

# ***Newsletter 2 - Spring Term***



## **A Message from The Head**



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*Welcome to the end of term with Easter just around the corner! We are almost half way through the school year already, time is simply flying by. There is still much to do, and a lot of exciting events coming up!*

*We have had a number of internal audits, and are pleased to announce that these have all gone fantastically - so a huge well done to all of our staff and everyone involved, not least during our recent Ofsted inspection! Our report is still not yet published, I will share it as*

*soon as I can! Everyone has, and continues to, work really hard to make sure that our school continues to be 'safe, secure and successful' .*

*Our Y11 and sixth form learners are preparing for their GCSE examinations, it is, as ever, an anxious time. Mock exams are taking place and preparation for the summer examinations is well under way.*

*As always, a big thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support.*

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## Oastlers' Got Talent 2025

At the end of last term we welcomed parents and carers to show support to learners participating in 'Oastlers Got Talent'.

We were all blown away by the amount of talent from learners who showed huge bravery in standing up in front of the school and guests to showcase their talents. We had comedy acts, singing, dancing, and drumming just to name a few!

Voting took place from all audience members and a group of year 9 learners were crowned winners with their exceptionally funny take on the Cinderella pantomime!

A huge well done to everyone who participated in this showcase of talent! We are so proud of you all!





## Into The Wild Visit



This half term, we were very fortunate to have a visit to school from 'Into The Wild' to both our Bradford and Keighley sites.

This incredible experience gave learners the chance to meet and handle some unusual animals up close and personal. Learners listened to a professional talk and presentation about the animals that were brought along and then had the chance to hold, handle and stroke the animals. Animals included hand tamed Pythons, Chameleons, Sulcata Tortoises and Monitor Lizards.

All learners and staff that were able to attend thoroughly enjoyed the visit and we have had nothing but positive feedback from them, but also really positive feedback from the visiting company about how polite and engaged our learners were for them!







## PE Rewards Trip

Some of our learners attended their hard earned reward trip to Hollywood Bowl this half term. The learners selected were the 2 highest point earners of each year group in PE. Points are earned for participation, hard work and positive attitude during class.

The learners selected went to Hollywood Bowl, where they received the VIP lane treatment to bowl on and had lunch afterwards.

Well done to the learners selected this term! Well deserved!

And don't forget that anyone can earn the points required to attend a reward trip if they have the right attitude to their classroom learning and attendance!

## Careers Event



We hosted a brilliant careers event for our learners this term. As a school we welcomed 15 different vendors who spoke with our learners about college options and career pathways that they may not have thought about previously, including; the army, NHS, West Yorkshire police and fire service.

It was fantastic to see the learners engaging with the vendors so readily, asking questions and getting involved in what was happening around them. The feedback we have had from learners, teachers and from the visitors was all extremely positive, so a huge well done to the staff team that organised this event !







## Holocaust Remembrance

This term, our learners from both Bradford and Keighley sites have been focusing on the Holocaust and the devastation that people and communities from across all of Europe and beyond endured during that point of the world's history.

Our learners have put together numerous pieces of amazing work, including fictional diary writings and poetry in which they try to see the events through actual victims' eyes. You can see some of the exceptional heart-wrenching pieces of work from some of our learners below.

Stay Alive by ES

Ten people in my bed, pain in my head  
Stay alive

No food, all crying in the gas room  
Stay alive

My skin is itchy, I feel so dirty  
Stay alive

Striped uniform, we all look the same  
These guards are hurting my brain  
Stay alive

