



NEWSLETTER

Edition—Spring 2, 2024

Key Dates:

Monday 8th April—First day back at school

Monday 15th April—Friday 19th April—Year 5 Bikeability

Monday 6th May—Bank holiday—School closed

Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May—Year 6 SATs week

Friday 24th May—INSET day—school closed to pupils then closed for the following week (half term)

Oracy

We are working hard in school to develop our pupils’ conversation and language skills and have introduced a sentence stem of the week!

Ask your children what our new stem is each week and see if they can give their opinion using this.

Dallowgill



Our Year 6 children attended their first residential at the beginning of the half term—Dallowgill! They had a fantastic time on

spooky night-walks, having hot chocolate and marshmallows, watching the sunset and listening to a storyteller. They were also very courageous on, what was for a lot of them, their first time away from home and we were very proud of them!



Sports Celebrations

We have had another successful round of sports tournaments this half term!



Our Key Stage 2 girls’ football team were the first to represent Goldthorpe in the Totty Cup for over ten years! They played excellently and

showed fantastic sportsmanship. We are so proud of them!

Meanwhile, our boys’ football team played in the final of the Brian Hyde Cup! Unfortunately, we were just unable to equalize and the other team won 2-1. The boys, however, played excellently and showed fantastic sportsmanship. We go again next time!

Local Hero

Another one of our Local Heroes, Ed Clancy, Olympic cyclist, popped in to work with Years 4 and 5 on an Active Travel workshop. They took part in a full morning “Ramp Up” session on scooters and bikes and were accompanied by the Mayor of South Yorkshire, Oliver Coppard! Our visitors were blown away by all of our pupils and the questions they asked and they have both asked to come back and visit us again!



Staff Shoutout

This half term, our staff shoutout goes to our Reading leader—Mrs. McVeigh. Thank you for all of your hard work during the book fayre, World Book Day and for promoting Reading so much around school!



Science Week

British Science Week took place this half term and as part of this, the whole academy took part in exciting Science investigations such as melting chocolate, creating zipwires and building bridges. We also had a different visitor in every day from a different Scientific career: we met engineers, chemists and watched presentations from inventors. Who knows, maybe the next major inventor will come from Goldthorpe Primary Academy!

Reading

We have really celebrated Reading this half term—children took part in the World Book Day celebrations and attended our first book fayre in a long time! Pupils were excited to browse and choose their new books and even heard some stories from some new authors during the week! Please ensure you are reading with your child each day—ten minutes a night is perfect to ensure they are developing their reading skills that are necessary for later life.



Designated Safeguarding Lead:



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YoungMinds (Mental Health Support for children) – search “youngminds”

Mind (Mental Health Support for adults) – search “mind”

Goldthorpe Community Shop (affordable food) Monday – Saturday 9:00 – 5:00

Local Support Services to Goldthorpe:

Dearne Family Centre (support groups) Monday – Friday 8:30 – 4:30

Salvation Army (food bank) Monday 10:00 – 12:00 Monday 1:00 – 2:00

ICON (Baby crying support) – search – “ICON baby crying support”

