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NEWSLETTER

Lighting the Way Forward in Education



Introduction

Seasons Greetings from Northern Star Academies Trust to all our school communities.

With a distinct nip in the air, it is absolutely heart-warming to read about the wide-ranging learning opportunities featured in our Trust Winter Newsletter 2022.

We are extremely proud of our Trust Partnership of schools and the rich, diverse and exciting education they offer.

We wish all our pupils, staff, parents and carers a peaceful Christmas break - thank you for all your support and engagement throughout 2022.

Jenn Plews
Trust Leader (CEO)



Next Generation Board

We had an absolutely brilliant day just before half-term, when our Next Generation Board met together in person as a group for the first time.

Nineteen pupils representing all NSAT schools travelled to RHS Harlow Carr in Harrogate on a beautiful autumn day. After spending some time in the garden, they became soil scientists for the afternoon and learned about bioplastics, green manure and different green careers!

This year is **NSAT's Year of Nurture** and each pair of Next Generation Board pupils were tasked with thinking of their own nurture project that they could take back to school to work on, inspired by the garden. We cannot wait to see what they come up with!

[You can find out more about the Next Generation Board here.](#) They meet the Trustees at every full Board meeting to speak about the sustainability issues that really matter to them as young people. During Spring term, governors should receive an update on their activities as they are an important source of **pupil voice** at the heart of our governance structures.

Lizzie Oliver
Director of Governance





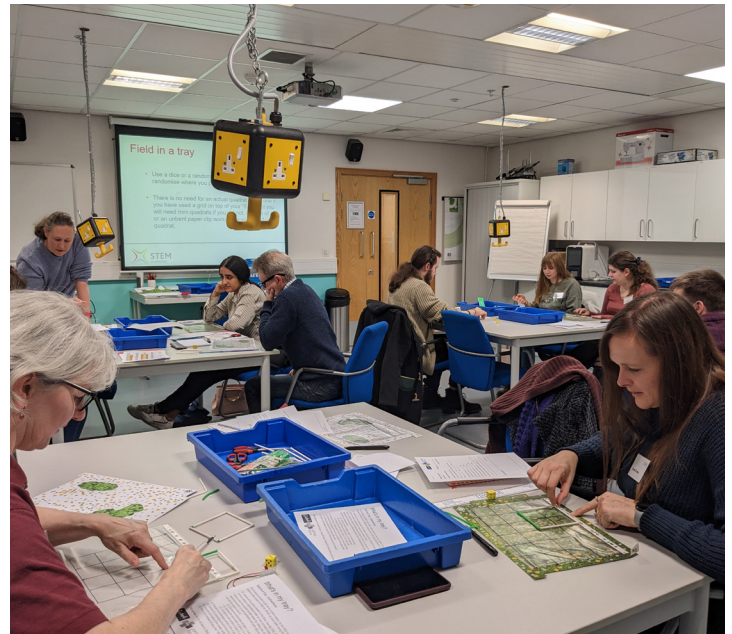
North and West Yorkshire

Science Learning Partnership

It's been an exciting term in the Science Learning Partnership! Based at Skipton Girls' High School, we deliver CPD to teachers across the region, as well as creating resources for pupils.

Our science of football class kits were sent out to ten local primary schools, providing children with fun experiments linking science to the world of sport around them. Our inaugural Technician Conference was held at the National STEM Centre in York and was a great success, with participants able to take part in a variety of workshops and networking opportunities throughout the day. We also enjoyed a fantastic launch of the Ogden Trust Northern Star Partnership, with 100 primary school pupils attending an inspiring presentation on the solar system and how to become an astronaut by Dr Kanani of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Laura Hartley
North and West Yorkshire
Science Learning Partnership



