

Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 23rd January – Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics at Trinity Academy

Friday 25th January – Visit to Manchester Velodrome for HSBC UK Track Championship

Monday 28th-Wednesday 30th January – Y6 debating sessions

Monday 4th February – PTFA disco

Tuesday 5th February – non-uniform day – wear white for Project Polar (Y5 fundraiser for Astrea Promise) - £1 per child

Tuesday 5th February – Y1 safe touch talk

Wednesday 6th February – KS2 gymnastics at Dearne Valley

Wednesday 6th February – Astrea multiskills at Intake

Tuesday 11th February – KS1 Dance Off at Hungerhill

Tuesday 11th February – 3.00 Meeting with Y2 parents (KS1 SATS)

Wednesday 12th February – 6.00 Meeting for Y5 parents (Hollowford Y6 residential)

Thursday 14th February – Y3/Y4 performance of Ocean Commotion 1.30

Thursday 14th February 3.30 School closes for half term

Parent Voice

Thank you to the parents who came along on Monday morning of this week to talk to myself and Jenni Machin (our Chair of the local board). It was great to receive such positive feedback and also to look at ways we could further raise our profile in a positive way. Discussions centred around:

- The bleak KS2 playground not providing a very positive first impression to visitors. We're currently looking into funding for developing this and have plans waiting to be actioned once we secure some money.
- Better signage for the school from the main road so that people know we are here. This is being looked into by Astrea with the Local Authority. We also talked about fliers going out to local clubs, Tesco and private nurseries.
- The lack of nursery provision at the school currently. This is something we are looking at with Astrea currently.
- The lack of a current OFSTED report to give some external view on the school.
- The current uniform being in need of a revamp. School Council have set up a survey of parents and pupils about this.

Attendance Matters



	Cohort	YTD % Attendance	% PA	No. of Lates	No. of Attendance Increases or 100%	% of Class with an Increase or 100%	Weekly % Attendance	Weekly % Attendance RANK
Shining Stars	24	94.5%	4.2%	18	22	91.7%	97.5%	2
Shooting Stars	24	95.5%	16.7%	10	21	87.5%	97.1%	4
Star Voyagers	16	96.9%	6.3%	13	14	87.5%	91.9%	8
Starburst	21	95.8%	14.3%	12	20	95.2%	99.0%	1
Starlets	25	95.9%	16.0%	10	24	96.0%	96.0%	6
Starlight	25	97.5%	4.0%	11	22	88.0%	96.0%	6
Supernova	20	95.7%	10.0%	74	18	90.0%	97.0%	5
Superstars	24	96.9%	4.2%	15	23	95.8%	97.5%	2

Week 2 has seen a dip in attendance from week 1 unfortunately but well done to Starburst (Y1) for 99%. Great to see a different class winning the weekly attendance! They received the cup, certificate and an afternoon break this week as a result.

Five classes all beat our target of 97% this week which is great. Let's hope this is maintained and built on this week and over the coming term to get our overall attendance back towards our target. Another 2 classes were very close on 96%. Star Voyagers had their worst week for a long time but they are a small class so every child carries a bigger weighting of percentage points. For the year to date our leading class is beating our target – Starlight (Y5) at 97.5%. Superstars (Y2) are hovering very close at 96.9% as are Star Voyagers (Y6) on 96.8% so let's hope they have a much better week 3 attendance. Shining Stars who are currently in last place for the year to date at 94.5% have improved by 0.2% on week 1. They have been very badly hit by term-time holidays so let's hope there are no more this year.

Boys are still beating girls – 96.3% for the year to date compared to 95.9% but the gap is closing.

Shanghai Maths

As part of our drive this year to develop Maths teaching in school, Miss French, Miss Lomas, Mrs Priestnall and Mrs Wheatcroft have had the exciting opportunity to view lessons at Byron Wood Academy in Sheffield from some visiting teachers from Shanghai. It was great to learn that we are already using some of the approaches in school to drive up standards but there were also other ideas that the teachers have brought back to share with the staff. Y2 have been busy using bar modelling last week in class and this is a feature seen in Maths lessons across school now.



Let's Celebrate

50 smiles- Bronze Award

The following children have all consistently shown our Astrea values this term and have managed to reach their goal of 50 smiles to win their Bronze certificates : Molly Cresswell, Jack Munby, Amelia Pinder, Natalie Kadejo, Euan Soffe, Florence Cooper, Isla Frith and Luckveer Kaur.

