

Lydgate School Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher



Well here we are, half-way through the academic year already! Soon Spring will be on the way and with it our build, which should be completed by the end of April. The Senior Management Team went on a site visit this week, looking very fetching as you can see in hard hats, high visibility jackets and steel toe-capped boots.

It still looks like a WW1 battleground outside, but inside the classrooms are really taking shape. We also like our funky stripes on the outside of the building! We are now finalising our transition plans for April/May/June and we will let you know the details in a while. Thank you for your patience and flexibility in response to an ever-changing picture. We truly believe it will all be worth it.



Meanwhile congratulations to Jeanette Berrett who has been re-elected unopposed as governor. The governors at this school do a wonderful job putting in a lot of work to support and challenge the school. Richard Baines, our Chair of Governors, came on this visit with us and has attended many meetings about the move to support us.

Six more pupils from Woodley have joined us. We hope that they will feel very welcome and they already look as if they will fit in very well.

Time for a break before we face more challenges!

Mrs Rogers

February 2017

Spring Term

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Outdoor Adventures

Lower School staff have experienced the importance and value of daily outdoor experiences for children's learning and development through outdoor adventures and play based learning. They have enjoyed regular trips to Beaumont Park and the adventure playground at Cliff House.

Over the last few weeks, it has been great to see the enjoyment, sense of wonder and excitement that is generated when children actively engage with the outdoors.



Quarry Bank Mill Visit

Earlier this year, the Duke of Edinburgh group headed over to Style to visit Quarry Bank Mill. There they went on a tour of a Victorian workhouse and learned how hard life was for children in those days. They explored all floors of the mill, learned about weaving and saw a working water wheel that powered the mill's machinery. A fab day out at the mill!



Climbing and Caving at ROKT

We have used Rokt at Brighthouse for the last 6 years as part of our outdoor adventure programme. Rokt offers an amazing experience for our pupils, the climbing caters for all levels, enabling them to start in their comfort zone and then take on some much



tougher challenges. Rokt also has the highest indoor climbing wall in Yorkshire! Pupils on the autistic spectrum and some of our 'quieter' pupils have blossomed on the wall.

The indoor caving has been a tremendous success too. It's safe but physically and mentally challenging. Pupils have to make their own decisions, orientate themselves and face dark, tight spaces. It is a brilliant challenge!



This year some of our older pupils abseiled down an old mill chimney which was great fun and was a real fear factor!

The Jungle Experience



Hare Class have been learning all about Rainforests this term. As part of this topic, the pupils made rainforest boxes.

They also went to visit Manor Heath Park and Jungle Experience in Halifax. The pupils had a great time.



Pampering

As part of life skills in Hare Class, the pupils have a weekly pampering session. They learn about hairdressing, teeth brushing, nails painting, feet washing and shaving. It's great!



The Huddersfield Examiner Schools Awards

Just received pictures of Joshua Clegg and Nicky Rogers collecting an award from Harry Gration on behalf of Sue Laybourn last year.



Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Presentation



This has been the 6th year we have been running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme (DofE) at Lydgate School.

Pupils gathered at Huddersfield Town Hall and had their awards presented to them by Paralympic Cycling Champion Steve Bate MBE.

Well done to Aaron Waterhouse, Chelsea Hurles, Brad Tindall, Jake Ali, Bethany Mitchell and our first ever Silver Award achiever Harrison Trickett! Our pupils last year walked 64 miles of the Northumberland Coastal path, and climbed Mount Snowdon. This proves that our young people go above and beyond to complete their DofE Award.

Well Done to everyone who achieved their DofE award in 2016 and good luck to all those students at school and at AMAZE who are about to start or continuing their DofE journey in 2017!

Castles

This half term in Squirrel Class, the topic has been looking at Castles. Their classroom has been transformed into a Medieval banquet which the students have really enjoyed exploring!



Fitness in Rowan Class

This term in PE lessons, Rowan Class pupils have been doing some fitness activities. They have worked hard to push and stretch their bodies. Some of them even tried yoga!



Notice Board

Diary Dates

February

17 Break up for half term

27 Back to school

April

6 Break up for Easter

24 Back to school

May

1 May Day - school closed

24 Break up for Spring Bank Hol

25/26 School closed to pupils

June

5/6 School closed to pupils

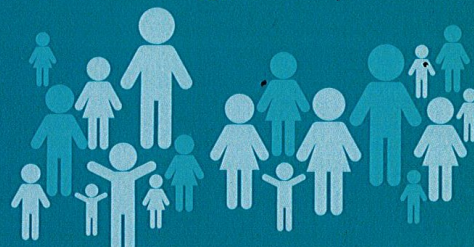
7 Southgate School Open Day (closed to pupils)

8 Back to school

Kirklees children and young people with additional needs register

Are you the parent or carer of a child or young person aged 0 to 25?

Or, are you a young person aged between 16 and 25, with additional needs or a disability?



If so, you can register your information at:
www.kirklees.gov.uk/additionalneeds



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Benefits of registering

You can choose whether to register, it is voluntary. Registering can help us:

- make better decisions when planning and developing services to support your child's, young person's and family needs
- build a more accurate picture of the future needs of children and young people with a disability or additional needs
- provide you with information you have asked for.

If you have any questions, need help completing your registration, or want additional help or support, you can contact **KIAS** or **PCAN**.

KIAS (Kirklees SEND Information, Advice and Support Service)

A free, impartial and confidential service for parents/carers, children and young people.

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

Tel: **01484 225 422**

Web: www.kias.org.uk

PCAN (Parents of Children with Additional Needs)

Independent, parent-led forum for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs aged from birth to 25 years.

Tel: **07754 102336**

Web: www.pcankirklees.org

Active Kids 2017

Once again we are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers in school. We can save the vouchers for cooking and/or sports equipment. So if you shop at Sainsbury's, please make sure that you collect the vouchers and send them into school with your child. Thank you.



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Active Kids 2017
Eat well • Move well • Live well

Milk Money

From the commencement of the summer term (April 2017), the cost of school milk will be going up to £11.50 per term (from £11). Pupils who partake of the 'Milk in Schools Scheme' benefit from a subsidy from this scheme. This represents a significant reduction in the actual cost of the milk. The item for payment (milk summer term 2017) will appear on parent pay and should be paid before the Easter holiday. Thank you