Northern Lights SCITT

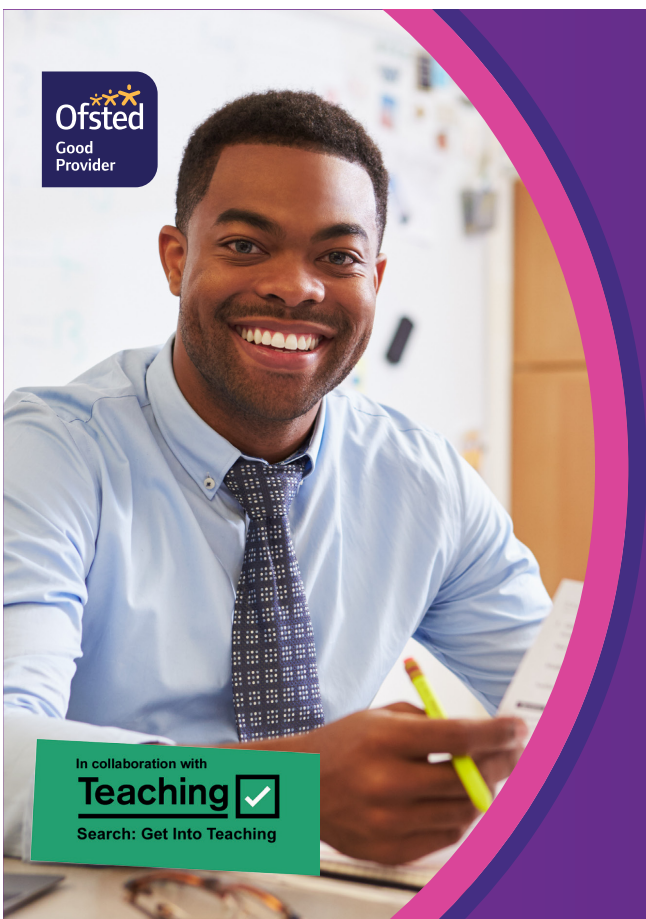
Congratulations to all our wonderful trainees who have reached Christmas with the satisfaction of having made a real difference to the children that they have been working with. Our NSAT teachers have done a great job in developing our SCITT trainees into teachers.

We are looking forward to next year's new colleagues as applications are open for 2023/24 with attractive bursaries for some secondary subjects. Places are starting to fill up quickly, so anybody considering a career change or a start in teaching, 2023 is the year to do it!

Thanks to the staff here and at our MAT schools for their continued support of our trainees. Wishing you all a healthy, happy and restful Christmas. The SCITT team.

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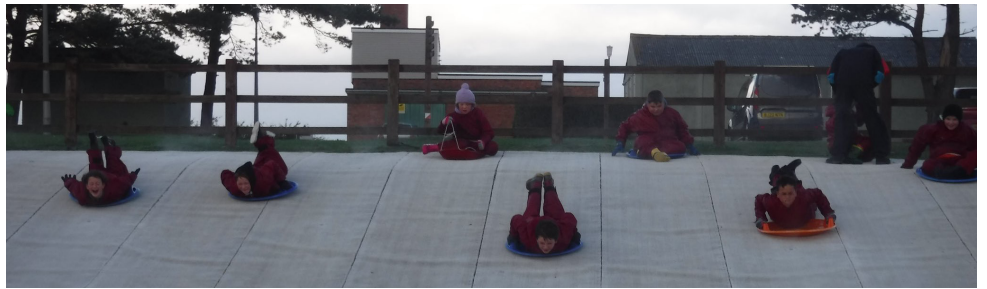
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East Barnby Outdoor Education

School have had a brilliant time visiting East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre, taking part in many exciting activities such as bushcraft, den building, sledging and canoeing. We even found time to climb to the top of Roseberry Topping!