Lost my family, I feel so alone  
Stay alive

Working all day in the sun, this is not fun  
Stay alive

I'm craving food but I'm dying in this awful room  
Stay alive

I am now a number, I no longer have an identity  
Stay alive

We are all crying, my heart is dying  
Stay live

Hard labour all day, I wish this pain would go away  
Stay alive

Just stay alive

Dear Diary,

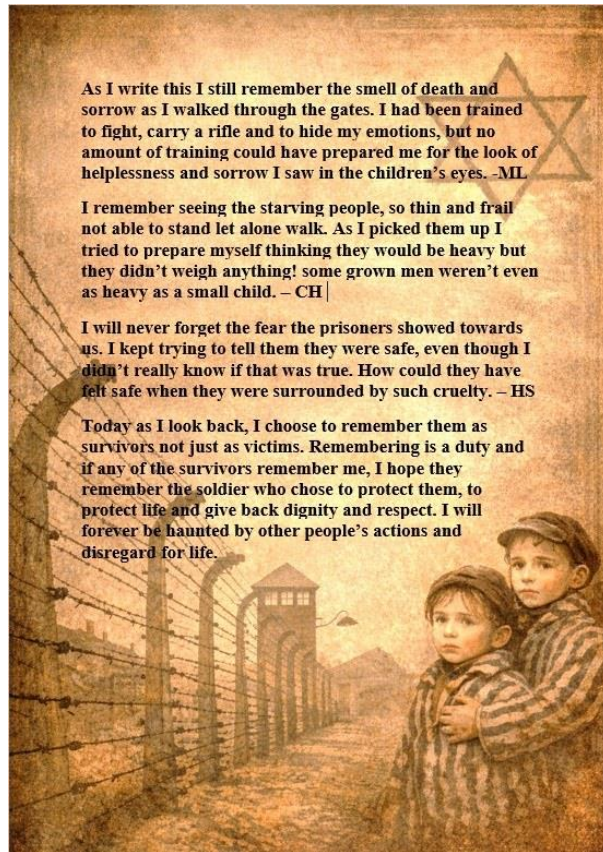
It's been a few weeks in this camp, it's loud and scary. Me, my dad and brother got separated immediately. I miss them and my mum is scared, worried and afraid of what could happen. My mother and I were hungry. When we ate, we were given bread and black coffee made from wheat in the morning or we ate watery soup. The food we have is not nice but it will last. I sit at night thinking of my dad and my brother.

I haven't slept properly for weeks. Each little noise scares me, dogs barking, and my heart races. My mother says it won't last forever. Each time the sunlight shines through, I am happy that I have survived one more day in this condition. It's horrible and lonely. Sometimes I hear other kids crying and it makes me feel lonelier. In my dreams I remember me dancing in my back garden being happy with my family, me eating my favorite snacks. Each day it feels like another year being taken away from me.

Yesterday, this woman was screaming at her child being taken away from her. We haven't seen the child since. A few people have been to the "showers" but the people that have gone there haven't come out yet. I saw the list of people that were going to the showers. Mine and my mother's name were at the bottom. Let's hope it's warm.

Goodnight,

Lilly



Dear Diary

Today was horrifying, I woke up in the middle of the night to screaming, bombing and gun shots from everywhere. I was scared for my life my mum came up shouting " QUICKLY PACK YOUR THINGS SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE SAFE AWAY FROM THE WAR!!" in a daze I packed my bags and my suitcase. I heard babies crying and families screaming as soon as I picked up my bags I rushed down stairs. I saw the people who are going to take me to "paradise" I believed them [I don't know why I did though]. They took me on a bus there was a lot of mortified kids, including me. When we got there we were striped of our clothes, we were all embarrassed but I was just worried for my mom. We got tattooed numbers I got number 1067 it really hurt, I guess that's what it feels like to get a tattoo. After we got the tattoos the Nazis gave us dark grey striped P.J's, it was not my taste of clothing but I had to deal with it. A lot of people where called by numbers into this shower looking thing and we didn't see them come back out after. We all hid for hours under the beds and bed sheets they still called out our numbers and I was next I was horrified I was going to lose my mom and my memories to these Nazis. Every night after our chores we were rewarded with bread and rotten milk. We ate it up because we ate nothing at all, but every day and night after our rewarded food became smaller and smaller. The air was filled with the smell of gun powder, it was disgusting, some people did not want to do their chores so the Nazis shot them dead, it was scary for everyone watching them be killed, I'm hopeful that one day we will be free from this piece of hell.

This is Alberto Ramirez saying bye until tomorrow.

