



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

NEWSLETTER

28th April 2023



Dear parents and carers,

We are pleased to share with you how brilliantly our children have returned to school after the holiday break.

Children have returned eager and ready to learn, many of them exceeding expectations, practising and showing the school's values every day.

A special mention to those who have received attendance certificates in today's assembly; these children have achieved 100% attendance since January 2023!

Another special mention to our Year sixes, who are handling and preparing for their SAT's excellently. Students are working extra hard, in and outside of school - **Well Done!**

Football tournament:

On Tuesday and Thursday, the school participated in an inter-school football tournament; the children really enjoyed representing our school, while having fun, new interactions with children from other schools. We are proud to say, our brilliant football team showed great respect and kindness to all other team. The Year 5 and 6 girls came second in their competition and the Year 5 boys came 1st in theirs.

A message from Year 5:

In Year 5 this term, we are learning all about Space within our Science lessons. We have been lucky enough to have a Professor of Astrophysics from Sheffield University come into school to talk to each class about the solar system. We have also carried this learning into our English lessons where the children have written biographies about Neil Armstrong. Some of the work the children have produced can be seen here.



Within our History lessons, we are learning about why people go on journeys. We have looked at the journeys the children have taken in their lives so far and are now looking at important journeys throughout History such as the Kinder Transport and the HMT Empire Windrush. A topic leaflet has been sent home via Showbie with links to further the children learning and to some exciting home learning tasks.



A message from Year 6:

Year 6 have had a brilliant start to the Summer term! Our 'Egyptian Day' and celebration event of last term's topic (Are We Damaging Our World?) was brilliant! It was lovely to see so many parents helping produce our campaign posters and paint the 3-D clay sculptures. We of course played the famous mummy wrapping game and the children worked together in teams to produce the best mummy! The children received lots of Teamwork and Tolerance learners' code points for this activity. In the afternoon, the children got changed into their amazing costumes and we began learning about the Ancient Egyptians and produced a timeline. In English, the children have been producing some fantastic pieces of writing linked to our class book: Secrets of a Sun King. In Maths we are continuing to revise ready for SATs next week. We are currently looking at measurement. This includes calculating the area, perimeter and volume of chosen shapes and converting different units of measure. We are then applying our knowledge to a range of SATS practice questions. Please encourage your child to continue to read at least 3 times a week and complete any homework and revision pack materials. Thanks for your continued support.

Butterfly House

On Wednesday last week, our Year 1 and 2 children had a day out to the Tropical Butterfly House.

The Tropical Butterfly House is a tropical conservation park, homing over 140 different species!

The children enjoyed a day viewing, interacting with and learning about lots of different creatures, including some of their favourites.

Lots of children returned to school with many stories and newly learnt information to share:

Charlotte from Norfolk: *"My favourite thing was the Guinea pigs, they were very cute!"*

Reggie from Norfolk: *' My favourite part was when we went into the cave area because I love insects, snakes and spiders'*

Alice from Endcliffe: *"My favourite thing was the insects, some were small and some were very big!"*

Alvin from Endcliffe: *' My Favourite thing was the Peacocks because their colours were very bright'*

Grace from Sheaf: *"My favourite things were the fish and otters, They swim in the water and I love swimming".*

Cullen from Sheaf: *' My favourite thing was the crocodiles because they were play fighting, and that was fun to watch!'*



Life Experience Opportunities

After School Clubs

We are pleased to announce that our life experience opportunities clubs have already been a huge success!

Please see below full details of clubs currently running.

Day:	Year 1 & 2	Year 1, 2, & 3	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Expression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Expression (club is full) • Reading for pleasure • Mindfulness
Tuesday:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story-time 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Fresh Food (club is full) • Enterprise
Thursday:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Skills through Board games • First Aid for beginners (Club is full) • Design Club • Sewing Club • Art using Story characters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening Club • Sign Language(Makaton) • Resilience and Confidence
Friday:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Fresh Foods • Dance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Club • Spanish (Club is full)



Kings Coronation Events



Coronation Disco

To celebrate the **King's Coronation**, this school is hosting a disco with Coronation theme for each year group.

Tickets are on sale from the school disco for £2.00 each, If your child would like to attend, please call into the office to purchase a ticket (cash only).