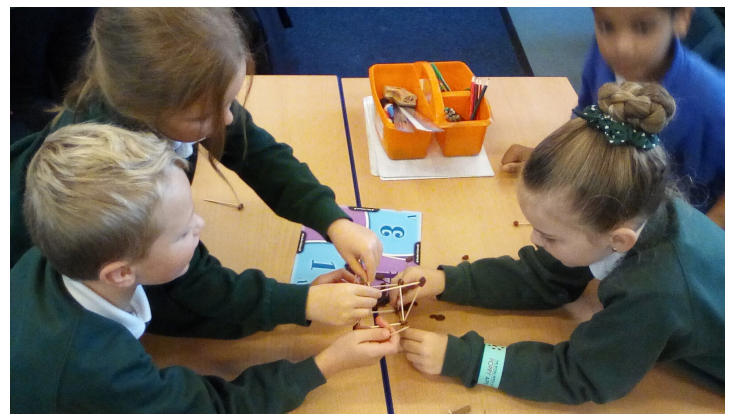
Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to our pupils Jason, Alice and Suzy who each won a Nintendo Switch in the North Residential Christmas card competition. 3 Runners up were also presented with a £25 Amazon voucher and each class a box of chocolates. Thanks to the North Residential team for the amazing prizes!



Team Building at Willow Tree

Teambuilding allows children to forge positive relationships that will aid them when using #kagan structures in an academic context. Maple's challenge was to build the tallest tower, using a round robin structure, each member of the team adding a stick in turn.



Hookstone Chase Primary School



Football Tournament

At the Year 5/6's football tournament with Sporting Influence, Hookstone's Green team came joint first with St Peter's overall with equal points and goal difference. Our 'non bibs' team also did very well, finishing in third. Well done to all our terrific footballers - World Cup 2034 here we come! ⚽

#BeHealthy #BeTogether



Musical Showcase

The whole school enjoyed a terrific musical showcase from the North Yorkshire Music Service yesterday: five music teachers shared their skills on a range of instruments including brass, woodwind and strings.

If you want more information about music lessons in schools, [please see here](#) ➡



Sustainability Comes in Many Forms...

Parents and carers were very grateful for the free preloved uniform available in the playground this morning. If you have any uniform you have no need for then do please donate it back to the school so we can pass it on.



Geography Survey

All our Year 5/6 classes went on a local walk to Starbeck High Street this week to survey traffic, shop usage and the general geography. This will be used as a catalyst for writing persuasive letters to our local MP about issues that pupils deem important.

#BeAdventurous



Starbeck Primary Academy



Astrophysicist Talk

A group of children from Year 5 and 6 visited Carlton Keighley Academy for a very interesting talk from renowned astrophysicist Dr Sheila Kanani. They had all applied by letter to Science leader Mrs Watson and were selected for their interest and enthusiasm in the subject. They all enjoyed the visit and are looking forward to being involved in more space themed activities through the year. 🌌 🚀 🔭 🪐



Christmas Concert

The school choir were AMAZING at the Christmas Concert at the International centre. They sang festive songs to a full house and even Santa made an appearance! A special shout out to Abi for singing a solo and to Mrs Rowntree for making the magic happen. 🎄 🎅 ⭐⭐⭐⭐

Making Vehicles and Hand Puppets in DT

Year 1 have had a great time in Design Technology, firstly making moving vehicles using axles, chassis and wheels and then making hand puppets using templates, patterns and sewing. The projects looked stunning - well done to all Year 1!



Harvest Assembly

Our special Harvest assembly was a lovely way to end our half term. We enjoyed sharing the learning from each year group, including songs, artwork and poems. Thank you to everyone who donated to our collection. You have been very generous and the Harrogate Food Bank will be extremely grateful.



New Park Primary Academy



Fire Service

We recently had a brilliant visit from the North Yorkshire Fire Service. Thank you so much for teaching the children how to stay safe and all about the vital work you do!



Gymnastics

Key Stage 1 have loved exploring the gymnastics apparatus and showing us their skills!



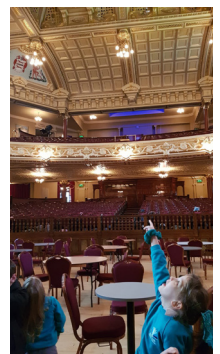
Healthy Schools Silver Award

So proud of our New Park ambassadors for collecting our Healthy Schools Silver Award! The children have been learning about healthy living and have brought some brilliant goodies home from RHS Garden Harlow Carr.



