantastic time. They came back with lots of stories to share!

Here are some of our favourites:

William from Kelham: 'I really enjoyed going on the Ice myself, it was really fun!'

Amelia from Kelham: 'Even though some people were falling over on the ice, it was still a really good laugh.'

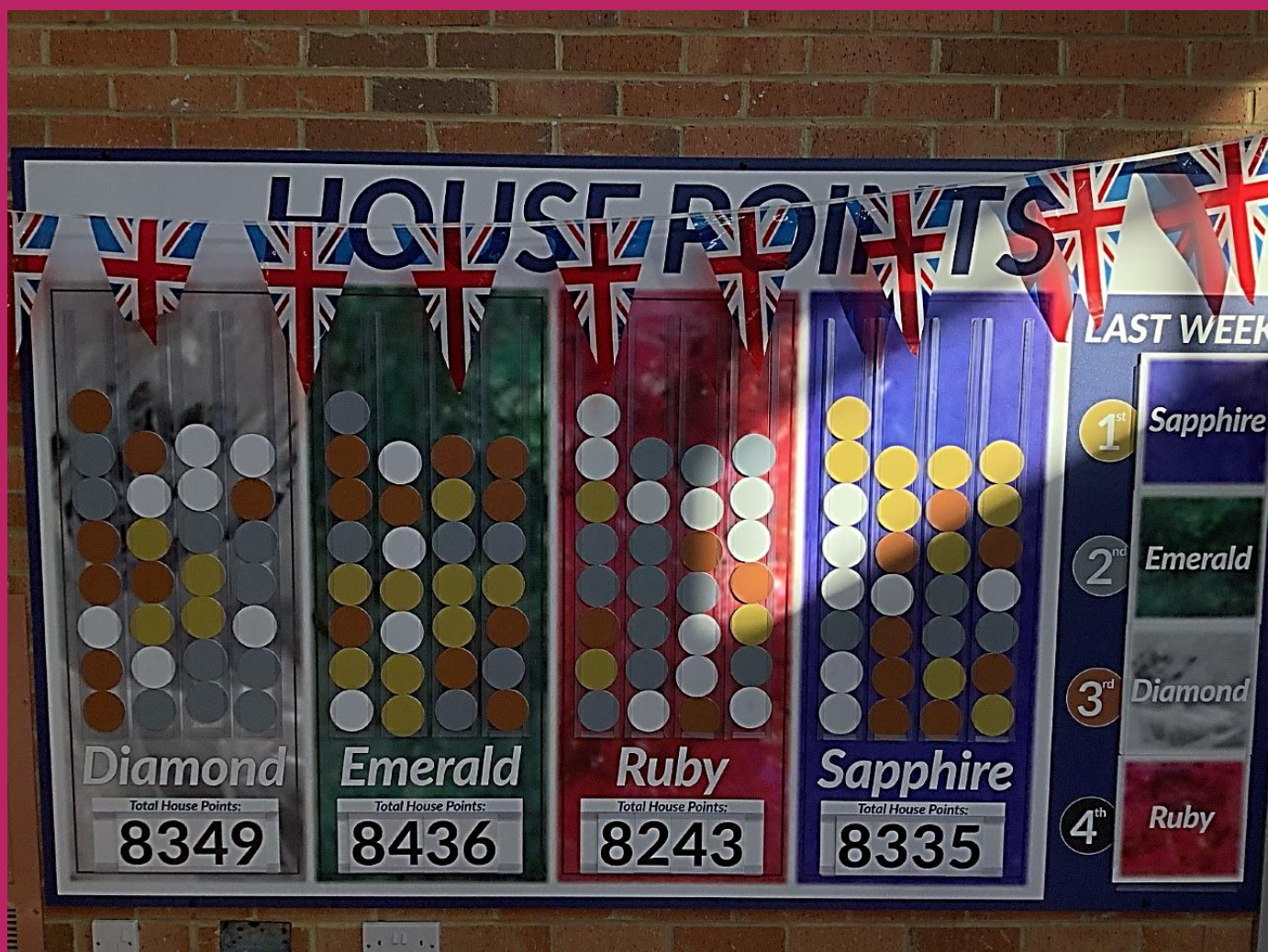
Oscar from Weston: 'My Favourite part was skating on the ice myself, because I was confident without the penguin' (helping equipment)

Grace from Weston: 'I enjoyed helping other children because it made me feel proud of myself!'



