

Springwater School and Springforest Sixth Form



Summer SMSC Newsletter 2019

Welcome to the final edition of our SMSC newsletter for this academic year. We have had another busy term at school and have enjoyed some wonderful experiences. We are very proud of all of our young people and everything they have achieved in the last year. We would like to wish our leavers the fondest of farewells – you will all be missed. Have the most wonderful Summer holidays.



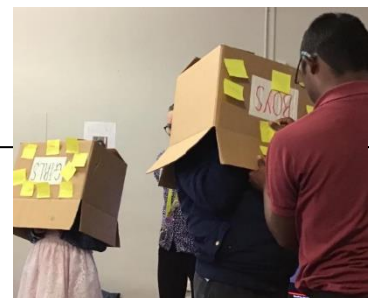
Student Council update

We are so proud of our student voice and the ideas that they have launched this year – our main focus has been on school improvement, thinking about the things that we love and the changes for the future. We have taken part in a number of projects that look to make a real change to the school, its buildings and our transport to and from school. We have also taken part in workshops about bullying and are now 'Equality Ambassadors' in partnership with Barnardos.

'We want everybody to be friends here.' Albert, Badgers.

Fundraising has taken place again with Morrisons to save for the reward event at the end of term – students have engaged with this really well and it has been great to become a bigger part of our local community.

Following some learning around 'looking after the environment', taking part in 'Clean Air Day' on Starbeck High Street and recycling work done earlier in the year, Student Council members have expressed an interest in looking after the environment and having a school focus on this as part of the next school year, so watch this space for the great things that we will be doing in September.



Summer term residentials

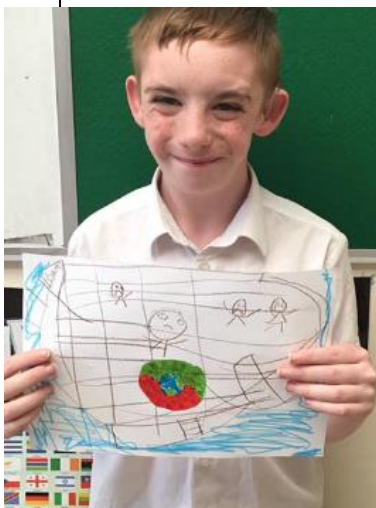


Key Stage 4 residential to Bewerley Park for our Secondary leavers and East Barnby for our Y14s . This group of young people took part in a range of activities including abseiling, climbing, cycling, canoeing and sailing. They had an absolutely wonderful time and engaged in a range of new activities at the centre with exceptional staff to support them and a real team approach to new challenges.



Refugee Week

Springwater School became a place of sanctuary earlier this year and we thought again about what it means to have a place of safety when we took part in Refugee week. Students looked at some art work inspired by refugee stories and then created some of their own to display how refugees might feel. Our young people decided that everybody deserved to be loved, to feel safe and to have food and shelter.



Mental Health Week

This year we have teamed up with Compass Buzz and had staff training on Mental Health and supporting students. We now have a Wellness lunchtime clinic as well as strategies in the classroom that we can all use when students are in need of a little extra time to process an emotion. In classrooms students took part in activities during Mental Health Week to support thinking about their own healthy lifestyles; eating well, the benefits of activity and getting out and about. Sixth Formers did a presentation to the whole school at the end of the week with some really interesting information about Mental Wellness and how we can help ourselves to feel better. We look forward to continuing this work with our students and helping them all to feel happy and healthy at school.



A multi sensory event at Yamzen took students through the multi-sensory music and dance sessions where they explored different textures and sounds. They really enjoyed the carnival atmosphere and being with their friends in this new environment. Students were immersed in a night scene with stars and had the opportunity to interact with various pieces of cloth and explore a very tactile setting.





Rewards Day 2019

Our reward system has really taken root in school life this year and Wensleydale, Swaledale and Nidderdale have been working hard to collect crystals. The winning team were Swaledale and the whole school celebrated this in a Reward Day in this final week of term. We had a visiting magician, an animal experience with hissing cockroaches, bearded dragons and a Burmese python amongst others. We had an amazing day and students really valued the range of experiences. Well done everyone!



Sixth Form Leisure Activity groups decided they wanted to plan and carry out an event to raise money for a leisure activity of their choosing. Students decided on a sponsored walk from Ripley back to school, finishing with the 'Ice' water bucket challenge upon their return. The Gardener's Arms supported us with a half way stopping point and students walked on mass, with their teachers, the 4 mile distance. Over £800 was raised, which was an incredible amount of money. The planning team picked the cinema as their reward – so they went and enjoyed The Greatest Showman at the Everyman, followed by pizza in the restaurant bar. Well done to everyone for making more memories and enduring our walk and water challenge!



School returns on Wednesday 4th September 2019. Have a fantastic holiday.

