

Music Primary Newsflash



Principal: Mr Robbins-Ross
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear families

As previously communicated, I leave the academy on Friday 28 April after 8 fantastic and thoroughly rewarding years at Dixons and I am already truly humbled by the kind words of gratitude and good luck wishes from parents, carers and students this term and hope to be able to say goodbye face-to-face to all of our families in the coming weeks.

We are extremely proud of our students this term who have shown resilience, independence and hard work in all aspects of academy life. It has been a particularly challenging term for students and staff due to the trust wide cyber attack and I'd like to thank students and staff for their perseverance and patience as we navigated this unexpected incident as well as families for your patience and understanding.

I am delighted to share with you that the academy is through to the Born in Bradford Air Pollution finals. Since January, a group of Year 6 students have been participating in an exciting after-school club working alongside Born in Bradford, Bradford Council and the University of Sheffield, to create an original idea to help stop air pollution in Bradford. Further information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/5aupufev>

The academy continues to share its work nationally and recently hosted a group of headteachers and executive leaders from Oasis Academies from the West Midlands to share our thinking and work on creating a culture of excellence. Visitors were extremely impressed with the strong culture which we pride ourselves on.

As we break for the two week Easter break, I would like to remind families of the importance of e-safety and to ensure that students are appropriately supervised when accessing electronic devices such as iPads and games consoles (especially where platforms allow students to communicate with other individuals). The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has produced a guide to the health impacts of screen time for parents / carers which I would encourage families to read https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-12/rcpch_screen_time_guide_-_final.pdf

Many restaurants are offering children to eat for free (or for £1) over the Easter Break break which has been collated by Money Saving Central. Further information can be found here <https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free>

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and feedback and wish you a restful and happy half term break and Eid Mubarak to families observing Ramadan.

Best wishes,

Mr Robbins-Ross
Principal

Upcoming Events

Mon 17 April: Term 5 begins

Fri 21 April: Academy closed to staff and students (Eid)

Fri 28 April: Year 4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Mon 24 April: Eid parties - students can wear home clothes / cultural dress (letter already sent out)

Mon 1 May: Bank Holiday - academy closed

Mon 8 May: Bank Holiday (King's Coronation) - academy closed

Weds 24 May: Year 2 Alice in Wonderland Performance

HARD WORK
INDEPENDENCE
ENJOYMENT

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EYFS UPDATE

EYFS have been learning all about Easter this half term. They have enjoyed learning all about spring animals and have done a brilliant job of looking after the chicks over the past two weeks. The children have been working hard in phonics and have learnt lots of new sounds and are accurately using these sounds in their writing. They have done some amazing writing pieces from naming the chicks to writing down rules for how to look after them. As spring has begun, the children have created some lovely artwork focusing on spring plants such as daffodils, bluebells and crocuses. We look forward to lots of new learning next half term, where we will be focusing on 'under the sea'!

YEAR 1 UPDATE

In Year 1 this half term the children have thoroughly enjoyed their topic of Africa. We celebrated our topic on Thursday through our African experience day. The children made African motifs, created African henna patterns and got to taste a variety of delicious fruits. They have been working hard on mastering their djembe skills and learning African songs, as well as creating some fantastic fact files all about African animals! Super effort this half term year 1!

YEAR 2 UPDATE

Year 2 have been working extremely hard this term and everyone has persevered to try and improve their handwriting. The children have produced some strong writing pieces in IPEELL and are including a variety of different sentence types to create more coherent writing. Thank you to the adults who have joined us for our Stay and Learn sessions on Fridays, we have had a great turn out in the past few weeks. Next half term, children in Year 2 will be doing their SATs assessments. Preparation for this has already been happening in school. If you want to do any further practice at home, please visit the .gov website to access past KS1 SATS papers.

YEAR 3 UPDATE

Year 3 have enjoyed learning all about Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes this half term. They have written Information Texts in IPEELL to demonstrate their learning. In Maths, Year 3 have investigated angles, shapes, parallel and perpendicular lines. In Reading Reconsidered, we have focussed on our mystery book 'The Falcon's Malteser' and poetry in our Reading Skills sessions. We are extremely proud of Team Trinity and Team Nottingham!

YEAR 4 UPDATE

Year 4 have had a brilliant term. We have been working extremely hard in our lessons, learning about a range of topics including migration, area and perimeter, living things and many more! We even had the opportunity to design our very own classification key as part of our science topic. Also, we have particularly enjoyed our Cliffe House residential where students displayed hard work, independence and enjoyment. Please ensure consent slips for Yorkshire Wildlife Park are returned before 28 April.

YEAR 5 UPDATE

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about Medieval History and Biomes this term. We have looked at examples of great leaders in Stretch such as Emmiline Pankhurst, Martin Luther King and Queen Elizabeth II. We have fought in the Battle of Hastings of 1066, reached Antarctica with Ernest Shackleton and have composed our own film scores in music. We even spent a day getting hands on with the weapons and armour at the Royal Armouries and saw Normans and Saxons battling it out.

YEAR 6 UPDATE

Year six students have continued to work tersely with their reading, writing and maths in preparation for their SAT's. They have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves within the class novel Goodnight Mister Tom transporting them to a young child during World War Two. The year six team have been extremely impressed with the travel advert year 6 have written using a range of persuasive devices. We wish them the best of luck with their SAT's next term!

KEY STAGE 2 SNACK FROM HOME (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Please ensure snacks from home are healthy (no chocolate bars or sweets) and do not contain nuts.

LEGO CLUB

Our next round of Lego Club will start on 17.4.23. If you are interested, please see the letter on the academy website or visit www.kidswithbricks.com.

MESSAGES FROM ACROSS THE ACADEMY

Please ensure that ParentPay accounts are bought up to date over the Easter break if you are in arrears with any outstanding dinner money payments or trip/residential payments. Letters will be sent to parents / carers where money is still owed after Easter.

Members of the leadership team are available for drop-in sessions (no appointment necessary) daily from 8:20am-8:30am and from 8:20am until 9am every Wednesday.