

Friday 13th October 2023

England Lane Academy Newsletter

WEEK 6

Whole School Attendance: 94%

Head of Academy's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

It has been a fantastic week for attendance in the academy and we want to thank you for your support! On Thursday, we had 6 classes across the academy with 100% attendance. The children are really enjoying receiving their attendance rewards. These are given on Friday's during merit assembly. If your child's class wins, you will receive a text to let you know.

It is important to us that we support you in attendance and we have lots of options available including 'Good Morning Calls' and reward charts for your child plus much more. Please get in touch with the office if you would like more support with your child's attendance.

Harvest Festival

Just a little reminder about our Harvest Festival on Monday. It begins at 9:30am in the main hall. Please enter through the fire door at the front of school. We ask that pushchairs are parked outside (if the weather is good) as space will be limited and that guests are limited to 2 persons per child. If your child has PE that day, please feel free to send them in normal uniform with their PE kit in a bag.

Online Safety

There are lots of scary statistics in the news that show child sexual abuse online and child grooming online has increased dramatically in the last 5 years. The internet can be wonderful but it can also be a dark place for our young people. Below is a video that shows just how easily this can happen.

[CEOP Jigsaw Video](#)

You can also find out more about how to protect your child when online if you take a look at some of the links in our safeguarding section on page 3 of this newsletter.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents' evening. If you have not yet had an appointment, please speak to class teachers who will be happy to organise a phone call or meeting.

Wear it Pink day

To show support for the charity 'Breast Cancer Research' we are inviting children to wear something pink for the day on Friday 20th October. We are asking that each child bring £1 donation to wear their pink and all money raised will go to the charity.

We hope you have a wonderful week!
Miss Helen Prout
Head of Academy

ELA Stars of the Week

Caterpillars

Ewan—always showing green behaviour and a fantastic role model for everyone

Butterflies

Lawrence—for his enthusiasm singing the Harvest Festival songs

Hedgehogs

Myla Lodge - for fantastic work in all lessons

Owls

Billie—a fantastic role model for Y2

Dolphins

Max—settling in amazingly and always contributing every time

Pandas

Lola May—for working incredibly hard in maths and writing

Lions

Casper—hard work and enthusiasm in his reading

Eagles

Amelia — for some great work in her Read and Respond

Votes For Schools

Each week in assembly our children focus on an important topic. This is then followed up in their classroom learning during their votes for schools lesson. It is a chance to make their voices heard on important issues. If you would like to continue the conversation at home, you can see more by clicking the big questions box below:

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

5-7: Are feelings more important than facts?

7-11: Should opinions be shared as part of news reporting?

- Can you tell whether someone is sharing a fact or an opinion?
- Do you want to hear people's opinions when they tell you the news?
- Can opinions make it harder to understand the facts of a news story?

Caterpillars

Nursery have been developing their friendships this week by playing with and alongside different peers in the class. It has been wonderful to listen to their conversations and the vocabulary they use!



Butterflies

This week reception have been exploring their interests through their play, and a couple of children from Butterflies and Caterpillars have worked together to role play 'teachers'. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm to act out daily routines and have fun working collaboratively!



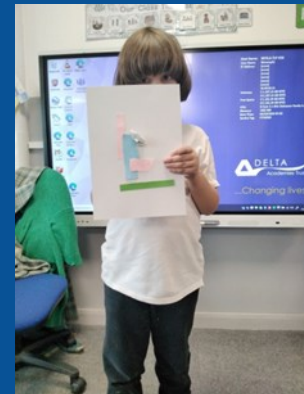
Hedgehogs

This week, we have been practising our mouse and keyboard skills in computing, helping us to complete puzzles and draw pictures.



Owls

We have been making some fantastic collages this week; focusing on each technique we have learnt over the term. We were layering, cutting, sticking and choosing colours carefully.



Dolphins

This week we've had fun creating our own Horrible Histories, Savage Stone Age poster and being news presenters! We've learnt a lot about the difference between the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. We have seen the different ways that their hunting techniques have changed over time and the tools/resources they used as more and more metals became available.



Pandas

A lovely week in year 4. We have had another busy week this week! In art, we have been learning more strengthening techniques such as laminating and corrugation. Look out for next week's news as we will be designing and making our own structures. We can't give any more information away as our design brief is top secret!



