



Doncaster School for the Deaf Newsletter

May 2023

Coronation Celebrations

Everyone wore red, white, and blue to school to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

Primary pupils and Ben made flags and scones for their royal tea party they held.

At lunch time, all pupils continued the celebration with a coronation buffet style lunch fit for a king!

Pupils enjoyed making cup-cakes and coronation chicken, decorating the hall with balloons and bunting, making royal crowns and flags amongst other activities.

Everyone had a great time, and all pupils were presented with a royal goodie bag to take home to mark this momentous occasion.



Enterprise Project Success

As part of their enterprise project our Year 7 boys researched ideas and decided to sell eco-friendly coronation seeds. The packs contained vibrant and contrasting red, white and blue flowers which are attractive to pollinators.

They proved to be very popular and sold out within an hour of going on sale! The enterprise made £34.00 profit which will be given to a charity of their choice.



Deaf Awareness Week

To promote Deaf Awareness Week 2023 we created a series of short videos to try and help hearing people understand and have empathy with the Deaf community. These videos can be viewed on the school's facebook page and includes humorous 'bloopers' footage.



E Safety

Pupils and staff enjoyed a visit from Tim Pinto from The E-Safety Office. Tim is a specialist in online safety and came in to teach us about how we can stay safe online. Both primary and secondary pupils enjoyed workshops where they learnt about how to use electronic devices safely and how to behave appropriately online. Tim also filmed an e-safety guide for parents and carers alongside a BSL interpreter, which we will be e-mailing out to parents soon. After his visit Tim said he was completely in awe of the school and the pupils. Well done everyone!



Primary Panathlon event

Earlier in the term we were hosts for the Multi-Sport event organised by the national charity, Panathlon. 7 primary schools took part in total, competing in 8 different multi-sports. We are delighted to announce that our primary team were overall winners and all received their gold medals with pride. Everyone had a great time. Many thanks to Panathlon for organising this event.



Crucial Crew

Pupils enjoyed an afternoon out at the Crucial Crew Warehouse. South Yorkshire police run several programmes there to show pupils how to stay safe in different scenarios. They all enjoyed the role play showing us how to stay safe with strangers. We discussed who were safe strangers and who not to engage with.

We looked at knife crime and how important it is not to get involved with gangs and why never to carry a knife in public places.

A real full-sized bus was in the warehouse! Our pupils learnt about the rules when travelling on a bus, how to signal to get on and off, how to buy tickets, how to behave and the leader even allowed us to sit at the wheel!

We looked at a prison and a court and discussed how nervous we would be and how it would feel to be in a cell in jail.

Last of all we looked at how young people were being tempted into crime and specifically county lines and drug crime. We learnt a lot from this experience.



British Red Cross Workshop

Some of our secondary students enjoyed a workshop with a visiting speaker from the Red Cross. They learnt about the work of the Red Cross and then they focused on learning strategies for developing resilience and coping with challenges. Students drew their own 'circles of control' where they identified a problem or challenge and then thought about what they can and can't control about this situation. It was really useful for helping them to think about strategies to tackle difficult situations and also accepting that some things are outside of our control. This was a fantastic workshop to introduce Mental Health Awareness week and the students all engaged with it really well!



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Achievements and Recognition

Many congratulations to Veronica and Lili who have both passed their BSL Level 1 exam. They have worked really hard to achieve this qualification. Well done!



Through dedication and perseverance, Plamen has achieved his Functional Skills ICT Level 1 qualification. Well done, Plamen.

Congratulations to Eleanor on achieving the Silver award at guides.



Pupil of the Week Awards

Vova, one of our newer pupils, received the Pupil of the Week award. He has made new friends, integrated well into school life and is making good progress in his learning. Well done, Vova!



Tiffany was presented with her award for being a good friend to others.

Finley was chosen for working hard in class and for always being cheerful around school.



We were proud of how hard Simas worked in his SATs exams. Dariens has been kind to his friends and has worked really hard in class.



Careers

Caroline and Claire from the Schools Team for NHS and Social Care Careers have visited school.

NHS are currently running a programme called “Jobs for Everyone” to create an awareness of the great variety of vocations available. We learnt that there are 350 different jobs that people can apply for and that there is a need for diverse of skills and interests.

Jobs for everyone showed us a sample of some of the jobs. Caroline showed us a powerpoint and some videos highlighting some deaf people who currently work in the NHS such as carers and an ambulance helicopter driver who invented a gadget to adapt his hearing aids whilst at work.

We played a game in teams matching jobs to photos which was fun and read some of the book “Mummy works in Human Resources”. We were also given some dressing up gear, a stethoscope and NHS uniforms to do role-play.

Caroline has sent us a scheme of work and resources that we can follow with the pupils.

We all discussed the different jobs - “It gave us ideas of what we could do in the future” said Lacey.

Thank you to Caroline and Claire for helping us look at many of the options open to us in the NHS.



We've been practicing our skills for future careers. We set up a cafe in the kitchen and first practiced taking an order and making it using paper food. Then we washed our hands, put on aprons and gloves and started the orders for real. We took several orders at the same time and made them bespoke to each person's order.



College & Aspire to Be

After a lovely tour of the college, we are now more aware of what things we can do at college including vocational courses. Some of us liked the greenhouse or the car workshop but others enjoyed being in the hair and beauty salon.



We had a great time at Aspire to Be learning some of the processes of working in a shop; stacking shelves, pricing items and using the till.



Message of support from Jack Grealish



England and Manchester City midfielder, Jack Grealish, has sent a video message of support to one of our keen footballers, Plamen. Plamen is a huge football fan who was thrilled to receive the video message of support from Jack. A recent injury has meant that Plamen will be out of the game for a while and is having to make do with watching his beloved game rather than playing as he awaits a knee operation. He was over the moon to receive the video message from Jack.

Primary Science

In Science, some of our primary students are learning about Earth and space. To understand the distance between the planets, we took to the field and used toilet paper sheets to measure the distance. After a battle with the wind, we found out that Earth is 15 sheets of toilet paper from the sun - Neptune is 450 sheets of toilet paper from the sun. Wow!



Sports Day

The weather was kind to us for our annual sports day which was enjoyed by pupils, staff and parents alike.

Parents and pupils enjoyed taking part in a range of sporting events designed to suit all abilities.

It was a really lovely way to end the half term.



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 26th May 2023

School closes for half term

Monday 5th June 2023

School re-opens

Thursday 20th July 2023

Prize Day (pm) Parents invited

Friday 21st July 2023

School closes for summer

Wednesday 6th September 2023

School re-opens