



# NEWSLETTER

Children First  
**OUTWOOD**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY KIRKHAMGATE

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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## UP COMING DATES



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Mar – End of spring term  
-break up for Easter  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Summer term starts.  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - INSET day

## NEW GOVERNORS

Welcome to our new parent governors:  
Lee Harper and Raquel Aliste and our  
Community governor, Margaret Fretwell.

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

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

## Poet Visit

We had an absolutely amazing day with Ian Bland, a children's poet, who delivered an exciting and engaging assembly. The children loved joining in with a number of hilarious poems including the 'Dinner Ladies Dance!' and being involved with poetry workshops. Well done to the children for sharing your poems. Please visit <https://ianbland.com/book-shop/> if you would like to buy one of his books.



## Lofthouse Colliery Memorial

School Parliament went on a very important trip to pay their respects on the 50th anniversary of the Lofthouse Colliery disaster. They then visited the Village Hall where they were fascinated with old mining artefacts and the history of mining.



## Curriculum Talent Awards

What a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all the wonderful achievements across the curriculum in our Spring Curriculum Talent Awards. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners. Who will be nominated and chosen next time?

## Fairtrade Cafe

Well done to our dedicated School Parliament for organising our Fairtrade café in which they delivered a presentation about Fairtrade and provided samples of Fairtrade produce. Children across the academy enjoyed learning about the importance of Fairtrade.



## Cake Sale

Another big thank you to School Parliament for organising and running a very successful cake sale where we raised £247 for The Dog's Trust. We really appreciated all your donations of delicious cakes and for supporting the sale itself.



## Science Week

This was such an exciting week with children engaging in a variety of fun science experiments, together with participating in activities such as joining the NFU live lesson to learn all about the links between farming and space or speaking to scientists online about research, experiments and how to become a scientist!



## Diploma

Our Diploma focus this half term has been 'Have High Aspirations and skills for Adult Life' and children across the academy have enjoyed taking part in a number of exciting events including the Fiver Challenge, the Outwood Film Festival, Newsday and the Young Engineering Challenge. KSI have been involved in the Careers Conference and exploring money whilst EYFS have been building 'a confident me'.



## Career's Week

This was an exciting part of our Diploma and we would like to say a huge thank you to all our visitors who kindly gave up their time to share engaging sessions with the children. You were inspirational and the children have been excitedly talking about your visit.



## World Book Week

World Book Day was a huge success and we were blown away by the variety of book character costumes. Children teamed up for shared reading, joined the BBC live teach lesson, guessed the masked reader and created some fantastic potato book character competition entries. We also raised a whopping £630 from the sponsored read and our reading ambassadors have been busy choosing new books for our library.