Royal Hall Visit

A huge thank you to Royal Hall Events for showing our KS1 children around the fabulous victorian Royal Hall! The children loved seeing the beautiful gold ceiling and sitting in the poshest seats!



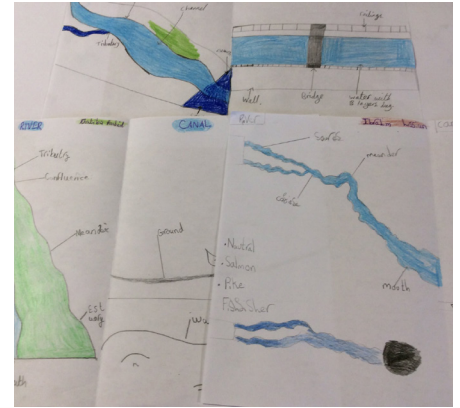
Eastwood Community School



Canal Walk

Year 5 had a walk in the mist to see the River Aire and the Leeds/Liverpool canal. They discussed the course/ source of the river and talked about the differences between the river and canal (incl. wildlife). We came back and completed some artwork.

#outdoorlearning #CLOtC #geography



Christmas Cards

Our Reception Christmas cards looked stunning. Watercolour backgrounds with black ink drawings of Santa.

#luckyfamilies #youngartists #unique #notwothesame



Pizza Chefs

Year 6 have learnt how to make their own dough and then used this to create their pizzas. They prepared all of the toppings and created some very tasty treats. Delicious food was enjoyed by all. **#lifeskills #yumyum**



School Sleepover

Year 5 had a fantastic time at their sleepover in school! Party games, snacks & a Christmas movie before heading off to bed ensured **#happymemoriesweremade** by all! Thanks to the staff involved for making it happen.



Holycroft Primary School and Nursery



Tackling Food Waste

In one of our Year 5 PSHE lessons we were lucky enough to have a visitor from Asda. The children learnt all about being part of a Social Enterprise group. They enjoyed learning about reducing food waste and being kinder to the planet.



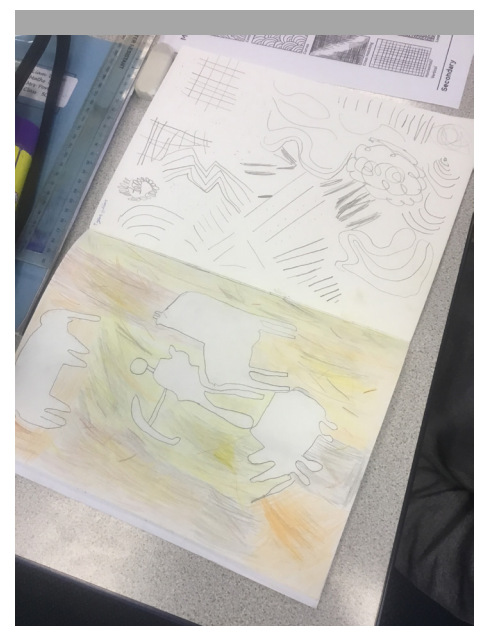
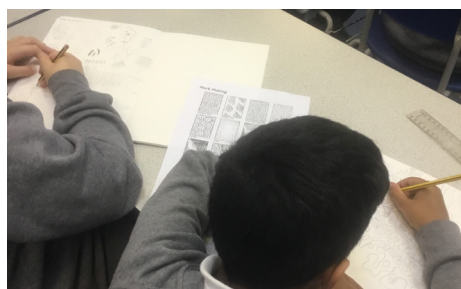
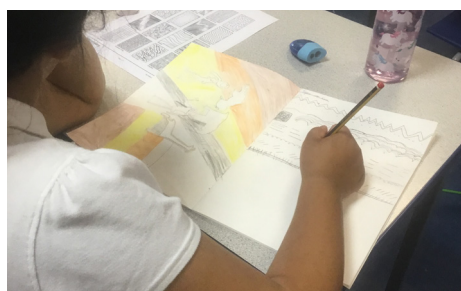
Olympic Gold Medalist Visits

