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Springfield Academy Newsletter

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Road Safety

**Stop,
Look,
Listen,
Think.**

This week Years 1 and 2 had a visit from Denise Caley who is a Road Safety Officer. She talked to the children about all sorts of things including how to cross the road safely and they even had the chance to dress up as a lollipop person!

The children then went on to write instructions in their English lessons on how to cross the road using the information Denise gave them and the 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think' headings. The children were also spoken to about how to be safe in a car and the importance of wearing a seat belt and using a booster seat until the age of 12 or until they are 135cm tall. The children were very knowledgeable and impressed Denise with their answers!



E-Safety

Ensuring children are safe is a priority at Springfield, this includes their online safety. We regularly speak with the children in school about 'thinking before they click'. We understand children have access to a range of technology, both in school and at home, therefore we think it is important that parents are kept up to date with what is happening in the online world. To support you in keeping up to date all children have been sent home with a copy of the Digital Parenting magazine. This terms issue includes; prevention of online bullying, spotting fake news and managing your security online. If you have any concerns about your child's online safety please speak to your child's class teacher or Mr. Ellison. There will also be a letter sent home soon regarding an E-Safety workshop for parents which will be held in school.

Bring on the Bricks!

Last term we launched a whole school Lego challenge and the children were invited to enter a Lego competition called 'Bring on the Bricks' as part of our whole school STEM initiative. We had some amazing entries, showing that we have some superb future engineers at Springfield! It was impossible to judge the best, so all winners got a prize. The children really enjoyed the challenge of building something out of Lego, fitting with the theme of Magic, Fantasy and Christmas!

'I really enjoyed the competition and everyone's entries were amazing' Eliot Y6
'It was a really fun challenge!' Charlie Year 6

We will be running further competitions in the very near future.

Congratulations to all our winners:

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| Charlie Lindsey Y6 | Tianna Hebden Y1 | Isla Hird Y1 |
| Marcus Webb Y6 | Cole Pudge Y1 | Daniel Grainger Y1 |
| Eliot Williams Y6 | Oscar Liddle Y1 | Abigail Greenwell Y1 |
| Liam Oxley Y6 | Ava Hird Y3 | Jake-Ray Cook Y1 |
| Kye Curwen Y6 | | |

Year 4 children started their 'I am Warrior' topic last week. To get them engaged, they looked at the designs on Roman and Celtic battle shields, then they were given the opportunity to design and make their own shields! They loved using the paints to create their patterns, and all of the children really thought about what the designs meant to the Celtic and Roman armies.

Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 96%.
Fantastic attendance from Year 4, keep it up!

1st Place	Year 4	99.3%
2nd Place	Reception	95.2%
3rd Place	Year 3	95%



Reception had a great time in the snow this week! They have made snowmen outside and even painted some snowmen! We have been using lots of different resources to create our snowmen and using tools to achieve a planned effect!



This week all of the children from Year 5 started working with staff from Haughton's DT Department. Here are some of the children beginning to work on their projects with Mr Bartle.



Our first Toddler group session of 2018 will be on Tuesday 23rd January from 1.45pm to 3.15pm. We hope to see some of you there!

Aspire Assembly

Our next 'Aspire Assembly' is on 26th January 2018. Parents of the children below are warmly invited to attend the assembly. Please come along to main reception just before 9am. Well done to all the children who have worked hard this week.

Reception	James Middleton	James is working so hard, both in school and at home. I have been impressed by how much homework he has been doing and how hard he has been working on his reading. Keep up the good work James!
Year 1	Skye Scott	Skye has been working hard on her handwriting to ensure it is not too small and not too big but just the right size. Everyday Skye's handwriting gets better and better.
Year 2	Lilly Riley	Lilly has been reading a lot at home and getting 100% in her quizzes at school. She has improved so much and we can see she really enjoys reading. Well done Lilly!
Year 3	Holly Cheetham	Holly always comes to school with a huge smile on her face! She gives 110% in all lessons and is always willing to share her ideas with others. She is a very supportive member of the class.
Year 4	Megan Beattie	Megan is a superstar! She works at an amazing level throughout the curriculum, and her work is always beautifully presented. Her confidence is beginning to grow, and she is becoming more willing to join in class discussions. Megan also takes part in a number of extra-curricular activities, and particularly enjoys being part of the school choir.
Year 5	Keira Mann	Keira has had a wonderful week in so many ways! She has shown maturity when discussing relationships and friendship groups which is a true reflection of her caring and friendly personality. She has also worked her socks off to produce some beautiful, neat work in English, Geography and Science!
Year 6	Kadie Holt	Kadie has been putting a huge amount of effort into her writing this term and has shown significant progress. She is a lovely member of the class, always willing to help others and is a role model for Year 6. We are very proud of Kadie's attitude to learning across the curriculum.
Writer of the week	Eliot Williams	Eliot has written an excellent description of a setting this week and his writing in general is beautiful. At home Eliot continues his love of writing and is writing a brilliant short story. He is always creating characters and I am sure we will see his stories in print one day.
Reader of the week	Edward Stott	Edward has shown a real maturity in his reading which is reflecting in his writing this term. He has written a fabulous description of a setting this week and he read it beautifully to the rest of the class- he even got a round of applause!
Mathematician of the week	Jessica Turner	Jessica has shown a great improvement in her mental maths score this week which has then spurred on to wonderful things; heaps of confidence and lots of accurate calculations!
Scientist of the week	Adrian Wood	Adrian worked confidently during his DT lesson in Haughton this week, incorporating scientific thinking and maths skills when measuring materials.