



ENHANCE ACADEMY TRUST

NEWSLETTER

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SANDAL MAGNA: REMEMBRANCE DAY



Over the last few weeks, Sandal Magna has been learning about what 'Remembrance day' is and why we commemorate it in Britain. All of the classes have contributed to a brilliant entrance display. It was great to celebrate all types of art from watercolours to poetry to mixed media creations.



SANDAL MAGNA: VISIT THE HEPWORTH

Our Year 5 children, were invited to take part in a sculpture workshop based on the work of our local artist, Barbara Hepworth. First, they looked around the museum to gain inspiration. The children used natural materials including clay to create their own versions of a sculpture based on her famous work.



DIAMOND WOOD ARE AN ECO SCHOOL

At Diamond Wood Community Academy, we pride ourselves on our commitment to making the world a better place for all. We are passionate about engaging all pupils, staff and families in environmental education and action. To support us on this journey, we are supported by Eco Schools and The Ministry of Eco Education. Eco Schools is a charity organisation which provides a simple, seven-step framework that guides, empowers, and motivates pupils to drive change and improve environmental awareness in their school, local community and beyond. The MEE brings together all the best sustainability teaching resources available into one cohesive and holistic curriculum for all primary schools in Britain.

We are extremely proud to have been awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag accreditation three times, which recognises, rewards, and celebrates the environmental achievements of our school and young learners. During this academic year (2022-2023), we will be working towards renewing this accreditation. To do this, we have designed a bespoke curriculum which embeds the Eco Schools principals within all areas of school life. We have also set up an Eco Council to support us on our mission and ensure that the agenda is continuously of a high priority within all classrooms.





ST BOTOLPH: FOREST SCHOOL

Oak Forest schools have been supporting our outdoor learning at St Botolph's C E Academy. The children have enjoyed learning outside the classroom and have been participating in a variety of activities, such as campfire cooking, building fairy dens and nature crafts. We have also been running an after-school Forest School club, which the children have enjoyed attending.



ST MICHAELS: VISION LAUNCH

St Michael's CE Academy launched our vision this term. Our Church school vision is as follows: St. Michael's is like a tree: where through God's light and deeply rooted Christian values, we grow and prosper. We shine with ambition in a happy, caring and safe Christian family.

We also have a Psalm - Like a tree planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. Psalm 1:3.

On our launch day, we invited our children, staff, parents and other friends to join with us as we celebrated the things that are special about us as a school.

We started with a special assembly where our children performed short presentations. Canon Peter Townley offered us all blessings as we came together to pray for the success of our school and the community we serve. After that lots of other things happened.

Parents and their children planted oak trees on the school grounds which will grow with our children into adulthood.

We decorated one of the largest trees in our school grounds. Everyone helped.

We ate specially designed cakes that had our school vision design emblazoned on them.

We placed prayers on our special prayer tree.

It was a joyous day and the weather was fantastic. Everyone enjoyed the event, and we look forward to living the vision in the years to come.



SANDAL MAGNA CELEBRATES

Sandal Magna Academy were recently visited by Ofsted and judged to be 'good' in all Ofsted's areas. Well done to Craig Elliott and all of his team – what a great achievement!!



Some of the comments found in the report:

Pupils are proud and happy to be part of the Sandal Magna family. The school is a calm place, where adults and pupils show respect for each other. Pupils understand that everyone is different. One pupil said that lots of pupils come to this school from different places in the world. Pupils say, 'It is ok to be different here.'

Leaders and staff are ambitious for pupils. They want pupils to achieve academically and personally. Pupils enjoy learning. They talk with enthusiasm about subjects such as mathematics and computing. They are proud when leaders recognise their hard work in assemblies each week.

Leaders have designed a curriculum which is coherent and well sequenced. They are determined to ensure that pupils achieve better than in the past. Subject leaders are knowledgeable and confident. They have identified the important knowledge that they want pupils to remember, in all subjects, from the early years to Year 6.

ALL SAINTS: BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE



This half term, Years 2, 3 and 4 at Featherstone All Saints CE Academy have brought history to life through their Wow Day experiences. In Year 4 a Viking visited their class and they loved learning about life in Viking times and recreated a battle scene. Year 3 had a Roman experience and Year 2 enjoyed a medical castle experience.



OVERTHORPE: MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On 30th September 2022, Overthorpe held a Macmillan Coffee Morning at school to help raise funds for Macmillan.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of our staff, children and their parents, we managed to raise an amazing £308.25!



OVERTHORPE CELEBRATES AN 'EXCELLENT' SIAMS



Overthorpe CE Academy received their SIAMS inspection earlier this half term. The report celebrates all aspects of the school's exceptional work, and the extent to which the school's vision helps their children to flourish. Well done to Matt Birkett and all of the Overthorpe team.

