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## Trust Newsletter

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# Welcome from the CEO

I am pleased to finally announce that we welcome three new primary schools to Exceed Learning Partnership, Bentley High Street, Rosedale Primary and Willow Primary have all joined our trust from Friday 1st April 2022.

We have been working closely alongside these schools over a number of months in preparation for the transfer and it is with great delight that I can officially welcome all pupils, colleagues and parents/carers to the trust. We are very excited to continue their learning journey with them and delighted that they are now part of our team.

Throughout the Spring Term, we have:

- continued to further develop and scrutinise our curriculum areas to ensure that this is both exciting and challenging for our pupils
- undertaken lesson observations in all academies/schools to ensure that the quality of teaching and learning is to a high standard.
- supported the health and wellbeing of our pupils, communities and colleagues
- pupils and colleagues have had the opportunity to work alongside Aaron King, consultant for SEND benefitting from the advice and support that he has given to create the most purposeful provision and environments within our Trust.
- undertaken both internal and external audits within specific areas such as Governance, Recruitment, Safeguarding and Health and Safety throughout the Trust to ensure that we are fully compliant
- taken part in a number of sporting tournaments such as Athletics and Dodgeball.
- undertaken a range of building improvements across all our academies to further enhance the learning environments for our pupils.

I would like to once again, take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful pupils, parents, communities and colleagues for their support to their academies but also to our Trust also, this is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all when we return for the Summer Term.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Beryce Nixon,  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Leader of Education





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# Hill Top Academy



## Early Years

Our Foundation children have been working really hard on their reading, writing and physical development! They have welcomed visitors linked to their community topic and asked lots of very sensible, thoughtful questions.

Our staff have worked hard to utilise the outdoor area to enhance learning, whilst making it as fun as possible!

We have been delighted to welcome many visitors/experts to the Academy over the past term, to support us with teacher pedagogy and to ensure our Curriculum is exciting, challenging and has real life links to further education and careers. Staff and pupils have benefited hugely from advice and support from our SEND consultant Aaron King, who worked alongside teachers, middays, TAs and children to create the most purposeful provision and environments.



PIC•COLLAGE

Year 3 and Year 5 have worked with illustrators to create 'draw-alongs' to support their creative writing work. Years 4 and 6 have thoroughly enjoyed participating in workshops led by DMBC around renewable and non-renewable energy.



Foundation pupils have really enjoyed being physical this week - especially enjoyed the sun outdoors

## Sporting Opportunities

What a busy half term it has been for our pupils and we have been incredibly proud of their achievements in tournaments and wonderful attitudes in festivals and workshops.

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils have both taken part in multi-skills festivals at STWCC where all staff commented on their beautiful manners and resilience in tricky skills work.

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils have taken part in our Pyramid competitions such as Basketball, Mini Golden Boot and Dodgeball which they won! They have also participated in a Trust Dodgeball tournament where they came joint 1<sup>st</sup>!

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been equally as busy participating in Tag Rugby coaching sessions with Doncaster Knights, winning the Pyramid competition for Athletics and securing 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Regional School Games Indoor Athletics competition!



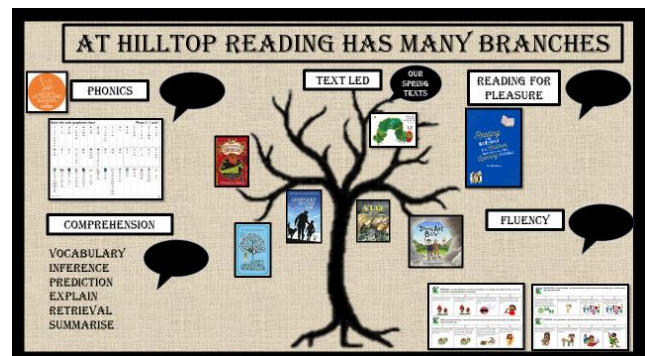
**WONDERFUL WORLD BOOK DAY AT HILL TOP**



## Reading across the academy

We have been so excited to launch Little Wandle this term, our new Systematic Phonics Programme. All staff have been trained and the pupils are making outstanding progress and impressing us with their reading skills

We continue to celebrate reading and our love of it every day, but World Book Day was particularly special, as we had the opportunity to showcase our favourite characters either in fancy dress or written reviews!