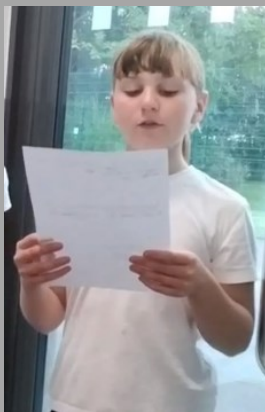
Lions

This week in Thrive we have been focusing on morals and values and we have created our own morals and values tree. We included things such as honesty, resilience, trust, teamwork and kindness.



Eagles

This week we have been creating presentations about how leaders through history have changed the ways in which they deal with conflict. We have been using our oracy skills to work on our presentation voices—making sure we change our volume and pitch for different effects.



Safeguarding Advice

You may have seen the great news that the 'Online Safety Bill' has now been passed and will soon become a law.

Online grooming and child abuse image crimes are at an all time high so this is a welcome change.

Technology companies will soon have a legal duty to regulate their sites and protect children from sexual abuse and harmful material on social media sites, gaming and messaging apps.

In the meantime, it is so important that parents/carers and schools all continue to work together to protect children when online.

Click the links for resources to help you talk to your child about online safety at home:

[ThinkUknow](#)

[Childnet](#)

[Parent Zone](#)

[NSPCC](#)

[Safer Internet](#)

[Internet Matters](#)

[Children's Commissioner](#)

In the last 5 years, there has been an 82% rise in online grooming crimes and a 66% increase in child abuse image crimes.

Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child or member of staff, please speak to one of our safeguarding team:

Miss Casey Milton (Assistant Principal DSL)

Miss Helen Prout (Head of Academy Deputy DSL)

Mrs Claire Carratt (Admin Officer Deputy DSL)

Mrs Sarah Hodgson (Cover Supervisor Deputy DSL)

Key Dates for the year**September**

Tuesday 5th - Academy reopens to pupils

Monday 11th - After school clubs start

Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th - Year 6 Dallow Gill residential

Tuesday 12th - Stay and Read session EYFS

Tuesday 19th - Stay and Read session Year 1

Tuesday 19th - Orienteering day

Monday 25th—National Fitness day

Tuesday 26th - Stay and Read session Year 2

Wednesday 27th - Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 6

Friday 29th - MacMillan coffee morning

Friday 29th - Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Festival

October

Monday 9th - EYFS Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 10th - Stay and Read session Year 4

Tuesday 10th - Year 3 and Year 4 Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 10th - World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 11th - Year 1 and Year 2 Parents' Evenings

Thursday 12th - Year 5 and Year 6 - Parents' Evenings

Monday 16th - Harvest Festival

Tuesday 17th - Stay and Read session Year 5

Friday 20th - Wear it Pink day

Tuesday 24th - Photo day (Individual and siblings)

Tuesday 24th - Stay and Read session Year 6 (in the classroom)

Friday 27th - Last day of half term

November

Monday 5th - INSET day

Tuesday 7th - Academy reopens to pupils

Monday 13th - Anti Bullying week

Friday 17th - Children in Need day

December

Friday 1st - Christmas Card post boxes in classrooms

Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th - Thrive group Dallow Gill residential

Friday 8th - Year 1 and 2 Indoor Athletics Festival

Tuesday 12th - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Concerts (morning)

Wednesday 13th - KS2 Christmas Concerts (morning)

Thursday 21st - Christmas jumper day

Friday 22nd - Last day of term, Christmas parties and Evergreen Reward

Key Dates for the year

January

Monday 8th - Academy reopens to pupils
Monday 29th - Story Telling week

February

Thursday 1st - Time to Talk day
Friday 2nd - Year 3 and 4 World Sports Festival
Tuesday 6th - Safer internet day
Friday 9th - Last day of term
Monday 19th - INSET
Tuesday 20th - Academy reopens to pupils

March

Thursday 7th - World Book Day
Friday 22nd - Year 5 and 6 Basketball festival
Friday 22nd - Last day of half term

April

Monday 8th - Academy opens to pupils

Key Dates for the year

May

Friday 3rd - Year 1 and 2 Dance and Gymnastics Festival

Monday 6th - Bank holiday Academy closed

Tuesday 21st May - EYFS and KS1 Sports day (morning)

Wednesday 22nd - KS2 Sports day (morning)

Friday 24th - Last day of half term

June

Monday 3rd - INSET day

Tuesday 4th - Academy opens to pupils

Friday 21st - Year 5 and 6 girls' Football Festival

TBC Year 4 Dallow Gill Residential

July

Friday 19th - Last day of term

Monday 22nd - INSET

September 2024

Monday 2nd - INSET day

Tuesday 3rd - Academy opens to pupils