Hot Chocolate Friday

As part of the changes we are bringing in to the behaviour policy from January, we are introducing a weekly Hot Chocolate With The Head. This saw nominated children who had gone over and above during the week being invited to have a cup of hot chocolate on Monday afternoon with me. Joining me were Caitlin Scott, Lucas Harvey, Isabelle Richardson and Phoebe Fitzpatrick.

Stars of the Week

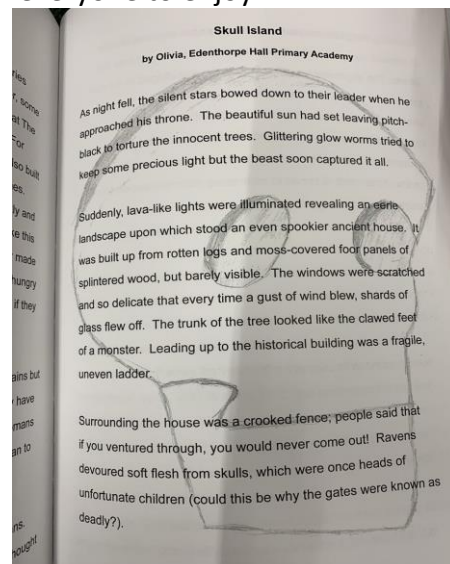
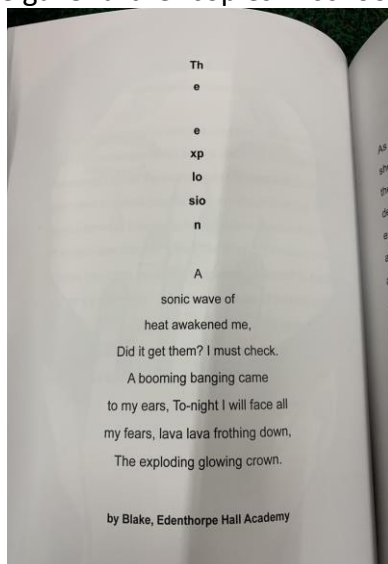
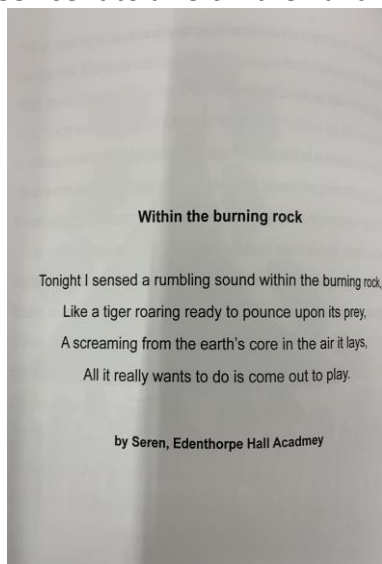
Our certificates last week were awarded to: Inclusion and Collaboration: Amelia Bewley FS2; Responsibility and Leadership: Kai Hardy Y1; Honesty and Integrity: Beatrice Green Y2; Honesty and Integrity: Elizabeth Adamsons Y3; Enjoyment and Innovation: Alice Rowley Y4; Enjoyment and Innovation: Lana Hall Y5; Aspiration and Development: George Kirkup Y6 SV; Inclusion and Collaboration: Owen Oliver Y6 SN.

Midday Supervisors chose: KS1: Drew Moss Stitt FS2 and KS2: Charlie Mangham Y6.

Value Leaders chose: KS1: Lexi Davies FS2 and KS2: Luke Spink.

Astrea Anthology

It was great to receive copies of the recently published anthology of creative writing from children attending Astrea schools. The book has a foreword by writer Pie Corbett and includes some wonderful pieces from three of our Y6 pupils from last year – Seren, Blake and Olivia. Copies of the books have been sent to all 3 children and we gave further copies in school for everyone to enjoy.



Mini Medics

Last week our Y3, Y4 and Y5 children had some very important lessons in first aid. During the sessions they learned about the recovery position, defibrillators and had the chance to practise CPR. Later in the term Y6 will be having session with British Red Cross so that they also have a good knowledge around emergency aid.



More active learning...

In another busy week across school Y3 children had their first gymnastics lesson with Active Fusion and Y1 used clay to make models of their dinosaurs as part of their current project.