# Edlington Victoria Academy



## Forest School

It has been an exciting time in the academy as the building of the Forest School has been completed. This is an exciting development for our community at Edlington Victoria. The Forest School will allow us to provide a range of learning opportunities outside of the classroom and help us to bring our sustainable curriculum to life. We have two teachers who have completed the Forest School qualification, which we are delighted about. Congratulations to Miss Pizey and Ms Hadley for putting the hard work into achieving this accreditation, so that we can begin to develop our Forest School curriculum.

## Year 1/2 trip to Conisbrough Castle

Our Key Stage 1 pupils went out on a trip to Conisbrough Castle, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. They behaved impeccably and their teachers reported that they had engaged so well in understanding the castle and its' origins. The pupils were eager to share their learning on the Normans, back in school. One pupil said to me 'I've really enjoyed going on a coach, I've never been on a school trip before.' This makes me reflect on some of things that the pupils have lost over the last two years during the pandemic. We will continue to think about how we provide this wider experience for our pupils, in our planning moving forward. Thank you to Mrs Denovan, Mrs Sugars and Mrs Brooke for organising this wonderful day for the pupils! Thanks also to you all for your contributions, which make it possible.





### Year 3/4 Viking Day

Year 3 and Year 4 had an excellent day exploring all things Viking, as part of their historical learning about this period of time and its' impact on Britain. Throughout the day, they asked some amazing questions and were able to handle some brilliant artefacts from the period. They developed understanding about how the Vikings invaded Britain and learned about different ways of life during this period. They absolutely loved the day and could not stop talking about this during lunchtime. It was great to hear about this! Thank you to Mrs Hufton, Miss Trewartha and Mrs Dowse for organising this day! Again, thanks also to you all for your contributions, which make such events possible.

### Basketball Tournament

We are delighted that Edlington Victoria came second in the Basketball Tournament. The girls team came 1<sup>st</sup> overall, which was an excellent achievement. They came back into the academy so excited. They have worked so hard to achieve this and were really determined to show their talents. Well done to everyone and thank you to Mrs Dowse for all your coaching in preparing the pupils for this!



# Sheep Dip Lane Academy



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## EYFS – Mathematic Development



**In Nursery** children have developed their understanding in maths this term. They have been working up to five focusing on: how numbers look, their order and collections of items to match.

Their favourite game is hide & seek with a stick of five Unifix - one child hides some behind their back & the other uses their maths skills to figure out how many they are hiding. Great practise for number bonds to five!

## KS1 - A Cake fit for our Queen



**In Year 2** the children invited special judges for their Great Sheep Dip Bake Off. The children have been designing, adjusting and creating their Platinum Jubilee cakes to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne. They are creating artwork, writing and photos to create a book to send to the Palace.

## EYFS – Understanding of the World



**In Reception** the children have been learning about plants and what they need to grow. They used this knowledge to plant their own cress seeds, water them and observe them grow ready to eat in their very own sandwich!



## Extended Curriculum – Sports

Years 3, 4 and 5 got through to the finals in Boccia in the Yorkshire School Games competition. Our children loved the experience of going to England's Institute of Sport to compete and did us proud!

