



# SEPTEMBER



## A message from Mrs Bower

On Wednesday, for National Fitness Day, we joined Primary schools across the country for 10 minutes of fitness at 10am. Mr Bhogal coordinated a fantastic fitness session with the whole school on the playground. Mr Bhogal also led the assembly that day focusing on health and fitness.



Last year, we began working in partnership with Elvaston Lodge care home which is next door to the academy with children reading, gardening and singing with the residents. I am pleased we will be continuing to work together this year, and this week some Year 4 pupils visited to read their library book to the residents. I received a lovely email to say what a pleasure it was for the children to visit and how they brightened up everyone's day.

The new Snakes and Ladders game is proving to be popular! This week, we sent a thank you card to the Rolls Royce volunteers who are looking forward to visiting next spring to continue working on painting areas of the playground.



## A message from Mr Bull

For those of you who do not know me, I am Assistant Principal Mr Bull. One of my responsibilities is leading on behaviour across the academy. I have to say - what a super start we have had to the new academic year! On Wednesday, our CEO and Director of Education visited and Alvaston was described as *calm* and *purposeful*, with *high expectations and standards of conduct and behaviour*. We are very pleased with this feedback as we consistently have high standards in behaviour. Thank you for your support and well done to our wonderful pupils!

## Important Dates

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Y6 history trip to Beaumanor Hall

### Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> October

We are collecting for Harvest to donate to St Mary's food bank. Foods with a longer shelf life are most welcome e.g. pasta, rice, tins, cereal, biscuits, noodles.

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

3.30pm – 5pm

Current Year 2s Welcome Evening who are looking to join Year 3 next year

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

World Mental Health Day  
Option to wear yellow

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Parents' Evening

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of term

## Attendance

This week's attendance  
**95.96%**

Highest class attendance  
**4KS and 3RS 100%**

# What's been happening this week?

## Year 3



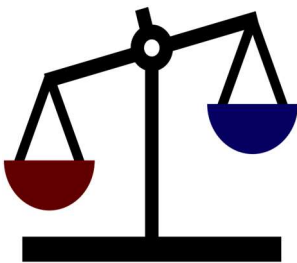
This week, in Year 3, Mr Hughes, the CEO of the Harmony Trust, and Miss Hainsworth, the Director of Education, came to visit Year 3 classrooms to introduce themselves and to see how the children have settled so far. Pupils showed their English work, and we read some fabulous character descriptions about Mr Twit. We also saw pupils learning in maths which was focused on place value. Children were keen to talk about what they liked about the Juniors which included things like the library, trim trail, large field and experiencing different lessons. This term, we will be learning about the British Isles which is an exciting geography topic which the children will no doubt enjoy!

## Year 4



This week has been amazing for our Year Four pupils! They showcased their creativity by publishing their setting descriptions and sharing them with the enthusiastic Year Threes. Well done year four for impressing your audience! On Wednesday, Mr Bhogal led a lively fitness activity that energised the whole school! It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying health and fun together. In RE, our pupils sequenced the Holy Week story, beautifully demonstrating their understanding in their books. As a reward for keeping their reading records up to date, some pupils had the opportunity to read at the Elvaston Care Lodge, sharing their love of reading with the community. Keep up the great work year four team!

## Year 5



The children have settled well into Year 5 now, showing great understanding of the new routines and higher expectations. In English, we have completed our character descriptions of Grace O'Malley. It has been lovely to see the use of higher-level vocabulary in the writing. In maths, we have been rounding numbers up to 6 digits! It was tricky to start with, but by the end of the week the children were feeling very confident and showed how much they knew by tackling word problems. In science, we continued our work on forces learning about balanced and unbalanced forces. Ask the children to explain this to you! We finished the week by learning how to draw a face accurately. It was a lot harder than we thought, but the finished work was amazing!

## Year 6



This week, Year 6 has immersed itself in our World War II topic. Our class book, *Goodnight Mr Tom*, has quickly become a favourite among the classes, inspiring their enthusiasm and curiosity. We are all eagerly anticipating our World War II experience day at Beaumanor Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, which will truly bring our learning to life! If you haven't already, please ensure you complete the consent form on ParentPay, as we are still awaiting a few forms. In addition to our historical exploration, practicing on the glockenspiels has been a highlight for many pupils as we continue to perfect our rendition of 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. We also encourage you to support your child's reading at home. Please remember to record any reading sessions in their reading records, as it helps with every aspect of their learning. Thank you for your continued support!