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## Trust Newsletter

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# Welcome from the CEO

As we prepare to close the door to 2021, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our amazing pupils, parents, communities, governors, directors and colleagues for your tremendous hard work, continued commitment, resilience and dedication.

I've been reflecting on the work that has been undertaken within each academy and within this newsletter it is evident that as a school community we have so much to be proud of.

I am immensely proud to be the CEO of an organisation that strives to deliver the very best and continues to make a difference to every pupil within our trust.

Despite the ongoing challenges of the Pandemic and restrictions we have faced, we have continued to adapt and innovate to ensure we deliver high quality teaching and learning and ensure every child continues to have every chance, every day.

As we move into 2022 with much excitement and optimism, we will continue to keep the safety and well-being of our pupils and colleagues at the forefront of everything we do.

On behalf of everyone at Exceed Learning Partnership, I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Mrs Beryce Nixon  
Chief Executive Officer





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# Hill Top Academy



## Anti – Bullying Week

Nursery children completed their kind words, kind hands, let's help each other activities in support of Anti-Bullying Week.



## A Royal Visit to remember!

Children in 2 and Year 5 children were extremely fortunate to be chosen to attend the Danum Gallery Library Museum for an official visit from HRH Prince Edward and South Yorkshire's Lord Lieutenant. A day we will never forget the day!



## Exploring the Community

Year 1 pupils have been out and about, exploring in the community as part of their topic.



## A Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Year 6 are exploring animals as part of their Science topic and enjoyed a fantastic day at YWP and engaged in an extremely informative workshop about habitats around the world with a wildlife ranger.



## After School/Extended curriculum

Years 4, 5 and 6 have re-started their Athletics and fitness after school club and Year 3 have been learning Yoga with a trained instructor!

Our KS1 children are enjoying crafts and ICT clubs after school and the buzz around the building is infectious!



Mr Hissey has had an amazing response to his guitar club and regularly has more than 20 pupils attending!

Hill Top Academy's KS2 choir continues to flourish and is attended by more than 70 pupils who are busy learning songs for the Young Voices concert in February!

## Fundraising and the Sunday Remembrance Parade

Pupils and parents have been busy raising money for school with a Spooky Stroll which raised £1900 and the annual Christmas card competition has raised nearly £200.

Hill Top Academy were honoured to represent the schools of the community on the Sunday Remembrance Parade through Edlington.

A group of our Year 4 pupils also attended the community service at the Cenotaph on the Thursday, proudly lead by Mr Hissey and Mrs Miles.

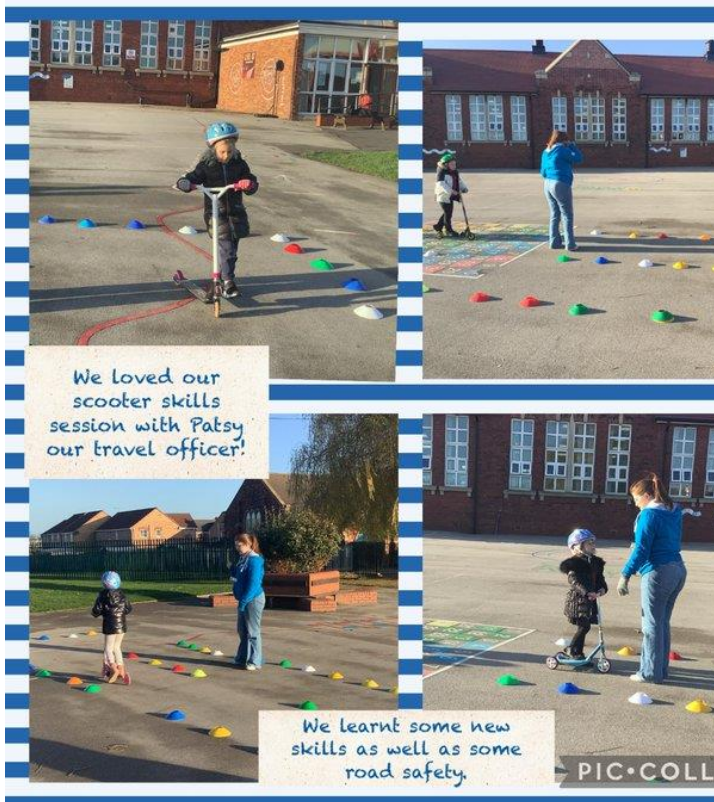


# Edlington Victoria Academy



## Scooter Skills

Pupils in Year1, Year2 and Year 3 have had opportunity to practice their safe scooter skills and absolutely loved their session



## Let's Get Dancing

Pupils in Year 3H have had a great time, participating in Sir Thomas Warton Academy Dance Festival. Learning lots of different moves for different types of dances.



