



Exceed Learning Partnership

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Summer 2021 Newsletter



Our Vision

To equip young people with
the knowledge, skills and
mind-set to thrive and then
take on the world!



Welcome

Chief Executive Introduction

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all our wonderful pupils, parents, communities and colleagues for your fantastic support, tremendous hard work, resilience and dedication throughout these unprecedented times.

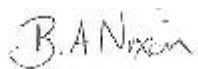
Over the last 18 months we have all been tested and our strategic approach of leadership has focused on:

- The safety of all our Trust family and communities;
- The steady considered approach to everything we do;
- A gradual approach to constant change through our academies on-going risk assessments;
- Blended learning through increasing our ICT capability, ensuring all pupils throughout the Trust have access to devices to support their learning;
- Supporting communities with food vouchers and vaccination hubs;
- A determination to minimise the disruption to our pupils learning experience;
- Strong, open and transparent communication;
- Health and Wellbeing of our pupils, communities and colleagues;

As we move forward and government restrictions start to lift, we will endeavour to keep safety and well-being at the forefront of everything as we welcome our pupils back into school and equip them with the knowledge, skills and mind-set to thrive and then take on the world!

I would like to wish everyone and your families a restful break over the summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Take Care



Mrs Beryce Nixon, Chief Executive Officer



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Hill Top Academy



Active School of the Year

Staff and pupils at Hill Top Academy are celebrating after being named Active School of the Year for Doncaster, by Yorkshire Sport Foundation.

The Active School Awards recognised how schools across South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire kept physical education, school sport and physical activity at the heart of school life during the last 12 months. There were nine district winners from across the two counties, with two overall county winners.



In choosing Hill Top Academy as the district winner for Doncaster, Yorkshire Sport Foundation praised the school for their innovative approach to the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. The school developed a number of activities for pupils which included yoga, bike lessons and healthy eating discussions, all of which were tailored to the curriculum. The activities were put in place to reduce stress, anxiety, reactivity and negative behaviours, as well as to improve sleep, self-esteem and bring about self-awareness and empathy for others

Launch of Proud Thursday – celebrating the achievements of our fantastic pupils



Amazing Learning

Our Foundation Unit pupils have been learning about animals and life cycles and were delighted to become 'parents' to the most adorable chicks and butterflies!

- 12 of our pupils have been involved in the Scholars Programme working alongside a University PHD tutor to undertake research;
 - Explore how scientific research is conducted
 - Discover the circulatory system
 - Present data in different ways
 - Make conclusions based on the evidence you collect
- Year 3 have been enthralled with their Topic 'Natural Disasters' and had a very exciting Zoom call with a real life volcanologist!
- Year 5 held a 'Mars Day' as part of their Space topic and interviewed the intrepid astronaut Tim Peake as well as an expert speaker on programming and Robotics! They have loved this topic and also visited the Royal Planetarium virtually via Zoom!
- Our Year 2 pupils have been studying inventors and on the final Friday, they hosted a 'Dragon's Den' with special guest judges as the children pitched their ideas and prototypes!
- Our Year 1 pupils have been working really hard on their reading and have loved the TutorMate programme where they spend time each week with an adult volunteer reading and talking about books!
- Teaching and Learning Review with a focus on the further development of our shared reading approach throughout school.

Outstanding practice observed and culture of reading firmly embedded with more than 40 pupils visiting Mrs Macleod for a book prize for additional reading at home
- Years 4, 5 and 6 have re-started their Athletics and fitness after school club and Year 3 have been learning Yoga with a trained instructor!
- All pupils entered a Royal Mail stamp competition to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic!



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Edlington Victoria



Outdoor Learning

Y2H have had the most amazing time doing all of their learning outside for a day. They have been undertaking a range of activities and learning different skills. What has been so impressive is the way they have adapted and got stuck in, developing Fire of London Artwork.



A Trip to Italy

Our pupils in Nursery went on a trip to Italy in their aeroplane as part of our engagement back into learning week. They had a great time cooking, tasting food and learning about the country.

