



# NEWSLETTER

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## UP COMING DATES

End of Summer 1 term – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

INSET Day – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Beginning of Summer 2 term – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

End of Summer 2 term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

INSET Day – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July

### Polite Reminders

- Please ensure your child arrives at their allocated time, especially if they are arriving alone.
- Black shoes are part of our school uniform – trainers are not.
- All children must have an appropriate PE kit – if you're unsure of their PE days, please ask.
- Outside of the school, please respect social distance; face masks are strongly recommended.

### Staffing Changes

After the half term break there will be a few staffing changes. Mrs Horobin, one of our skilful support staff who has worked with lots of children across the academy over the past 3 and a half years, will sadly be leaving us at the end of this half term to venture on a new journey. I'm sure you'll all join me in saying a huge thank you to Mrs Horobin for all of the care and learning opportunities she has shared with our children. We wish you the very best of luck! Ms Barley will also begin her new role as Associate Principal, covering Mrs Hewitt's maternity leave – welcome to OPA Bell Lane!

### Mental Health and Wellbeing

Our Wellbeing Champions promoted the National Mental Health Awareness Week which focused on connecting with nature. All classes participated in a variety of ways from bird watching, cloud spotting, outdoor yoga, outdoor story sessions, environmental studies to eating their lunch outdoors!

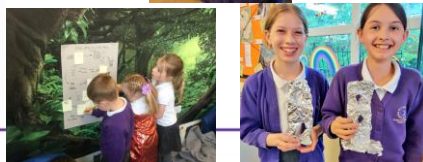


The Wellbeing Champions have also introduced our kindness jars and awards into their class. They led an assembly where kindness and the use of these resources were explained.

### Learning Across the Curriculum

We have had many wonderful learning opportunities across the academy and curriculum subjects this half term. Here are a few examples:

Nursery have added parts to their Talk for Writing story map and have used this to retell the story. IH have been using their computing skills and the app 'Quiver' to bring dragons to life! 5/6P have been studying Barbara Hepworth and her style of art; presenting this using a variety of media.



### School Parliament

Members of the School Parliament have been extremely busy this month. They attended a local school's committee meeting where they jointly planned a variety of events to support the local area. Events include a virtual inter-school personal best trial and an OPABL contribution to the famous Ackworth Scarecrow Festival – look out for our entry!

Other members of the School Parliament have also been continuing their work with the local Coop who have kindly donated compost and seeds for our blooming garden. Lots of children across the academy have entered the Royal Mail stamp competition – fingers crossed the Queen will select a winner from OPABL!

### Positive Cases

We have been requested by the DfE to continue to track and trace close contacts of positive cases during the half term break. If your child receives a positive PCR COVID-19 result where the first symptoms developed within 48 hours of them last being in school, we require you to immediately complete the form using this link:

<https://forms.gle/mj9iBLr3BCDza3eq7>

Stay safe and ...

