

# BULLETIN

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September, 2022



Nurturing inclusive learning communities

## Welcome Back!

Welcome to a new school year! We hope you have all had a lovely holiday. Staff and pupils have had a brilliant first few weeks back in school and we have lots of exciting things planned for the term.

We were all saddened to hear about the death of Queen Elizabeth II on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

As a mark of respect and to support and educate the pupils, all classes had a breakfast assembly giving children the chance to share their thoughts and feelings.

Over the course of a few weeks, the children are learning about the British monarchy and its history. There will be displays in each class to reflect this and to honour the Queen.

All staff and pupils have written messages which will be displayed along the school gates.



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We were thrilled to receive so much lovely positive feedback from parents and carers in our most recent survey.

We would love to welcome you all into school at 1pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September for our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon.

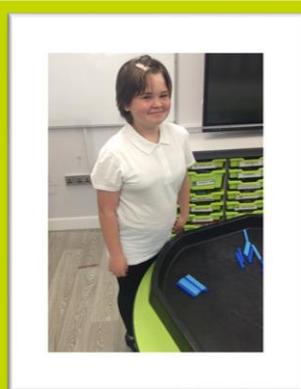
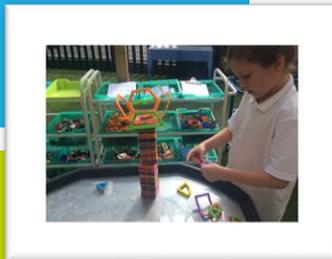
We were pleased to hear that you would like to spend more time in school. Staff in class will be in touch in the next few weeks to arrange key worker sessions and update meetings.



# Dolphins Class

Coming up this half term....

This half term we are learning all about hot and cold places! As geographers, we will learn about the Equator, the North Pole and the South Pole. We are really enjoying our new class text, 'The Emperor's Egg', and writing all about Antarctica. As scientists, we will explore different habitats and discover how different animals are suited to their environments.



## Perfect Place Value

This half term we will focus on number in Dolphins. We are working hard on securing our understanding of numbers to 20, 100 and even 1,000! We are using lots of practical equipment to demonstrate our understanding and solve problems.

## A message from Mrs Warrilow

It has been lovely to have all our Dolphins class back together after the summer. Everyone has got used to my new married name – Mrs Warrilow. We are lucky to have four adults working in our class this year. They are: Ms Dilai (Senior Inclusion Worker), Miss Schofield (Inclusion Worker), Mr Dunston (Inclusion Worker) and Mr Hussain (Inclusion Worker). We look forward to seeing all the children grow this year, and become the very best versions of themselves.



# Penguins Class

## Coming up this half term...

Our topic this half term is Traditional Tales. We will be exploring in geography and learning about maps and how to understand them. This will lead to an afternoon out at Fan Woods orienteering and exploring – just like so many characters did in their tales. In art, we shall be painting and learning different skills along the way like colour mixing, brush strokes and different ways colours complement and contrast. Our English is focusing on the traditional tales, but some with a twist. These are 'The Frog Prince Continued' and 'Three Little Pigs'. I am looking forward to reading the children's outcomes. Finally in mathematics, the pupils are learning about number and place value before moving onto addition and subtraction. As always, we have many opportunities in our creative curriculum for pupils to experience new activities and take part in the ones they enjoy. We will be cooking/baking, going outdoors for PE with Mr Davies and Forest Schools with Mr Henry, learning how to code in computing and many other activities during our nurture times.



## A Message from Mr West-

Welcome back Penguins new and old!

I hope you have had a wonderful break away from school and come back refreshed to learn, have fun and enjoy your time in Penguins at Engage Academy. I am looking forward to having you return or join Penguins this year. I am the class teacher and lead everything that happens in class and I will be supported by Mr Henry (Senior Inclusion Worker), Mrs Ackroyd (Inclusion Worker) and Ms Kelly (Inclusion Worker). We are a fantastic team who will work with you to get the best out of you each and every day. You will have opportunity to grow, have fun and learn with us and will feel part of the Penguins and Engage family.

## Physical and Mental Health and Wellbeing

Physical Education has begun this half term with the focus on fundamentals through a 12 week Multi-Skills scheme of work. These lessons will provide the pupils with the foundation skills that they can apply to all aspects of physical activity in particular adapted team games. Pupils are developing their sending and receiving, agility, balance and coordination. These skills that they develop will then enhance their ability to not only compete during team games situation but also have the ability to apply a variety of different attacking and defending skills to these games. Engage Academy staff have also begun their staff wellbeing session with staff taking part in a highly competitive adapted game of handball suited for all abilities.



## Dates for your diary

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September – MacMillan Coffee Afternoon – 1pm

Come and join us for coffee, crafts and a raffle whilst getting the opportunity to see your child in class, look at their work and discuss how they are settling back in with the staff.

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – #HelloYellow for World Mental Health Day

Pupils can wear something yellow with their usual school uniform.





## Safeguarding at Engage Academy

**If you are worried or have any concerns then please talk to a member of the safeguarding team.**

We all share a responsibility for our pupils' safety and wellbeing.

Whatever your concern may be, there will be someone who is happy to help you.

If you have a concern about a staff member, please see the Head Teacher, DSL or a DDSL. Contact 01924 476449.



Ryan Taff  
DSL



Adam Davies  
DDSL



Alison Ward  
Head Teacher



Annette Dilai  
DDSL



Our school participates in a national scheme called 'Operation Encompass', which is a joint partnership between West Yorkshire Police and schools. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified. This system has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident. We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour. Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help, the school receives an email from WYP the morning after a child has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident. We are then able to use this information to provide the right support to any child and their family as and when it is needed.