## Year 4 Learn Martial Arts





### Anti Bullying Week

Year 5 and Year 6 have taken part in a range of anti bullying week activities - one of which was to draw around their hands and write kind words about a person in their class



### Wellbeing Garden goes down a storm!

Nursery Pupils visited the academy's new wellbeing garden for a moment of calm to eat biscuits they had made that day. Great work!



### Academy secures funding for Forest School

We have been very fortunate to secure a massive £53,000 to build a Forest School at Edlington Victoria Academy. This project is funded by LNER and we cannot wait for the building work to start. Miss Pizzey and Miss Hadley have already begun their training to become Forest School Leaders. They had so much fun learning new skills and cannot wait to be able to pass these on to our pupils.



# Sheep Dip Lane Academy



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## Fund Raising at Sheep Dip Lane

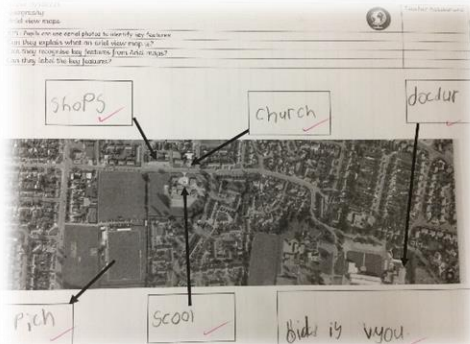
On 7<sup>th</sup> October the academy held a Green Day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Charity. We had great support from children, staff and our families and raised the brilliant total of £161.

A team of our staff also took part in a trek across the peaks at Mam Tor in November, they have raised over £1600 for the charity.

**Year 1's** topic this term has been "Where do I belong?" As part of this they have been looking at different maps exploring aerial views. They have enjoyed creating our own maps with bricks and playdough and also explored real life maps of the local area.



In **FS2** enjoyed exploring pumpkins and had so much discussion about the slimy, stringy flesh and the slippery seeds! They were so proud of their class pumpkin.

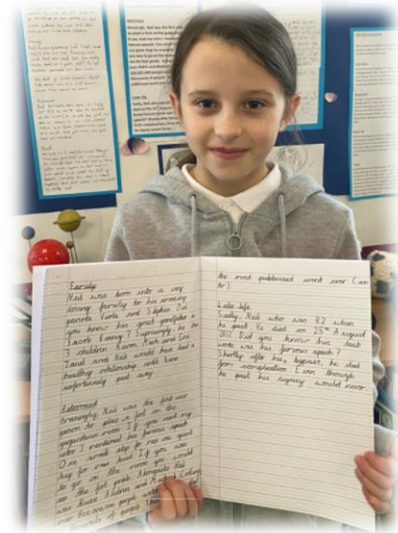




In **Year 2** they have been learning about kindness in RE. They explored lots of Bible stories including 'The Paralysed Man' using art work, comic strips and role play to express their creativity.

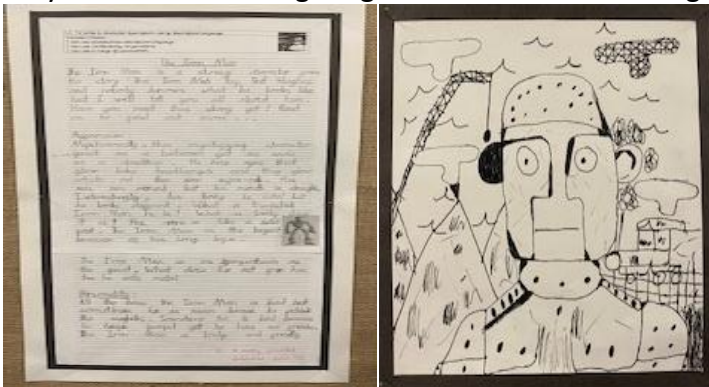


In **Year 4/5**, children have been learning about the Romans. They wrote our own their openings to our core text, 'The Thieves of Ostia' and have also designed some of their own Roman shields using a variety of grades of sketching pencils.

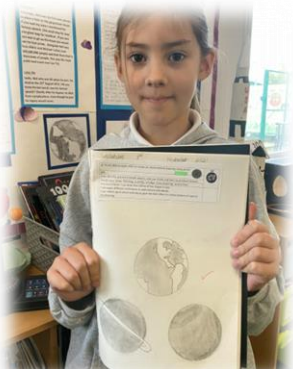


**Year 3** have loved reading the text 'The Iron Man by Ted Hughes'.

The children have written their own character descriptions and in art created their own iron man robots using ink. In Science they have been investigating which materials are magnetic.