Year 5 & 6 - Thursday 4th May (4pm – 5pm)
please drop off and collect from the school hall

Tuesday 9th May – Year 1 & 2 (3:15pm – 4:15pm)
*Children will be taken to the school hall, **please collect from class***

11th May - Y3/Y4 Coronation Disco – 4pm – 5pm
please drop off and collect from the school hall

Special School Menu

On Friday 5th May, the school kitchen have amended the school dinners to have themed dinner choices.

Options will be:

- Monarch's Mix of Sandwiches: Ham & Cheese
 - Sandringham Sausage Roll
- Charles III Cheese & Tomato Pizza.

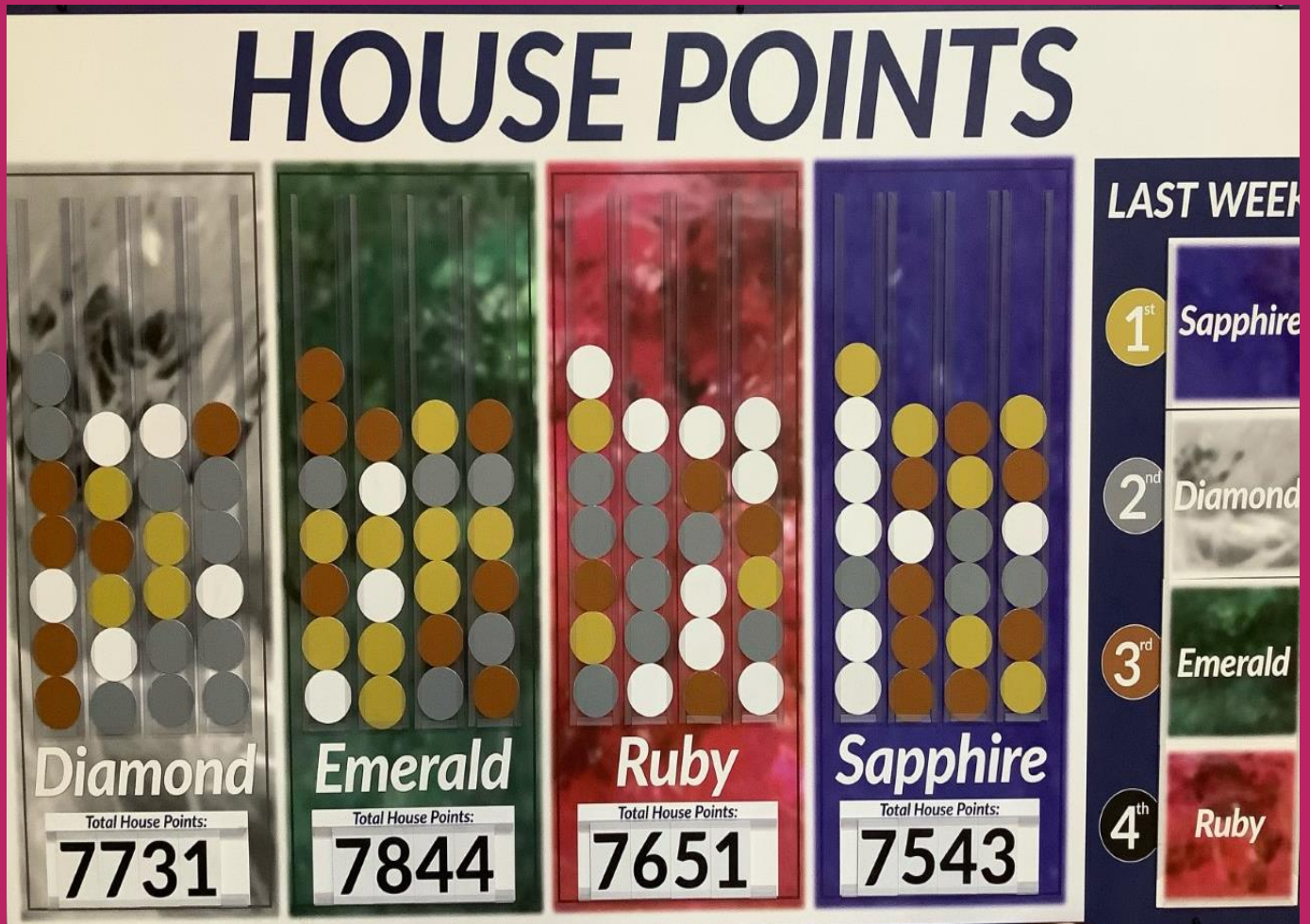
Desert options:

- Chocolate Coronation Cupcake
- Vanilla Coronation Cupcake



House Points

Please see below our weekly updated House Points:



House Name:	Total House Points:
Diamond House	7731
Emerald House	7844
Ruby House	7651
Sapphire House	7543

Weekly Attendance

24th – 28th April 2023

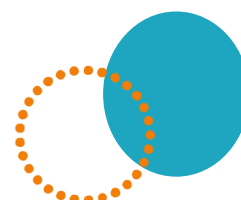


EYFS	Heeley	93.2%
EYFS	Whirlow	87.0%
Y1	Sheaf	90.0%
Y1/Y2	Endcliffe	99.0%
Y2	Norfolk	93.5%
Y3	Crucible	90.0%
Y3	Lyceum	92.9%
Y4	Kelham	97.0%
Y4	Weston	99.0%
Y5	Millennium	92.3%
Y5	Graves	94.0%
Y6	Bolsover	92.5%
Y6	Peveril	95.7%
Y3/Y6	Shirebrook	94.3%
Whole School Attendance		93.4%

Well done to Kelham, Endcliffe and Weston classes for achieving our school target of 96%

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

24th – 28th April 2023

Heeley	Poppy – High Aspirations in all that she does. She is a positive role model to all the children in Heeley Class.	Matilda – Resilience and always having a positive attitude.
Whirlow	Cayleb – Has Aspiration in his maths investigations.	Ross – Aspiration in his learning and independently using his phonics knowledge.
Sheaf	Harper- Leigh – Showing great Teamwork skills on our trip to The Tropical Butterfly House this week.	Ronnie – Showing hard work and Resilience when working with Miss Hurst to do your phonics.
Norfolk	Jacob – Resilience in his learning, and developing independence in all his lessons .	Evie-Rose – Being a role model to her classmates by engaging enthusiastically in all of her learning.
Endcliffe	Calvin – Aspiration – always listening and taking part, in all lessons. Giving 100%! Calvin has done some fantastic writing.	Willow – Working extremely hard in English and writing fantastic fable independently. Willow should resilience to write her fable.
Lyceum	Amelia – Resilience and Endeavour . You have been working super hard and you have had a really positive attitude towards your learning.	Marnie – Resilience and Endeavour . You have tried really hard in every lesson this week and you are using your phonics well in your writing.
Crucible	Kenley – Creativity you have shown some really interesting ways of presenting year biography.	Harry – Always Endeavouring to complete home learning and always reading at home.
Weston	Mason – Showing Aspiration by knowing how to move your handwriting up to the next level.	Kai – Showing Endeavour by not letting anything distract you and making the right choices.
Kelham	William – Endeavouring to improve attitude to learning and a huge effort with his handwriting and presentation.	Tyler – Aspiration to improve the amount and quality of independent writing when writing a balanced argument.
Graves	Keavy – Aspiring to be a mathematician! Also for being a fantastic team player.	Jenson – Showing all the school values! Well done Jenson.
Millennium	Jayden – showing Aspiration with his biography of Neil Armstrong.	Max – showing Aspiration an Endeavour in all of his work, especially maths were he always shows his best.
Bolsover	Olivia – Resilience , trying her best with a play script.	Logan – Aspiration , Working hard in maths every day.
Peveril	Destiny – Showing great Creativity in her writing.	Ruby – Showing Aspiration and Endeavour by completing home learning and SATs revision.
Shirebrook	Elijah – Aspiration, and coming along brilliantly in his reading.	

Dates for the Diary

4 th May	Y5/Y6 Coronation Disco – 4pm – 5pm
8 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
9 th May	Y1/Y2 Coronation Disco – 3:15pm – 4:15pm
9 th May – 12 th May	SATS Week – Y6
11 th May	Y3/Y4 Coronation Disco – 4pm – 5pm
15 th – 19 th May	SATS Week – Y2
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term – School Closed
5 th June	Inset Day – School Closed
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