## NatWest Careers Visit



We had a careers visit from NatWest to our Bradford site this term. The attendees delivered sessions to our Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Post 16 learners. Within the sessions, they presented all the different aspects of banking and the different job roles within NatWest. Learners had the opportunity to speak to 4 apprentice's who shared their experience and learning pathway, to find out how they had accessed the start of their career at NatWest and gained the knowledge and confidence to pursue it.

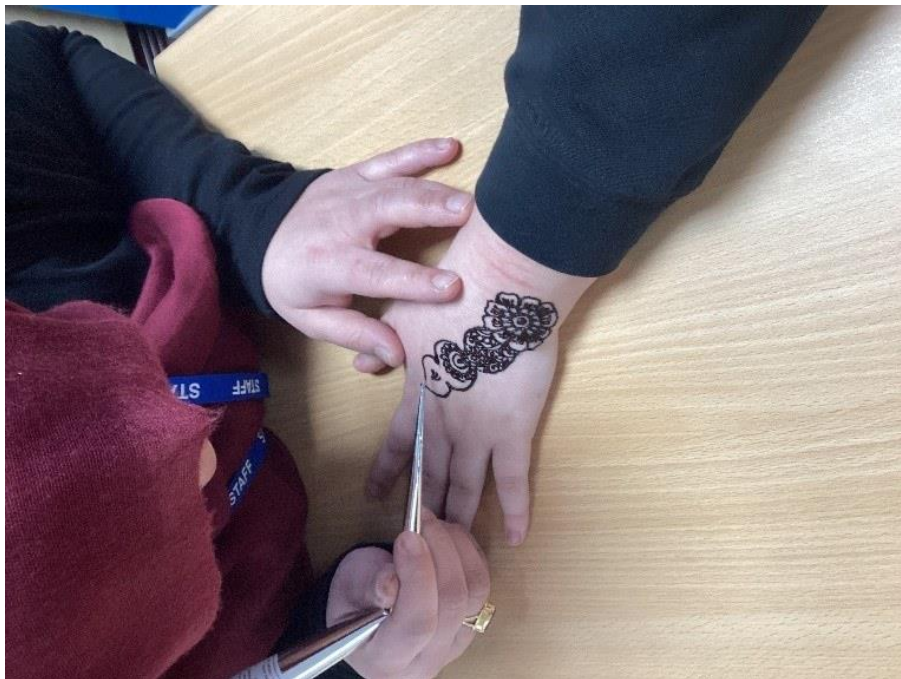
We had fabulous feedback from both learners and the NatWest team! The learners all engaged fabulously and NatWest commented how impressed they were with our school and learners!

Well done to everyone involved!

## RE at Keighley

The learners at our Keighley site explored Henna tattoos as a part of their RE learning this term.

Sidra kindly offered to do henna on the learners, helping everyone gain a deeper appreciation of how different cultures celebrate and express their traditions. By sharing this beautiful art form, she gave everyone a hands-on experience of cultural practices that are meaningful in many communities around the world. Her thoughtful contribution not only made the lesson more engaging and interactive, but also helped everyone understand and respect the diversity of celebrations and customs in different religions and cultures.



## Coffee Morning at Keighley

On Friday 6th February, our Keighley site held a coffee morning for our parents and carers. The aim of the coffee morning was to raise funds for UNICEF so that they could build a well with clean water in a part of the world where water is a scarcity in parts of Gambia, our chosen country in which we are supporting towards our Global Goals.

A huge well done to the Keighley who raised a massive £123!

Bradford site also held a coffee morning to raise funds for a school in The Gambia on Friday, 13th February!