House Points

Please see below our weekly updated House Points:



House Name:	Total House Points:
Diamond House	8349
Emerald House	8436
Ruby House	8243
Sapphire House	8335

Weekly Attendance

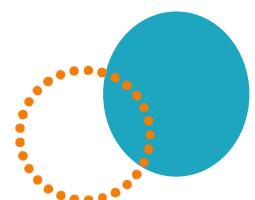
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EYFS	Heeley	88.2%
EYFS	Whirlow	91%
Y1	Sheaf	89.8%
Y1/Y2	Endcliffe	94.5%
Y2	Norfolk	94.5%
Y3	Crucible	91.9%
Y3	Lyceum	91.9%
Y4	Kelham	93.6%
Y4	Weston	93.4%
Y5	Millennium	90.3%
Y5	Graves	92.5%
Y6	Bolsover	93.3%
Y6	Peveril	93.2%
Y3/Y6	Shirebrook	87.6%
Whole School Attendance		91.9%

At Birley Spa Primary Academy we are committed to helping all pupils to achieve their full potential. Good attendance is a key factor in raising pupils' attainment and supporting their personal development. Whilst it is appreciated that children are ill from time to time, please think carefully before allowing your child to be absent from school. The chart below provides an indication of how just a few days absence can significantly impact a child's overall attendance percentage and impede their learning:

Description	Attendance	Whole Days Lost	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100 – 99%	0 – 2	0 – 10
Good	98 – 96%	4 – 7.5	20 – 37.5
Requires Improvement	95 – 91%	9.5 – 17	47.5 – 85
Persistent Absentee	90 – 86%	19 – 27	95 – 135
Critical	85 – 80%	28.5 – 38	142.5 – 190



STAR OF THE WEEK

15th - 19th May 2023

Heeley	Bennie – Aspiration and Resilience in phonics. Bennie can now read and write CVC words.	Isla – Aspiration and Resilience in phonics. Isla Practices her writing every day. She can now read and write CVC words.
Whirlow	Luna – Her Endeavour and Aspiration in learning new phonic sounds.	Viena – Her Endeavour and confidence in extending her independent writing.
Sheaf	Cullen – Showing Endeavour in his learning by always pushing himself to achieve challenge 3 in all lessons.	Maisie – Showing All of our school values in everything you do and being a positive role model.
Norfolk	All of Norfolk class – Working hard to achieve their very best during their SATs papers, well done!	
Endcliffe	Resilience – Alice always shows Resilience in her work and behaviour.	Drin – Showing Resilience , this has been a tricky week for Drin but has shown Resilience in coming to school everyday and trying his best.
Lyceum	Freddie – Showing Aspiration in all your lessons. You haven't let anything distract you from your learning and you have been determined to do your very best work. Well done!	Jacob – Showing Endeavour and having a great attitude towards your learning. Your writing is improving in both quantity and quality. Well done!
Crucible	Kenley - for showing Aspiration in my maths this week. You are trying so hard with time.	Archie - for showing Endeavour across all the curriculum.
Weston	Alex – Have a positive attitude to his learning and showing Empathy to others.	Jacey – Showing Role Model behaviour while on the school trip.
Kelham	Chloe – Empathy and Tolerance , showing a kindness to others when helping a person from another school at Ice Sheffield.	Cohan – Massive improvement in attitude to school and Resilience at ice skating.
Graves	Khloe – Always showing All the school values! I have especially been impressed with how Khloe responds to feedback. Well done!	Kai – Showing Aspiration in all subjects this week and doing such amazing and Creative ideas during class discussions.
Millennium	Joshua – Showing Endeavour and Resilience in all of his written work. He is always so proud of what he achieves and so am I.	Evelyn – Showing Aspiration in all of her learning especially her written work where she is always looks to go above and beyond.
Bolsover	Lily- Jay – Writing a brilliant play script. You have included some fantastic grammatical features!	Scarlet – Writing a brilliant play script. You have included some fantastic grammatical features!
Peveril	Logan – Being Resilient and showing a brilliant attitude towards learning every day!	Andre – Showing Creativity when writing a play script.
Shirebrook	Lacey – Resilience when doing the 'Bikeability' course, as she tried really hard even though she was anxious.	Harry – Endeavour as he has worked really hard this week and had a generally good attitude to school.

Dates for the Diary

15 th – 26 th May	SATS Week – Y2
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term – School Closed
5 th June	Inset Day – School Closed
7 th June	Toddler Group – 9:30 – 10:30
9 th June	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit
12 th – 18 th June	Phonics Assessment Week
16 th June	Father's Day Celebrations
19 th June	Father's Day Celebrations
21 st – 23 rd June	Y6 Residential to Kingswood
3 rd July	Enterprise Week
11 th July	Sports Day – Y1 & Y2 / Y3 & Y4
12 th July	Sports Day – EYFS
13 th July	Sports Day - Y5 & Y6
14 th July	Reports Sent Home
17 th July	Summer Fayre
21 st July	Whole School Family Picnic
21 st July	Last day of term
4 th – 5 th September	Inset Days – School Closed
6 th September	School Reopens to children

