

# BULLETIN

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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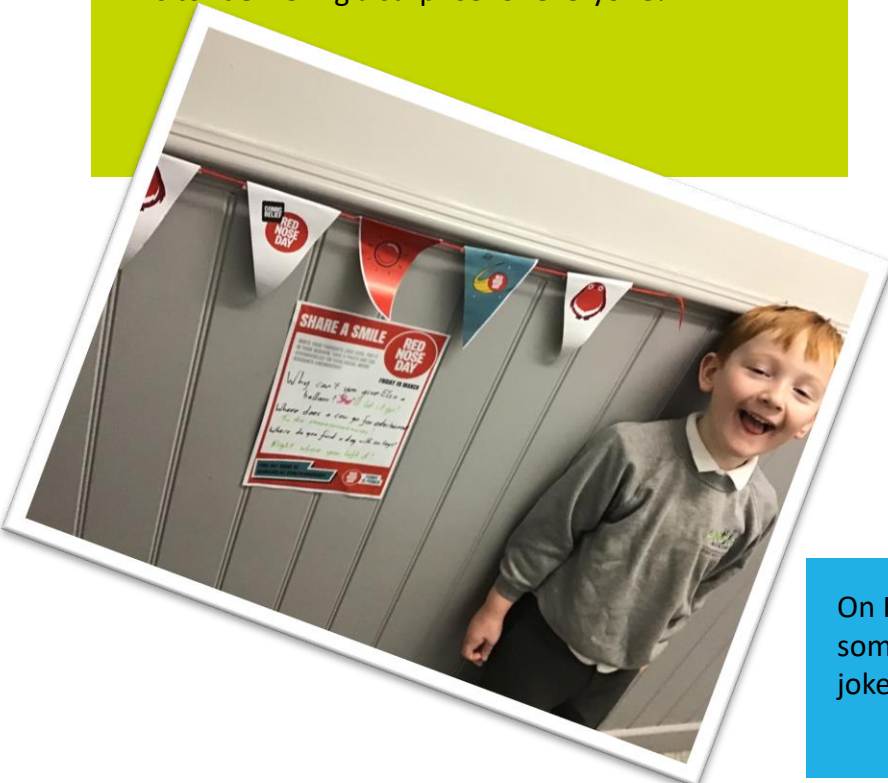
Nurturing inclusive learning communities

## Happy Easter!

Thank you for all of your support over this term. We know that it has been a strange term for many of our families having some of your children in school and some learning from home.

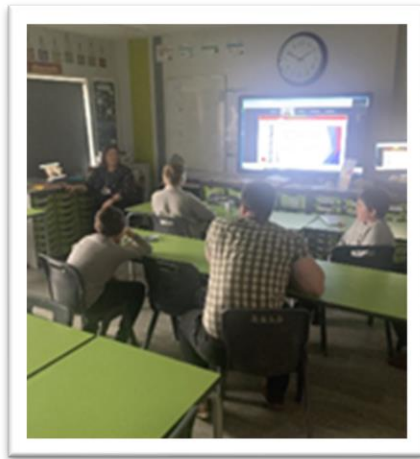
We are looking forward to a (hopefully) more settled summer term where we can resume some of the activities, trips and visits that the children would usually look forward to.

This week we might have even had a special visitor delivering a surprise for everyone!



On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, some of us wore something red with our uniform and told funny jokes to share a smile across school.





# WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

Thank you to West Yorkshire Police for facilitating a virtual Knife Crime Workshop for our upper Key Stage 2 pupils. They gave pupils a chance to discuss, ask questions, express their views around what is right and wrong and gave them detailed facts about knife crime. Pupils left the sessions well informed and positive about the differences they could make and the consequences that being involved in knife crime brings.

## World Book Day

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March we all came to school dressed in our pyjamas to celebrate world book day focusing on bedtime stories and routines.

All pupils entered a potato decorating competition by turning them into their favourite book characters. We had hot chocolate with marshmallows and enjoyed listening to stories being read by different staff across school.

Thanks to Tesco's we were able to set up our own World Book Day bookshop so that pupils could come and spend their voucher and take a book home with them.



## Winners!

We have been lucky enough to receive a grant from Kellogg's to support us in offering pupils breakfast as a healthy start to the day .

We also won a £100 voucher to spend on sports equipment. The pupils are looking forward to their new playtime equipment being delivered.



# Our Nurturing School

At Engage Academy, we use a nurture based approach to support our pupils by:

- Offering plenty of opportunities to talk about their thoughts and feelings, helping them to make better choices;
- Our curriculum is personalised to ensure every child's individual learning and emotional needs are met;
- We support pupils to develop resilience, tolerance and respect towards others in our school and the wider community;
- We help to support children through various transitions during their placement at Engage Academy



As a school we really value our relationships with not just the pupils but the whole family. This has been much more difficult to sustain during Covid but we have tried hard to keep in contact with you through virtual meetings, phone calls and offers of support for any areas that you have found difficult. We are looking forward to the time when we can invite you in to join your child in keyworker sessions, 1-1 activities and coffee afternoons again.

We are proud to announce that we were successful in achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award which has enabled us to track and improve upon the ways in which we support parents. However, we know that there is always room for improvement so if you have any suggestions on how we could further improve our links with parents then please mention them to your child's keyworker.

We have plans for a parent café coming as soon as we are able Covid wise so keep a look out for further information.

## Pupil Reports

Alongside this newsletter you will be receiving your child's termly report. This will explain how much progress your child has made towards their targets.

If there is anything that you wish to discuss further then please don't hesitate to ask.

## Twitter

We are now on Twitter and will be sharing exciting news and photos regularly.

