



NEWSLETTER

Children First
OUTWOOD
PRIMARY ACADEMY KIRKHAMGATE

31st January 2024

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UP COMING DATES



- Friday 2nd February** – World Number Day
- Monday 5th – 11th February** – Children's Mental Health Week
- Monday 5th February** - Multi Agency coffee morning 9.15
- Friday 9th February** – Non-uniform day
- Friday 9th February** – Break up for half term
- Monday 19th February** – Return to school
- Tues 20th / Weds 21st February** – Parents Evening
- Thursday 22nd February** – School Science fair
- Tuesday 27th February** – Choir concert
- Thurs 7th March** – World Book day
- 11th – 15th March** – Careers week
- Wednesday 13th March** – Outwood Science Fair
- Monday 18th March** – Rocksteady concert
- Friday 22nd March** – Break up for Easter

For support with Mental Health visit our website and click the green button or click this link:
<https://mentalwellbeing.outwood.com/>

School Parliament

Our dedicated School Parliament representatives asked classes to vote for a charity to raise funds for and the 'Little Princess Trust' was chosen. They then put forward ideas for fundraisers and shared these in assembly. The first of these is a non-uniform day on Friday 9th February. Children can wear non-uniform for a donation that will be given to the charity.

They have also been busy with planning a new sustainability project with our site manager and will be carrying out a Health and Safety walk of the school.



Author Visit

We were delighted to have a visit from the author Frank English, who shared the story of his life and also inspired the children, in both his assembly and his workshops, to enjoy writing and perhaps become a future author.



Gardening Club Cake Sale

Our dedicated Gardening club, together with Miss Dalby, did a fantastic job of organising a cake sale to raise funds to purchase items such as a wheelbarrow, compost and a hosepipe. It was a great success and we raised £228.70. A huge thank you to everyone who provided the delicious and beautiful donations- we certainly have some talented bakers out there! Thanks also to those who bought the cakes; we are sure they were thoroughly enjoyed!



The Big School Birdwatch

Across the academy, children have enjoyed taking part in counting the number of birds on the school grounds as part of the RSPB Birdwatch initiative. This also formed part of the Year 2 Diploma where the children recognised birds based on how they looked and their song. They spotted robins, sparrows, blackbirds and lots of pigeons!



Fruity Delight!

It was such a super experience for our EYFS children when our catering company came to talk to the children about healthy eating. It was lovely to see the children tasting different fruits with such excitement. One child exclaimed during the fruit tasting "Oh that's fruity, I love this fruit" and another said "pineapple is the best!"



UKS2 Workshop

A very informative afternoon for children in Y5/ 6 raising awareness on the issue of County Lines.



Science Fair

We are all excited about the Science Fair on the 22nd February and seeing the varied investigations based on the theme of flight. Please click the link for ideas or come up with your own questions:

kirkhamgate.outwood.com/posts/8064

The winners will be competing against other Outwood schools in March. Good luck!

Physics Busking

There was literally a buzz of excitement in the hall as the children enjoyed a physics busking experience with our science lead, Miss Harris, joining in with a number of exciting science experiments to aid understanding about electricity.



Faith Leaders

Our new pupil voice role – Faith Leaders are enjoying promoting different religions and how tolerance of all religion's links to our British Values. They invited our visitor in from Equilibria, who led an assembly raising awareness of Islam and shared some interesting artefacts. They also delivered an assembly sharing their knowledge of Buddhism with an important message about being kind to all living things.



Road Safety

This half term, we have welcomed visitors into school to talk to the children about road safety, whether that be on foot, on a bike or in a car. Chris Nickerson from Wakefield Council taught the children the importance of 'Be Bright Be Seen' and to 'Look, listen, Think'. Our local PCSOs also came to talk about being safe and have been supporting us with safe and responsible parking outside school.