**Year 5/6** have been learning about Space, focusing on the famous astronaut Neil Armstrong in literacy to produce their own biographies all about his life. In Art they have used a variety of pencil techniques to create some observational drawings of different planets within our Solar System.



**Year 6** have focused their Literacy to poetry with personal reflections for Remembrance this half term. In RE they linked Design and food technology linked to Harvest and explored breads.



# Carr Lodge Academy



## The World around us!

Foundation Stage have been learning all about The World Around Us. They have met many different people who help us within the community this half term. From police officers to librarians to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance crew.



## Great Fire of London

In Year 1, have been learning about the Great Fire of London. They had a fantastic time with our special visitors who completely immersed the children in the scenes from the time and helped them understand what it would have been like. They handled artefacts and learnt new vocabulary about their experience.

**Ancient Egypt comes to life!**  
Year 4 have been immersed in their learning on Ancient Egypt learning all about the culture, traditions and innovation that took place during this period of ancient history. They are working particularly on developing Art skills working with clay to produce Egyptian relief tiles depicting Egyptian life.





### Year 6 undertake key activities

Year 6 – Have done some amazing work around Refugees working with people within the Doncaster community and Olivia Jones to support their understanding of what it must feel like to have to leave your own home. They took part in a workshop where they did a range of activities to help their understanding of the perilous journeys refugees may take to get to safety.

Year 6 also conducted a wonderful Remembrance Assembly for the rest of the school on Remembrance Day demonstrating their fantastic presenting skills.



**Japan exhibition a huge success for Year 5**  
Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic (long awaited) trip to Lotherton Hall to experience their Japan exhibition. They handled artefacts and got creative making Japanese fish. It was a fabulous day enjoyed by everyone and our learning was enhanced no end.

### Immersive Experience for Year 2

In Year 2, launched their topic, 'Rumble in the Jungle', the children embarked on an immersive experience in our Forest School area. The scenario was that they had been on a journey but forced to land on an island and survive in the jungle. The children spent the whole day on jungle skills such as making a shelter, building a campfire and investigating the living creatures they could find. They even made s'mores on the campfire.



### Year 3 learn the musical Greatest Showman



# Sandringham Primary School



## Get Bright Day

All children took part in Get Bright Day this month! They really enjoyed the importance of discussing 'Be bright and be seen,' especially as the nights are getting darker. Year 1 helped design bright clothes for a character in their core text, while Year 5 helped make some information for younger children to highlight the importance of being bright! Thank you to all the children and staff who got dressed up - you all looked amazing!

## Artsmark

We're thrilled to be able to announce that Sandringham Primary School has recently been awarded the Artsmark Silver Award in recognition of its promotion and celebration of the arts. All of our children and staff have worked incredibly hard towards this achievement and all feel very proud.



## Remembrance Day Service



All the pupils and staff at Sandringham came together to pay their respects for those that gave their lives during the war. Each class designed and created a poppy wreath to hang on the wall during the service. They listened to the sober words from 'Flanders Fields' and the choir gave a rendition of 'The White Cliffs of Dover.' Thank you to Mr Shorthouse, who came in to work with our pupils to design and make the wreaths and make the event such a memorial one for all.

## Race for Life

It was a beautiful, still, Autumn day and the colourful course was marked-out with bunting flags and banners. The pupils of Sandringham Primary could choose to walk or run for the 'Race for life' Cancer Research charity event. Every pupil from Nursey to Year 6 joined in, wearing their decorated back signs, which displayed many touching messages and dedications to family members and friends. It was an amazing day that brought our school community together to help raise money and save lives. Sandringham Primary School raised an incredible £1578. A huge thank you to pupils, parents and staff.



# Message from the Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued hard work, support, commitment and dedication in providing our pupils with high quality teaching and learning.

The last two years have been like no other and whilst the challenges will continue into the new year, I have been in awe of how our school communities have adapted and innovated to continue to make a difference to our young people.

I am immensely proud to be the Chair of Directors and as we head into 2022 and look to welcome new schools into our trust, I would encourage you all to take a well-earned rest over the festive period and spend time with your families and loved ones.

Seeing the Trust grow from strength to strength, in size as well as achievement, is inspiring and on behalf of Exceed Learning Partnership's Trust Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all pupils, parents, staff, volunteers, directors and governors for all their tremendous hard work and support, and to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Mr John Blount,  
Chair of Directors





# Upcoming Events

Year Group Networks and Assessment Moderation

Learning Pedagogy Network

Challenge Partners Reading Network

Curriculum Leaders Network

Mathematics Network

Thrive Network

SENDCO Network

'Stop the Clock!' - Safeguarding Network

Safeguarding review of Cases and threshold

Early Years Leaders Network

Well-Being Network

Primary Aspirations Network

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