Look who came to Holycroft, an actual Olympic Gold Medalist! Thank you so much to Jonny Brownlee for being such an inspiration for our children.
#triathlon #olympian #rolemodel



Stone Age Drawings

6DT have been loving their art lessons! They recently created Stone Age drawings and have also experimented using different types of line. They are realising that art is a fantastic opportunity to express themselves! #art #youngartists #expressyourself



Harrogate High School



Active Travel Ambassadors

Year 7 and 8 Student Leaders started their Active Travel Ambassador training this week.

Thanks to Team Mode Shift for their support. **#NSATgreen**



CARES Community Day

We held our CARES Community Day at school recently where we focused on our CARES Value, Equality. We had a great session of wheelchair basketball with the Harrogate Hammerheads wheelchair basketball team.



Next Generation Board Meeting

Year 9 students Max and Freddie - our HHS Next Generation Board members - attended the Trust Board meeting with the other schools and CEO of the Trust this week. They did a sterling job representing the school and listening to ideas and conversations being had across our family of schools to make our own school environments more sustainable.

Surveys from HHS students have gone out this week with forms to complete to get their input on travel, green spaces within the school grounds and biodiversity.

We intend to develop this work and drive forward the initiatives next term.

#Sustainability #NSATgreen



Restart a Heart Day

Today the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust came into school and led a "Restart a Heart" workshop for our Year 7 students. This was invaluable and the training may help save lives. Thank you for your time and sharing your knowledge with us! Thank you also to Andrew Jones MP for also visiting and taking part.



Skipton Girls' High School

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The Drop Swap Shop

This term the Engineers of the Future team have been working hard to create our very own Drop Swap Shop in school.

With sustainability at the core of everything we do, Drop! Swap! Shop! provides an exciting new system that promotes reusable uniform, student leadership and reduces the carbon footprint of our school community.



Cupcake Workshop

The Year 11 GCSE Food group had the privilege of working with Saima of [cupcakerbradford](#). Saima happily accepted an invitation to visit SGHS on the day of her birthday with her daughter Hafsa, to deliver a specialist cupcake workshop. Saima was a secondary school English teacher who left the profession to take up her passion for baking and has since had a very successful career. Her unique work is truly spectacular, beautifully intricate, and a magnificent showstopper.

Christmas Present Appeal for Refugee Action

Students from across the school were involved in our Christmas Present Appeal for Refugee Action. Students brought in to school wrapped Christmas presents that are now on their way to refugees from across the world who are staying in our local area. A massive thank you to everyone who donated, wrapped, sorted and helped load such an amazing number of gifts.



Remembrance Display

There was a fantastic Remembrance Day display in front of The Holy Trinity Church, Skipton and we are very proud of all of our students who helped paint them.

Well done, it looked beautiful - a very fitting reminder for Skipton.



Greatwood Community Primary & Nursery School



Delicious Greatwood Honey

Good things come to those who wait! The incredible Adele Bealey has jarred our Greatwood honey. Dark, thick and deliciously sweet, our Greatwood honey is 'Heather honey'.

[#beekeepingschool](#) [#beekeepingkids](#)

Fundraising Bag Packing

Many thanks to everyone who made our day of bag packing at Morrisons possible. We raised a superb £370 which will make such a difference.

The children were exceptional and it was a pleasure to see their confidence grow and hear lots of positive feedback from our community. [#fundraising](#) [#characterbuilding](#)



Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival

It might have been a Saturday, but that doesn't stop us at Greatwood! Mrs Marshall took her dance group to the Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival, performing their dance, inspired by The Lionesses, in front of a huge audience!

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