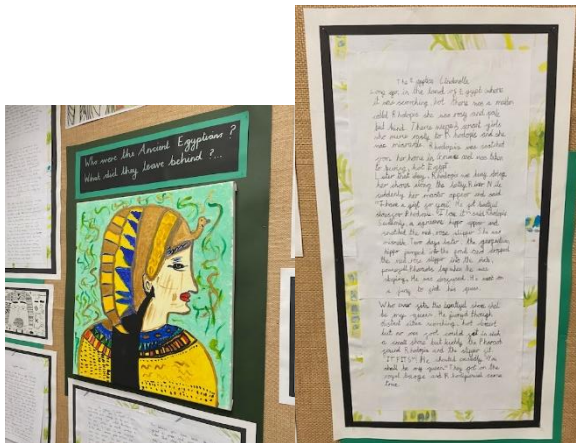




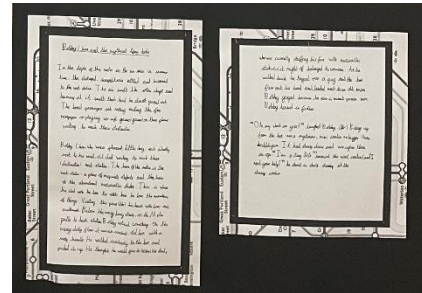
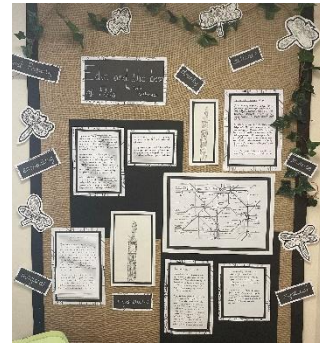
## KS2 – Reading into writing

In Year 3/4 children have been immersed in the mystery core text 'Edie and the box of Flits'.

### KS2 –Egyptian Excellence in History



In Year 3 children have loved learning like historians to find out about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation, they're knowledge about this period in history is amazing. They are very proud of their published writing linked to the core text 'Egyptian Cinderella'.



They have published their own stories adding mystery to intrigue the reader!

### KS2- The Tudors

In Year 5/6 the children have completed a Design and Technology project to create a Tudor house using woodwork equipment and real saws!

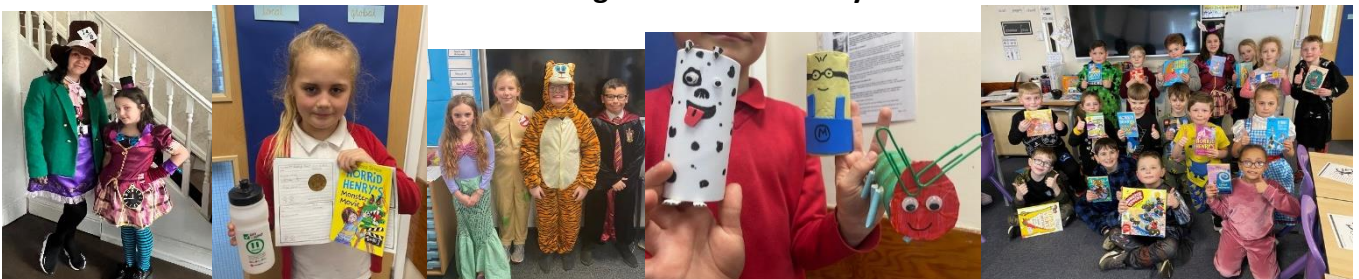
They have published character descriptions of Henry VIII and diary accounts as if they were Sir Walter Raleigh using the core text 'My Friend Walter'. The children are so proud that they can now use parenthesis, active and passive verbs and a range of modal verbs when writing.

### KS2 – Cross Curricular

Year 6 amazing outcomes after studying the remarkable artist Tim Jeffs and pulling all their learning together around the core text 'Holes'.

Our History strand has been – **Power , Leadership and Invasion.** Children have been answering the enquiry question 'Who were the Tudors?' Look how they explained their own understanding of the Battle of Bosworth and this was just the beginning...

### We Love Reading! – World Book Day at SDLA



Children and staff across our academy loved making their favourite characters and listening to author Michael Rosen as part of the day. Our children are striving to build their love and confidence in reading and each week we celebrate in our assembly reading and learning at home. Some of our pupils have been to Friday's book shop swap 5 times with 250 reads already!