World War Two

Mrs Clark spent some time in Y5/6J this and was amazed by their recall of prior knowledge and application into deeper learning. They also have some great learning outcomes from their current topic displayed. Well done Y5/6J !





The Launch of Proud Thursday, celebrating our fantastic pupil's achievements



Rugby League World Cup

Our Children have had a fantastic visit from the Rugby League World cup, learning all about the tournament and getting to practice a range of different Rugby Skills and Techniques.

In addition to this they loved their Question and Answer session with Watson.

A fantastic experience and we so excited that the Rugby League World Cup is coming to Doncaster in the Autumn!!

Mathletics

Pupils in Y1/2H have been enjoying receiving their Mathletics certificates each week for their online maths learning. Huge congratulations for all the work you have been doing!



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Carr Lodge Academy



Victorian Day

Year 2 had a Wow start to their learning with a Victorian dress up day where they handled Victorian artefacts and had very strict teachers for the day



Japan Day

Year 5 had a Japan Day to launch their unit of learning- each class have a suitcase full of Japanese artefacts that has been loaned by the Japanese Society and enjoyed sushi tasting afternoon courtesy of our cook Mrs Driver.



Rainbow Activity

Early Years also enjoyed a rainbow activity day linked with their learning on the book Elmer the Patchwork elephant. They dress in rainbow colours and enjoyed a wide variety of colourful learning.

International Dance Day

Whole School- took part in International Dance Day- Miss Standcliffe our Year 2 teacher and dance expert choreographed a dance for each class to learn from a different musical. These were then recorded to create a video celebrating IDD. The children and staff loved pushing themselves out of their comfort zone and showcasing their talents for the occasion.



World Bee Day

We had a whole school celebration for World Bee Day- everyone dressed in Yellow and Black and made a contribution to school which will be used to buy flowers and plants for the planters around the academy to attract bees. Each class had a special video chat with a real bee-keeper who talked them through the importance of bees for the environment and the different equipment a bee keeper uses. As part of this we also looked at wellbeing and mental health and created class charters around Bee Happy, Bee Kind, Bee Positive, Bee Productive, Bee Wise... Mrs Driver (our cook) also created a picnic lunch for children on this day to enjoy and decorated the hall beautifully with Bee themed accessories.

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Sheep Dip Lane Academy



Sheep Dip Lane
Academy

The Big Pedal – 1st Place

From 19-30th April staff, pupils, parents and carers all took part in the annual Big Pedal event supported by Sustrans. Every day, pupils and their supporters were encouraged to travel to school actively, this involved walking, scooting, biking and even roller skating to school!

Mr Storey, our Bike It Champion organised a range of activities to take place during the event, like 'Bling your bike day', 'The Golden lock', 'Bright day' and active travel dress down day. We are so proud of the support from everybody who took part in the event and are delighted with our overall result.

1st place for the Yorkshire and Humber region and 5th place nationally.



Wonky Donkey – Charity work to support a special local sanctuary

Pupils in Y3 and Y3/4 have created a series of enterprise events to raise money to support the Wonky Donkey Sanctuary at Knottingley.

They planned different ways to raise money and maximise profits to be able to sponsor a donkey as our very own academy donkey! These included: a tuck shop, donkey raffle and choccy dress down day. We are proud to say we now have our very own academy donkey called 'Magic'.

Meet Magic our sponsored academy donkey!



Amazing Learning

In **FS1 – Nursery** children have enjoyed exploring the outdoors and hunting for minibeasts and insects. They loved making their own ladybirds. Some super learning happening in **FS2- Reception**. The rain has not stopped our learning - scooping and pouring the water and making water runs. Lots of **teamwork** and **resilience**. They had lots of fun too!



In **Year 1** the children have loved their Design & Technology project. They made their own finger puppets. Can you guess which animals they are?



In **Year 2** the children have loved exploring different Victorian washday artefacts. The children's writing about Queen Victoria's bathing machine stories are wonderful

In **Year 2S** children have been exploring variations of equal parts in our very first fraction lesson! They have learnt and applied amazing mathematical problem solving.