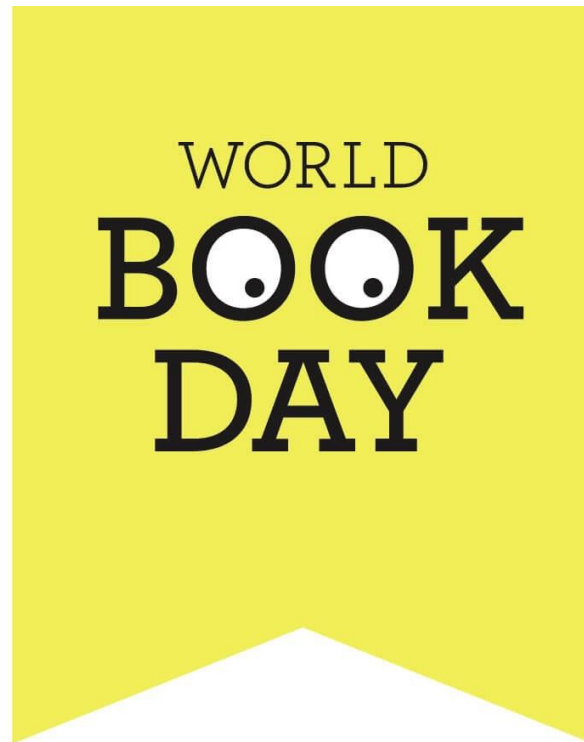








## World Book Day



Huge congratulations to our Keighley site who entered and won a competition for World Book Day! The task ? Submit photos of your world book day costumes and the work you do in relation to World Book Day

The learners came into school in fancy dress and created shoe box scenes and also went on a treasure trail around the school!

They have won a £50 book voucher to use for new books for the site. Well done to everyone involved!

Our Bradford site also participated in the day by creating some fantastic pieces of work - poetry, creative writing and art works!

All of our learners should all be incredibly proud of what they created!

**Castlers@Keighley school World book day**



**The character treasure trail**

The learners hunted around school on a quest to find their missing word of the day. The learners were provided with clues and riddles of the characters that staff were dressed as, once the riddles were solved, the learners unscrambled the word to spell out 'Adversity' which was our theme for this year's world book day. The learners enjoyed solving the riddles and working in class teams.

### Shoebbox story scenes

In our year 7 class, the learners worked in pairs to choose a scene from their favourite book and turn it into a shoebbox scene. The learners chose scenes from Harry Potter, Dog Man and Five Nights at Freddy's. The class used different materials to help build up the scene, then re-told the story to the rest of the class. The activity allowed learners to develop their oracy story telling skills and their fine motor creative skills.



### The story café

Learners spent a lesson in the café space where they could enjoy a hot chocolate and a baked treat, whilst being read to by a member of staff. Learners could follow along the E-book story on the screen.

## Rewards Trips for Bradford & Keighley



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*Learners have had an amazing time so far heading out on their term rewards trips! We have had visits to places like Nandos, mini-golf, ice skating, and inflatable parks - and we still have more to go!*

*A huge well done to all the learners who earned enough points to qualify for the trips. They have all looked like so much fun!*

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### Skateboarding in Bradford

All learners at Bradford had the opportunity to try and test out skills on skateboards and scooters this term in a super fun event.

The team from Team Rubicon Skateboarding came to inspire our learners to engage in learning new skills in a fun but challenging session to promote positive mental attitudes and healthier active lifestyle.

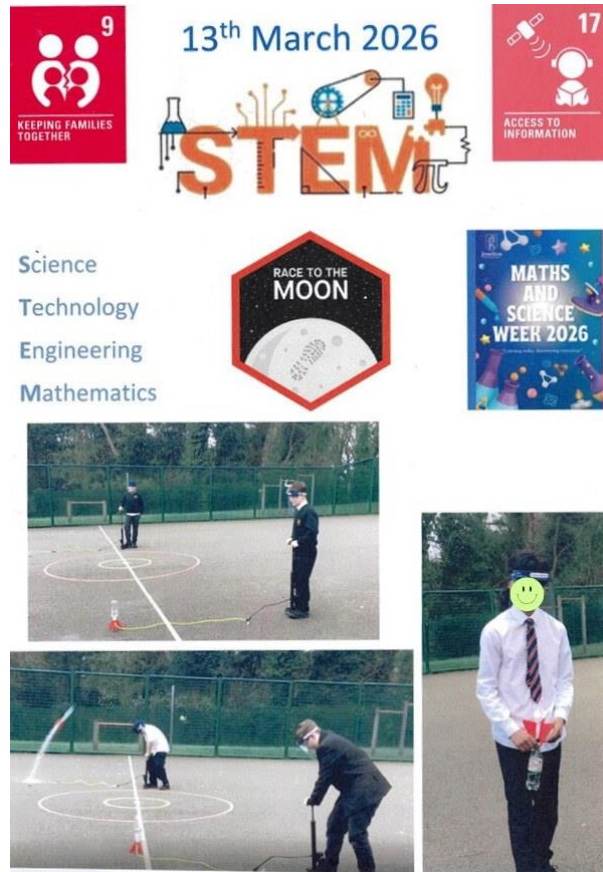
All learners that took part enjoyed the session thoroughly and the feedback we got from Team Rubicon about learner engagement was fabulous!



