



NEWSLETTER

Children First
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PRIMARY ACADEMY KIRKHAMGATE

30th November 2023

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UP COMING DATES



Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 11th December – Rocksteady concert

Wednesday 13th December – Curriculum Talent Awards / Y3&4 Crafternoon

Friday 15th December – KSI Festive Crafts with parents 10-12 / EYFS Crafternoon

Monday 18th December - EYFS Nativity

Tuesday 19th December - KSI Christmas performance 9.30 & 2.15

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Lunch / Y1-Y4 Christmas Party

Thursday 21st December – Y5/6 Christmas party / EYFS Christmas Party

Friday 22nd December – Inset Day

For support with Mental Health visit our website and click the green button or click this link:

<https://mentalwellbeing.outwood.com/>

PTA

We are excited to announce a new Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) has been formed. The PTA will work with school to aid fundraising for school activities, facilities, and equipment, to provide greater enrichment opportunities for our children.

Your OPAK PTA



Victoria Lee



Rachel Medlam



Esther Kamuzonde



Kayleigh Strafford



Eva Hirst



Rachael Cullerton



Lib Armitage



Victoria Marshall

Book Fair

Our dedicated Reading Ambassadors did a fantastic job of setting up the books for the Book Fair and it was lovely to have so many people come to browse through the books. They are currently helping Mrs Fozzard to re-vamp our school library and we can't wait to see the outcome of their hard work.



Faith Leaders

Our newly elected Faith Leaders have also been busy in their new role. They took part in an informative online interview with the York Buddhist centre to learn about Buddhist morality and also delivered an assembly reminding everyone about the different religions, places of worship and sacred texts. They also organised visitors to come in to our assembly to teach us about Islam.



Anti - Bullying Week

During Anti-Bullying week, we kicked off the week by wearing odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique. In our whole school assembly, we talked about Anti-Bullying then sang to the Andy and The Odd Socks song 'Make a Noise'. Throughout the week our Mental Health and Well Being Champions delivered a variety of activities including writing each other compliment slips, deciphering kindness messages written in code and sharing the apple bruising analogy to demonstrate how bullying and unkindness affects us on the inside, even if we appear ok on the outside. Visit this NSPCC link to read more about bullying and cyberbullying:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>



Attendance

Attendance is essential for your child's academic progress and social interactions. At OPAK, we have an expectation that every pupil should aim for 100% attendance. By making regular school attendance a priority, you can help set your child on the path to success. Our attendance year to date is 95.38% and our target is 97%. Please ensure your child arrives on time each day as every minute late is a minute lost learning.



Remembrance

A huge thank you to these children for representing our academy in such a respectful way and for laying the Remembrance Day wreath on our behalf.



UK Parliament week

During UK Parliament Week, School Parliament shared information about the role of Parliament and also how and why we have laws. We then enjoyed discussing and inventing our own laws!



Parent Feedback Box

From Monday 4th December there will be a parent feedback box in our Reception. We would very much welcome any feedback or suggestions that you may have for us to consider regarding aspects of school life.

Diploma

Our Diploma this half term is to 'Keep Myself and Others safe'. As part of this we organised a Road Safety week - it's especially important that we learn how to keep safe on the roads now that the nights are getting darker. We had a visit from our local PCSOs, who talked to classes about how to cross the road safely, how to ensure you can be seen and to always 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think!'. Visit this link for a guide on how to teach your child to be safe on the roads:

<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>



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