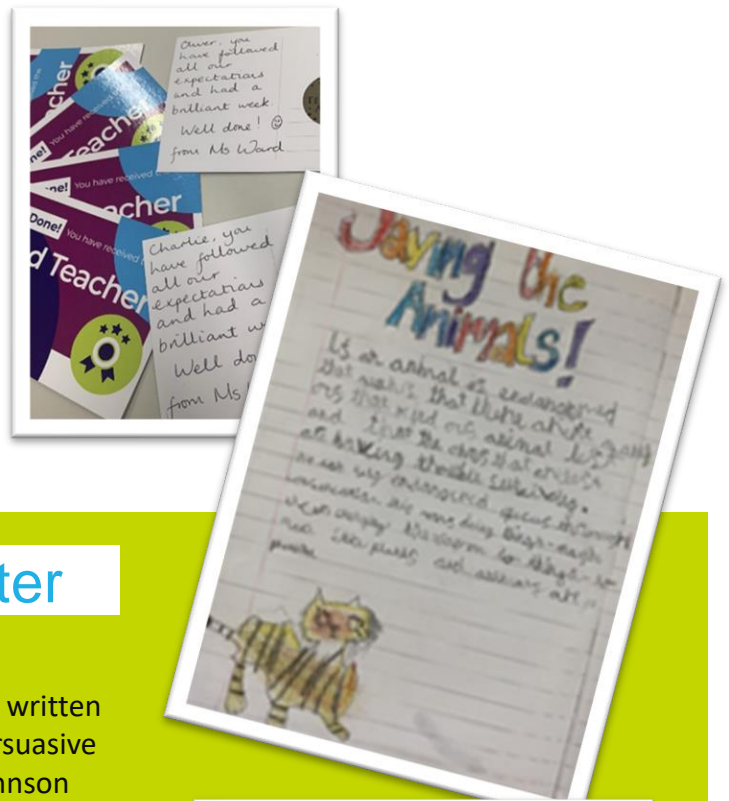
**Please take a look at @EngageAcademy.**



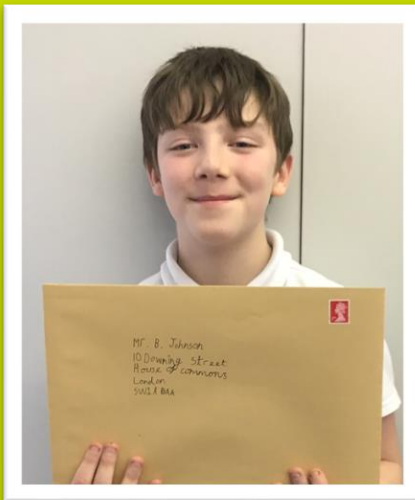


# Celebrating Achievement

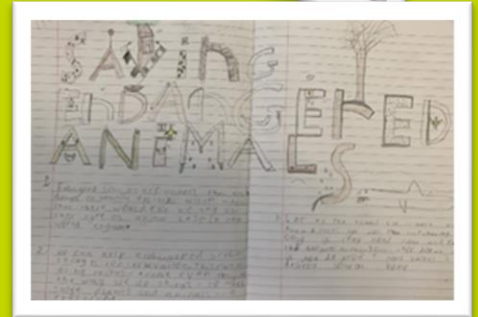
We have been impressed by the fantastic work produced by pupils this term and how proud they are of themselves. Keep an eye out for one of our value postcards coming home to celebrate their achievement.



## Letters to the Prime Minister



Whales class have written some amazing persuasive letters to Boris Johnson asking for more support for endangered animals. They have been thoroughly engaged and enthusiastic to learn how they can help and wanted to let everyone know it!



## Mental Health in Schools Award

We are delighted that the Trust has been awarded the Gold standard of the Carnegie Mental Health in Schools Award. This supports us in demonstrating how hard the staff team work to support our pupils, families and staff across the Trust.



# Online Safety Awareness

## #Internet Matters

internet  
matters.org

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Tons of age-specific related information created specifically for parents. Includes information to set up devices. [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

### Personal Safety App

Hollie Guard turns your smartphone into a personal safety device. In danger? Shake your phone or tap the screen to generate an alert. Your location and audio/video evidence will automatically be sent to your emergency contacts who can take action to help you quickly. Three alert types - Personal, Stealth, and Deterrent - allow you to choose an alert setting appropriate to your specific needs.

Check out more on [www.hollieguard.com](http://www.hollieguard.com)



### A few things that you might want to look at....

**Kooth: Free online counselling** - [kooth.com](http://kooth.com)

**Beat: The UK's Eating Disorder Charity** - [www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/](http://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/)

**Childline:** [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**NSPCC:** [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

**Give Us a Shout: Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere.**

[www.giveusashout.org](http://www.giveusashout.org) Text Shout to 85258

**Young Minds: The UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health** -

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

**CEOP: Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command** -

<https://www.ceop.police.uk>

**Online Safety NSPCC & O2** -

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

### Using your mobile phone when you are in bed

#### **Sleep affects your mood**

If you'd like to switch off the blue light your screen emits at night, some phones have night mode.

iOS

Go to Settings > Control Centre > Night Shift

Older iPhones have shortcuts to Night Shift - if you swipe up from the bottom of the screen. The shortcut on newer iPhones appears if you drag down from the top right of the screen.

Android

Android devices often have an 'eye comfort' mode. This setting can be found by dragging your finger down from the top of the screen and tapping 'eye comfort'. If you press and hold this option, you'll also find a convenient schedule option to save you more work.

When you need to unwind, you may find that something simple like trying an audio book rather than reading on your phone may help. Apps like [Audible](#) come with a 30-day free trial.

Have a lovely Easter and we will look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.