



NEWSLETTER

DATE 18th February 2022

UP COMING DATES

Friday 18th February - Academy closes for half term

Monday 28th February - Academy re opens for Spring 2

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day (further information was sent in a letter)

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day – wacky hair styles!

Monday 21st March - World Down Syndrome Day – wear odd socks

Please see our website for this year's term dates and INSET days:
<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.cem/term-dates-and-closures>

Class Texts for Spring 2

Across our primary academies, each half term, Y1-Y6 will have a focus text to read alongside a range of other fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. We would like to encourage you to ask your child about the text during Spring 2 and help to promote a love for reading.

Y1 - Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Y2 - Where the Wild Things Are

Y3 - Stig of the Dump

Y4 - The BFG

Y5 - Room 13

Y6 - Artemis Fowl

Nursery and EYFS: look out for your top 5 books on your separate newsletters!



Roles and Responsibilities

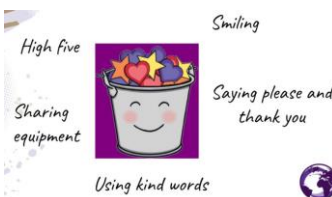
As always, our children have worked together to actively contribute to wider school life. Here is how they have been keeping busy!

Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions

We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week across the academy and our champions hosted an assembly, workshops and a 'Walk with Lofthouse' to promote positive mental health and supporting this year's theme of 'Growing Together'.



Our champions also introduced Random Acts of Kindness week and how to fill somebody's bucket! They shared that there is no limit on the amount of goodness we can put into the world and we can help 'make kindness the norm.' Please tweet in any examples of your child/children being involved in a random act of kindness (RAK) – we would love to see!



School Parliament

As part of their task set by Lee Wilson, members of our School Parliament shared ideas on attendance and punctuality. They also met with a member of our Academy Council to discuss the impact they have had on the academy so far this academic year and future plans.

Digital Leaders

Zach, who is one of our Digital Leaders, launched a competition for the team to judge. He asked children to submit a piece of art that has been created digitally. Well done to everybody who entered – the pieces of digital art work were amazing! The chosen winners were: **Grace in 2C** and **Michelle in 6D**.



Our enthusiastic Digital Leaders also hosted a virtual assembly for Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. The team shared top tips to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology. Linking to our RSE curriculum, our Digital Leaders hosted another assembly on understanding the importance of reporting any concerns to an adult and introducing CEOP and when to use it. They also joined our Year 1 computing club after school to help out! Please see the websites for more information to support positive use of the Internet:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

Reading Ambassadors

As part of our regular reading for pleasure activities, our Reading Ambassadors each shared a story with their class to support National Storytelling Week. They also wrapped a surprise book for each class to read and enjoy together for International Book Giving Day. Our Reading Ambassadors were so excited to announce our World Book Day plans. They conducted a survey across the academy to gather ideas and all the activities have been suggested by our children. A letter was emailed to all parents/carers. This includes a book spoon competition, themed lunch, dressing up, masked storyteller, storytelling with different staff, guessing the book games and much more!