In **Year 3** the children have loved enquiring about Ancient Egyptians. From **painting pharaohs** to exploring pivots for **designing a shadoof** of their own – great learning and **enquiry!**

In **Year 3/4** the children have been excited about their Ancient Greek topic - 'Myth or Reality?' They used chromebooks to research facts about Ancient Greece using a range of sources. "We have so many questions we want to find the answer to."

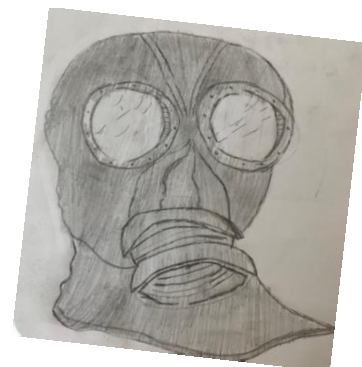
They didn't like all the foods they tasted linked to Greek culture.



Year 4/5 have used sources of evidence to help develop their understanding of Viking invasions and the Anglo Saxon period of time in British history. They enjoyed learning about Pagan gods and goddesses and how archaeologists found out about the past from the Sutton Hoo dig.

Year 5/6 cannot stop reading their core text 'Street Child'. They have been learning about the Industrial Revolution in Victorian Britain and how the railway came to Doncaster.

Year 6 are developing their knowledge of war and invasion and Britain's efforts at home during WWII. Their learning has been focused on the values of resilience, determination and justice. They are reading the core text Goodnight Mr Tom exploring and empathising with the lives of evacuees.



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Sandringham Primary School



Yorkshire Wildlife Park Fundraising Day



A huge thank you to all pupils and staff who had dressed up as their favourite animal, wore animal colours or animal print today and donated for the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Everyone looked amazing! We managed to raise a staggering £368.95! On behalf of the animals – Thank you!

Rugby League World Cup

On 6th May, we enjoyed taking part in a variety of rugby events for the Rugby League Legacy Project 2021. Children in KS2 had the opportunity to meet Watson Boas, a rugby league player currently playing for Doncaster. The children enjoyed a Q&A session to find out what it is like to be a rugby player and also experienced coaching sessions with him in the afternoon. We were also very lucky to receive a signed rugby ball from the Doncaster team to keep for our school.

Wow Living Streets Tracker

This year saw the introduction of the 'Wow Living Streets Travel Tracker'. Miss Linklater has made it her mission this year to get as many Pupils and Staff to actively travel to school – she even went as far as stopping the staff from parking their cars in the carpark! It has been amazing to see how many children have taken to actively travelling to school either by walking, biking or scooting – they love earning badges! Well done to those who won the golden lock last week. All of the bikes and scooters looked fantastic!



Proud Thursdays

We introduced 'Proud Thursdays' this month which will replace the original Head Teachers awards. We have already given out some fantastic awards and can't wait to continue this in September. We've even celebrated our first CEO Learner of the Month this week with winners from EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2.



The Daily Mile

Well done to all of our KS1 and KS2 children for taking part in England does the Daily Mile today. You all did a great job, even the children working remotely from home!



A Message from the Chair



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Exceed Learning Partnership, I would like to extend our appreciation for your tremendous hard work and support that you have given over the past year.

Once again it has been a very different year and at times, a little challenging.

I am immensely proud of the motivation, professionalism and dedication you have demonstrated within your many roles, whether you are a staff member, governor, volunteer, pupil or parent.

I would like all colleagues to know that you are truly valued not only within the academy but throughout the wider Exceed Learning Partnership team.

It is with your continued efforts and contributions that we are able to drive the Trust forward in meeting our mission, key values and core goals, ensuring that our academies continue to be exciting and inspiring places in which our children can develop and learn. As we prepare for another exciting and challenging year of growth and success, I would like to thank you all once again for your commitment and achievements, and wish you all and your families a wonderful and well deserved relaxing summer break.

Very best wishes

Mr John Blount

Chair of Directors

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