



HSA NEWS

Relationships | Respect | Resilience | Reflection | Responsibility

Values

Foundation and KS1: Alex O, Mia J, Blake, Darciana, Isaac, Bobby, Daisy, Zara M, Jessie E and Gary,

KS2: Elsa R, Logan M, Joe A, Jenson S, Zara S, Archie H, Ted, Sophie, Keegan, Liliana, Aarsh and Summer R

Thought of the Week

'Stars don't disappear! They keep blazing even when the night is over'



Car park gates

Just a reminder that for the safety of our children, the gates to the staff/visitor/nursery visitor car park are shut at busy periods. The new gates are shut and locked 8:35am until 9:05am and 2:55pm until 3:30pm.

We thank you for your understanding and support when accessing the academy site.

Communication

Please ensure you have downloaded the Schudio app so you can find out about events etc. We realise notifications may not be working for some so please check regularly (bit like checking your child's school bag for letters). Also, ensure your email, phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts are up to date. In particular email as notifications are sent this way, such as none urgent first aid.



A message from our Principal

We have had a very exciting couple of weeks. Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you for all your support at our very successful Switch On. I know you will join me in congratulating the children on their performances which showcased some of the work we are doing in school. It was lovely to see such a range of things from dance to singing, musical instruments and Mandarin - a great time was had by all!

This week we launched our OPAL play with the children and it has been a resounding success. We know it is early days but the children have had such fun playing. A big thank you to all the staff team for making this project come alive and a special thank you to Mrs Twiss and Mrs Foxton for leading and coordinating everything that needed to be done. We will continue to update you as we develop OPAL further.



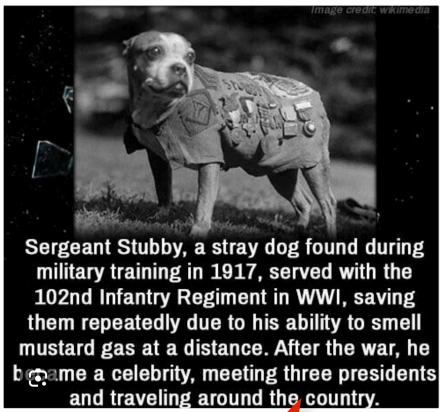


Year 1 News

This week our year 1 children have been learning about Sergeant Stubby and his responsibilities during the war. The children have reflected on his efforts and created medals to recognise the contribution.

Year 1 have been very musical and often from the year 1/2 corridor singing can be heard. We have all enjoyed their performance of 'Reach for the Stars' a most aptly titled tune as we all can 'reach for the stars'!

Year 1 have now perfected the war time favourite 'We'll meet Again' as part of their learning about Remembrance and the history around conflict.



Sergeant Stubby, a stray dog found during military training in 1917, served with the 102nd Infantry Regiment in WWI, saving them repeatedly due to his ability to smell mustard gas at a distance. After the war, he became a celebrity, meeting three presidents and traveling around the country.



Meet the Pupil Leadership

We are pleased to announce our Pupil Leadership who will represent our academy values:

6H Mia, Principal and Layla, Vice Principal
 6S Sadie, Principal and Theo, Vice Principal
 6A Alexis, Principal and Tess, Vice Principal
[Click here](#) to find out more about our team

Our OPAL ambassadors are:

6H Rae and Emily
 6S Charlie and Martha
 6A Evie and Thea

Speaking of Opal, Peter and Paul went out collecting things that people had kindly donated for our project. Many thanks to our families and local companies: Blackpool Tower, Whitmore Fisheries, Blackpool Golf Club, Rosefox and more!

Lego therapy

Some children have been taking part in Lego Therapy activities this week to create different Lego models. The focus of this activity supports basic skills future employers look out for such good social skills, listening and attention and turn taking. The children worked in groups of three and each took a specific role of supplier, engineer and builder. The children worked well together to develop their master pieces.

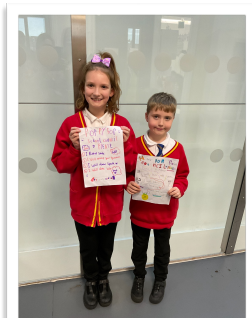


Parliament Week News

This week has been parliament week and the children in 4S have made posters and talked about democracy, how it affects us and what it means. We then voted for our school councillor, the successful people were Poppy who has been elected as 4S's councillor and Harry as 4S's vice councillor. Well done to them both.

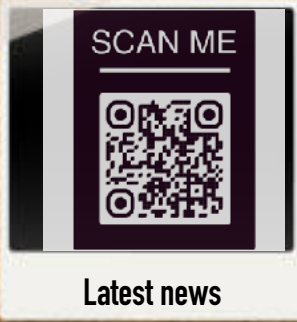
We spoke about different opinions, places of democracy such as the Houses of Parliament and the Labour, Conservative and Green Parties.

The children also took part in class debates, having the opportunity to express different opinions and engage in some very interesting conversations.



Christmas Nativities for Foundation and Year 2 at St Christopher's coming up. Have you saved the dates?

For Year 2 have you booked your spot



Christmas Dinner Day
11th December book and pay on ParentPay



Food bank items available Weds

Dates for diary, click here for academy calendar of events

Don't forget to download Schudio app, and check daily for messages

🎄 Looking for something fun over the Christmas holidays? 🎄
Join Blackpool FC Community Trust's FREE Holiday Club at Armfield Academy!
📍 Location: Armfield Academy (Sports Centre Entrance, First Avenue)
🕒 Drop-off: 9:00 am
🕒 Pick-up: 1:00 pm
📅 Dates: Monday 23rd December, Tuesday 24th December, Thursday 2nd January & Friday 3rd January.
🍴 Free Lunch Provided
Note: Children must be at least 5 years old to join the BFCCT Holiday Club at Armfield Academy.
Spaces are limited—book now by filling in google form:
<https://forms.gle/MnBnWsPruESKJzS79>

Friday 6th December 11am-4pm
Saturday 7th December 11am to 4pm
Christmas Fair 11am -3pm
Sunday 8th December 12.30pm to 4pm

Christmas Tree Festival

CHRISTMAS FAIR 11AM - 3PM
SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

Come & Meet SANTA!

Christmas Fayre

Refreshments available
Including Mince Pies, Mulled Wine
Hot Chocolate with Marshmallows

Tombola Cake Stall Christmas Craft Stalls Raffle

Break up 20th
December normal time
plus non-uniform day!