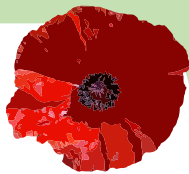
These are some of the inspector's comments:

Senior leaders and governors, with the unwavering support of the Enhance Academy Trust (MAT), are totally committed to making the Christian vision a lived reality. The implementation of the vision is so deeply integrated into everyday language that it transforms the lives of pupils, staff and the local community. They are elevated and transformed as they 'take wing and soar'.

Strong relationships between the school, church and local community are firmly rooted in Christian values of respect and friendship. Faith and love abound in acts of kindness and service. The school is constantly seeking creative ways to further explore the theological roots of the vision with its community.

Religious education (RE) of the highest quality is a strength of this reflective community. Pupils develop an exceptional level of understanding about world faiths and beliefs. It is significantly enhanced by highly effective teaching within an embedded culture of curiosity and questioning.

OVERTHORPE: REMEMBRANCE DAY



On 10th November 2022, the whole school visited Thornhill Parish Church for a Remembrance service. During the service, our Collective Worship Council gave a presentation about how and why we all observe Remembrance. The collective worship council led the service magnificently and all the children were incredibly respectful throughout the whole visit.

The children at school have also been busy making poppies from recycled plastic bottles to display on our school gates in remembrance of the lives of those who have died in war.



OVERTHORPE: HARVEST FESTIVAL

For the Harvest Festival here at Overthorpe, we chose to appeal for donations towards a food bank which is very close to our hearts.....Fareshare.

Fareshare is a service provided in Our Neighbourhood Nest offering food parcels to those in need in our local community. Food donations come from companies and personal donations, however due to the current climate, the amount of food in each Fareshare delivery is unfortunately getting smaller.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our families, who have now filled the cupboards to the brim in Our Neighbourhood Nest.



ST GILES STAFF MEMBER CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF SERVICE



On 2nd November 2022, Christine Brown our Safeguarding and Pastoral Care Manager celebrated working at St Giles for 30 years.

We would all like to thank Chris for her hard work and dedication from all staff, children and families she has worked with.



LEPTON: SWITCH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON

Our School Choir performed at the Lepton Christmas Light Switch on Wednesday 16th November. The children thoroughly enjoyed it.



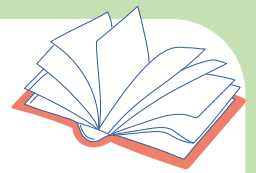
ST HELENS: CURRICULUM AFTERNOONS

We all know that Covid in the past couple of years has hindered schools in many ways especially parents coming in to school to see the fantastic learning that is going on! At St Helen's we have made a concerted effort to engage parents more into school life again this Autumn term!

All classes have successfully run curriculum afternoons where parents have joined art lessons in Year 2, music in Year 3 and F2 continue with their weekly 'come and read' sessions at the end of the day on Tuesday.

Furthermore, we have brought back class assemblies and we are using this as an opportunity for children to showcase the curriculum and learning that is going on in their classroom but also to develop their oracy and performing which has sorely been neglected because of Covid.

Talking to parents, the feedback from these events have been really positive and we will continue to do this throughout the year.



Thank you to everyone for their continued support this term.

We hope you have an enjoyable Christmas
and a happy and healthy 2023.



SOCIAL MEDIA ACROSS THE TRUST



YNSandalMagnaCA
@YNSandalMagnaCA

Nursery had a very busy Wednesday this week! We had the best time singing in our Harvest Festival. In the afternoon the children enjoyed their story of Pippa and Eddie in PE, the children had to collect the animals and place them in the hoops. 🥰 #shareyourdaySMCA #PESMCA



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St Giles Academy Pontefract
@stgilesacademy

Class 1-2 enjoying their hot chocolate & winning the attendance a couple of weeks ago... better late than never... a busy old class.



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CAPA College
@CAPACOLLEGE

This week our Production Arts students have been doing what they do best! They have worked together to create a window display here in our sewing room at CAPA College, and it looks AMAZING 🥰 #proud #productionarts



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St. Michael's
@st_michaels_ce

What a week in KS2! Stars of the week, Diamond Dash achievers, sporting successes and acting awards - we are simply blown away! #celebrations #success #growandprosper



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Overthorpe CofE
@Overthorpe_Acad

🌟 Well done to our Learning Champions, dojo winners & achievers so far! We are so proud of you all for working incredibly hard & representing the school values 🌟 #champions #schoolvalues #achievers @O_Early_Years @O_Year_1_2 @O_Year_3_4 @O_Year_5_6 @Nurt...



St Helen's CE Primary School
@StHelCEPrimary

What a week for attendance! 22 more children with 100% and nearly a 4% increase in our whole school attendance compared to last week! 🙌🙌🙌

Keep it up! 💪 #lookingforwardinfaith #attendance



Make every day count. Let's aim for 100% school attendance. #SchoolAttendanceMatters

Wakefield Council

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