## Science - Space Event

### **Blast Off! STEM Drop-Down Day**

From lift-off to lunar landings, our learners spent a stellar drop-down day exploring space. We kicked off with the new Moon programme and NASA's next-gen spacesuits, before rolling up our sleeves for hands-on challenges. In Science, teams engineered and launched water rockets with air pumps, then put physics to the test with parachute egg drops, refining designs for the gentlest touchdown. Art classes painted shimmering planets and moons using PVA glue, salt and paint, while Music dissected how composers craft the iconic soundscapes of sci-fi films. English sparked debate with a lively look at the Moon-landing conspiracy, arguing for and against using evidence, and Year 7 learners had a blast experimenting with "alien" languages to hone speaking and listening skills. Throughout the day, creativity, curiosity and teamwork were the real stars. We can't wait for our next mission! Huge thanks to everyone who made the day truly out of this world.



## Learner Recital & Showcase

The Oastlers Spring recital was a huge success.

The recital opened up with a incredible band performance, this was followed by heartfelt poetry readings, where learners shared their words with confidence and emotion, leaving the audience deeply moved.

Other musical acts showcased amazing talent during this Oastlers Recital and Showcase. Overall the recital was an amazing success, showcasing the many talents of the learners of Oastlers School





## Themed Lunch Menu

This term our catering teams have created a rolling themed day menu. Every Thursday our learners get to experience a dish from another country and culture. The chosen countries for themes were, Chinese, Indian, Italian, Greek, British & Mexican. Main dishes have included things like Gyros, curries, fajitas and taquitos and bean hotpots, and we have seen both learners and staff enjoying these new menu choices.

Themed menu dates will continue through the rest of the year, and we may look at changing the countries chosen next year!

Huge well done to the catering teams for taking on a challenge!





## School Nurse Parent Drop In

**NHS**  
Bradford District Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

# School Nurse

**PARENT DROP-IN**

Drop-in today and speak to your school nurse about:

- Relationships
- Growing up
- Sleep
- Stress
- Anxiety
- Low mood
- Nutrition
- Lifestyle
- Alcohol
- Smoking
- Vaping
- Drug use
- Gender
- Sexuality
- Anger

And much, much more...

**COME AND MEET EMMA WHO IS IN SCHOOL THURSDAY 10.00am-12.30pm Parents Room**

25 September  
16 October  
27 November  
18 December  
22 January  
26 February  
26 March  
23 April  
21 May  
25 June  
16 July

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*Did you know that our school nursing team are in school on a monthly basis ?*

*As a parent / carer there can be times you need support and advice about your child and what they are experiencing with their development and mental health. If you feel you could do with a conversation about things; the school nursing team could be a helpful start point.*

*These drop-ins are open from 10am - 12:30pm and you are welcome to come along at any point that works for you!*

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## Dates For Your Diary



**Friday 27th March** - Last day of Spring Term - **2 weeks break**

**Monday 13th April** - Learners back in school

Friday 17th March - Year 9 Options event

Monday 4th May - School closed for May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May - School dentist 12pm - 2pm

Friday 22nd May - Break up for Half Term

**Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - May Half Term**

**Monday 1st June** - Learners back in school

Monday 22nd June - Whole school Flamingo Land trip

**Wednesday 22nd July** - Final day of school year

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