NEWSLETTER

Date: 31st January 2025

A message from Mrs McCarthy, Head of School

We have finally made it to the end of what always feels like the longest month of the year! The children have settled into routines and I have been so proud to see some of the wonderful work happening across the academy, from the guided drawing activities happening down in Nursery to the incredible arithmetic skills of our Year 6 children. Being able visit classes regularly throughout the day is one of the most enjoyable parts of my role as Head of School, and the children show such enthusiasm when sharing their learning with me, that it makes me incredibly proud to be leading such a fantastic school of young people.

We recently sent out a survey regarding the Primary Learning Library. Thank you to those who sent a response. We have shared this resource with the children in school, so that they can show you it at home. There are some useful videos on the site for activities to support learning at home. If you need further assistance please ask class teachers who will be more than happy to show you where it can be found.

Key Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd February 2025
INSET DAY - school closed to all pupils

Thursday 13th February 2025
Reception and Year 1 Maths workshop for Parents (an interactive session with your child)

Friday 14th February 2025
Last day of Spring 1 half term

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Monday 24th February 2025
Return to school - Spring 2

Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February 2025
Parents Evenings 3:20 - 5:30pm (booking details to follow)

Thursday 6th March 2025
World Book Day (details to follow)

Tuesday 1st April 2025
OPAG Careers Event

Friday 4th April 2025
Last day of Spring 2 term.

Outwood Careers Event

We are holding a careers event on **Tuesday 1st April 2025** and are looking for parents, carers, members of the local community who would be interested in coming in to school to talk to groups of children about their work and choice of career. If this is something you would like to support, please speak to your child's class teacher or drop a message into the school office.

Attendance Matters

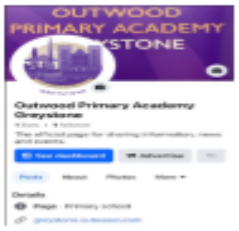
Our current academy attendance is at **95.30%** which is still **below** our target of 97%.

We are moving in the right direction with attendance and want to thank you all for your support in ensuring children are in school.

If you are unsure of guidelines around illness and Attendance in school please speak to Mrs Johnson, our Safeguarding and Attendance Officer.

Facebook Page

Remember you can keep up to date with key information on our facebook page. We have been posting regularly throughout the term with reminders of upcoming events.



Please can we remind you that the Trust has a policy in place regarding debt on Parent Pay. If an accumulation of money is owed on dinner money, or breakfast/after school club fees they will ask us to suspend use of the service until the debt has been cleared. To try to avoid this the admin team will send reminders of outstanding bills and payments. Please support them where possible with any payment requests. Thank you

ParentPay

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Dear Parents,

School drop off and pick up are periods of rushing and therefore also high risk for our young people. It is the responsibility of all parents using vehicles attending the school area to park legally, safely and responsibly and Police Patrols will follow up accordingly on reports where this has not been the case. It is NOT the responsibility of school staff to be advising or requesting parents about their activity on public roads. Police, School and the Governors are working closely with Highways to look at safer drop offs and pick ups but in the meantime you will be receiving a leaflet per household to remind you when attending with vehicles. As the crossing is within a 'reasonable distance' you would be expected to cross using that and not put children at risk. Morrisons have offered parking during peak times at the area near the steps and if vehicles are parked legally on the roadside, sensible distancing is requested rather than wasting parking spaces by leaving huge gaps between vehicles;
more than required to safely manoeuvre from where you are parked.
Everyone is working to the same end – For your children to arrive and leave school in a safe way with minimal risk. It is up to everyone to play their part.
Thank you.
PCSO 5510 Philip Wright

The Invention Show - Saturday 8th February 2025

During the Summer term we were lucky enough to have a visit from Ruth Amos, an inventor who has created all kinds of inventions on her youtube channel and CBBC show. This week she sent an email to us with an fantastic offer for our families. Please see details below:

Join Kids Invent Stuff for an unforgettable day filled with creativity, excitement, and, of course, plenty of inventions! On Saturday, 8th February 2025, we'll take the stage at the incredible Gulliver's Valley Theme Park Resort in Rotherham for a live, interactive experience like no other.

What to Expect:

- ***See some of our wackiest, record-breaking and most creative inventions come to life on stage.***
- ***Take part in live invention challenges and demonstrations.***
- ***Meet Ruth Amos from the Kids Invent Stuff team and be part of the action.***
- ***Be a part of breaking an official Guinness World Records title attempt - During The Invention Show, we're going big - world record big! Join us as we attempt to set a brand-new world record for the 'Most People Making Popcorn Cannons'. This exciting, hands-on challenge will see the audience building and firing their own popcorn cannons, bringing invention and fun together in an unforgettable moment. Don't miss your chance to be part of history!***

Whether you're a young inventor, a curious mind, or a fan of our YouTube channel, this is a show you won't want to miss. Plus, enter the theme park for just £5pp.

The Kids Invent Stuff team are offering tickets at 20% to school families this week, get yours here: https://bit.ly/TISFRIENDS

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Mrs S McCarthy, Head of School.