## 'I wonder what will wash up on the beach'

The children within Foundation Stage have had a brilliant start to their new topic 'I wonder what will wash up on the beach'. They enjoyed a themed day where they learnt to walk the plank, dig for gold and dance like an octopus! The children within reception have enjoyed studying a wide range of sea creatures and put their knowledge into practise by writing sea creature fact files.



## Key Stage 1

This half term Year 1 have really enjoyed learning about superheroes. They have particularly enjoyed becoming a superhero for the local community. The children have created posters asking people not to litter and how to recycle that will be going up around the local area soon.



Year 2 visited 'The Deep' in Hull as part of their learning for our topic 'Commotion in the Ocean'. The children had the opportunity to observe animals first hand and up close such as stingrays, yellow dog-faced pufferfish and best of all the penguins.



## Lower Key Stage 2

In Year 3 our learning this term has been focused around the Vikings. We have been exploring how to use water colours to create a seascape. To create our final pieces, we investigated using sketching pencils for different techniques. This included hatching, cross hatching, circling, stippling and scribbling. Here is a selection of our seascapes.

In Year 4 this term, we have been studying train travel in Doncaster. This has included finding out about the history of the railways in our town, the current geographical issues around the cancellation of HS2 and building our own model locomotives in DT.

After experimenting with electrical circuits in our Science work, we have put our machines to the test by seeing how powerful we could make them.



## Upper Key Stage 2

In Year 5, we have really been enjoying our Space topic this term. During Science week, we celebrated Mars Day (Monday 14th March) which involved us being involved with a series of talks, through the power of Microsoft Teams, with the UK Space Agency. This term, in Year 6 we attended Crucial Crew. We took part in a range of workshops based on fire safety, road safety and first aid. Our favourite workshop was the court scene, where we were able to have different roles as magistrates, solicitors or the offender of a crime.

### Athletic Achievements

Carr Lodge Athletics Team blew us away with their performance in the South Yorkshire School Games Final on Friday 18th March. They made it through tough qualifying rounds to be one of the top two schools in Doncaster to make it to the final. They were brilliant and we are so proud that they came 2nd place in the whole of South Yorkshire.



# Sandringham Primary School



## Year 3 & Year 4 school production

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children have been taking to the stage to perform their take on "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory." They have done an incredible job in portraying the characters and the choir sounded fantastic singing those catchy songs. The lower key stage 2 team has worked extremely hard putting together the choreography, songs, characters, etc, and it shows through the amazing talent of our pupils. Watch this space for the recording on Seesaw and perhaps some pupils on the West End in a few years!





### **Royal Ballet - Chance to dance**

Some of our Year 3 children have had the amazing opportunity to dance with a Royal Ballet star in school and 1 lucky child will receive a year's scholarship for ballet lessons

### **Pupils lead by example..**

Our pupils have had a brilliant time with Mr Makin, planting new trees throughout the grounds and supporting the academic sustainability strategy.

Great Work



# Message from the Chair

Exceed Learning Partnership is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year since it incorporated in March 2017 and I am delighted to officially welcome, three new schools into our Trust, Bentley High Street Primary, Rosedale Primary and Willow Primary who all joined on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

As we welcome our new academies, we will continue to have high aspirations for every member of our Trust community and strive to secure the best possible provision for all our pupils.

Seeing the Trust grow from strength to strength is inspiring and as a proud Chair of the Exceed Board, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the work you have and continue to do.

Members, Directors and Local Governing Bodies take a keen and active interest in the leadership and performance of our academies and schools, providing both challenge and support to the CEO, Executive Team, Principals/Headteachers and senior leaders throughout the Trust to ensure that our academies/schools continue to be exciting and inspiring places where our children can develop and learn.

On behalf of Exceed Learning Partnership's Trust Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all pupils, parents/carers, staff, volunteers, Directors and Governors for all their tremendous hard work and support, and to wish you and your families a very relaxing Easter break.

“Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day!”



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

Trust Games!

\*Please check the Trust Professional Learning Document or contact the Trust Central team for more information.

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