

Edlington Victoria Academy Newsletter



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Principal's Welcome!



It was great to see so many parents in attendance at our parents' evening this half term. If you were unable to make an appointment and would like one, please do contact the academy office who will be able to contact your child's teacher to arrange either a phone call or a meeting with the class teacher.

Some of you will be aware that the government have asked us to track attendance as normal this year so pupils not attending due to Covid will be coded as an 'I' (illness) in the register rather than an 'X' (self isolating but does not count as absence), as was previously used. I know that this is the time of year where pupils often pick up sickness bugs and other things. We do advise parents to keep pupils off for 48 hours after the last bout

of sickness to avoid spreading it on to others. It is important that if your child is poorly or off school, that you contact us via phone or email so we know the reason for absence and to avoid us having to make any unnecessary safeguarding referrals.

Our Education Welfare Officer visits the academy on a two weekly cycle and monitors attendance. We are following our usual attendance procedures which is why some parents will have received a letter 1, letter 2 or an invite to an attendance meeting with the Education Welfare Officer. We have also sent out late letters where pupils are often late for school. If you feel you would like to talk to me regarding attendance or lateness, please do make an appointment with the office and I will be more than happy to see what I can do to support you. We always aim to work in partnership with parents so that we have all the information we need to best support our pupils.

Thank you to all our parents who have attended our Seesaw coffee morning and our Wellbeing Coffee mornings each month. It is always a pleasure to chat to parents.

We always aim to be as "open door" as possible, so please do direct any questions or comments you may have through the school office via phone, intercom or email:

admin@victoria.doncaster.sch.uk

Please ensure that you are signed up on either Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) or Seesaw (Y1-Y6) so you can see any announcements from teachers, as well as weekly home learning activities to support your child.

Please follow us [@EdVicAcademy](https://twitter.com/EdVicAcademy) on Twitter for lots of extra information and photos about great things that happen in our academy. We also have an up to date website at:

www.edlingtonvictoria.co.uk

Mrs E Clark

Principal

Junior Leadership Team

Last week I interviewed some of our potential Junior Leaders from Y4, Y5 and Y6 along with Mrs Adams (Vice Principal) and Mr Hibbitt (Chief Operating Officer at Exceed Learning Partnership). I am pleased to announce that 15 Junior Leaders were appointed. Congratulations to:

Head Boy: Elliot L Deputy Head Boy: Barry H

Head Girl: Noura D Deputy Head Girl: Lacey S

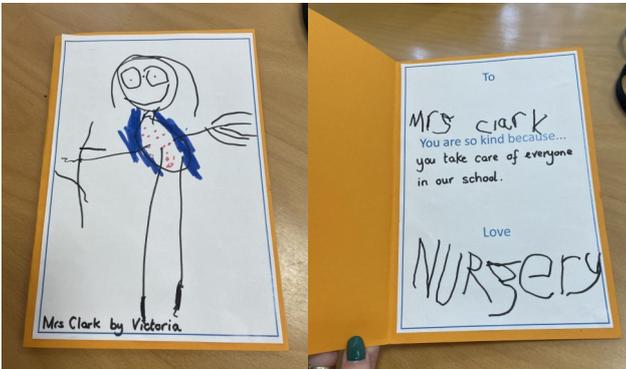
Junior Leaders: Maya D, Holly G, Victoria G, Lexi Mai B, Sophie H, Zach D, Jacob F, Taylor N, Martyna W, Jersey-Jo M, Jemimah A

Our Junior Leaders will soon be creating their own newsletter to share lots more information with you. Look out for this coming soon! I would also like to thank all the pupils that applied that weren't successful this time. All the applications were brilliant which made it very hard to shortlist initially. I am so proud of everyone that put themselves forward. I know it takes confidence and determination to do this. What a great school of pupils we have! :)



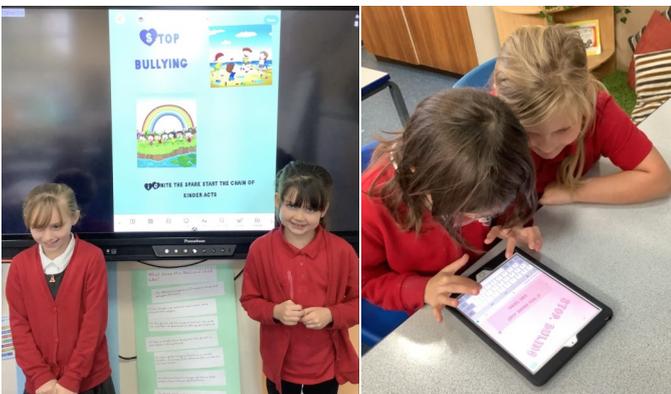
Anti-Bullying Week November 2021

This newsletter is going to focus on all of the great work that our pupils and staff have done around anti bullying. On Monday we started the week with odd socks day to celebrate difference and appreciate that difference is a good thing. We ended the week with Children in Need fundraising and activities as well as the NSPCC Speak out Keep Safe assemblies led by Mrs Clark and Mrs Bewick. The assemblies centered around what to do if pupils did not feel safe in or out of school and who they could talk to. Throughout the week, each class took part in a range of activities. Some of which are represented below:



F1 have been making cards and handing them to staff in school and each other to share kind thoughts and put a smile on each other's faces.

Y2B have been designing their own odd socks and discussing what makes us special and unique.



Y3H have been using ICT to design posters to stop any bullying and support any pupils that might feel they need some more friends around them.

Y4D have been taking part in the Doncaster initiative (#onekindword) to celebrate 'one kind word' which was aimed at finding things that they all liked about each other and inspiring each other to be kind and supportive of each other. They have also discussed what bullying is, how to prevent it and what to do if they feel they or someone else is unhappy.



Y5/6C drew around their hands and then wrote kind words about someone in their class to describe them on each of the fingers.



Y6A had a fantastic session where they had to be physically active. Different scenarios were read out and explained and then pupils had to move to one side of the room to decide whether it was bullying or not and then explain the reasoning for their choices

Pupils have had a fantastic week learning all about kindness and respect for each other, as well as what to do if they ever feel worried about friendships or unkindness. What a brilliant week of learning from all pupils. Well done to everyone involved!