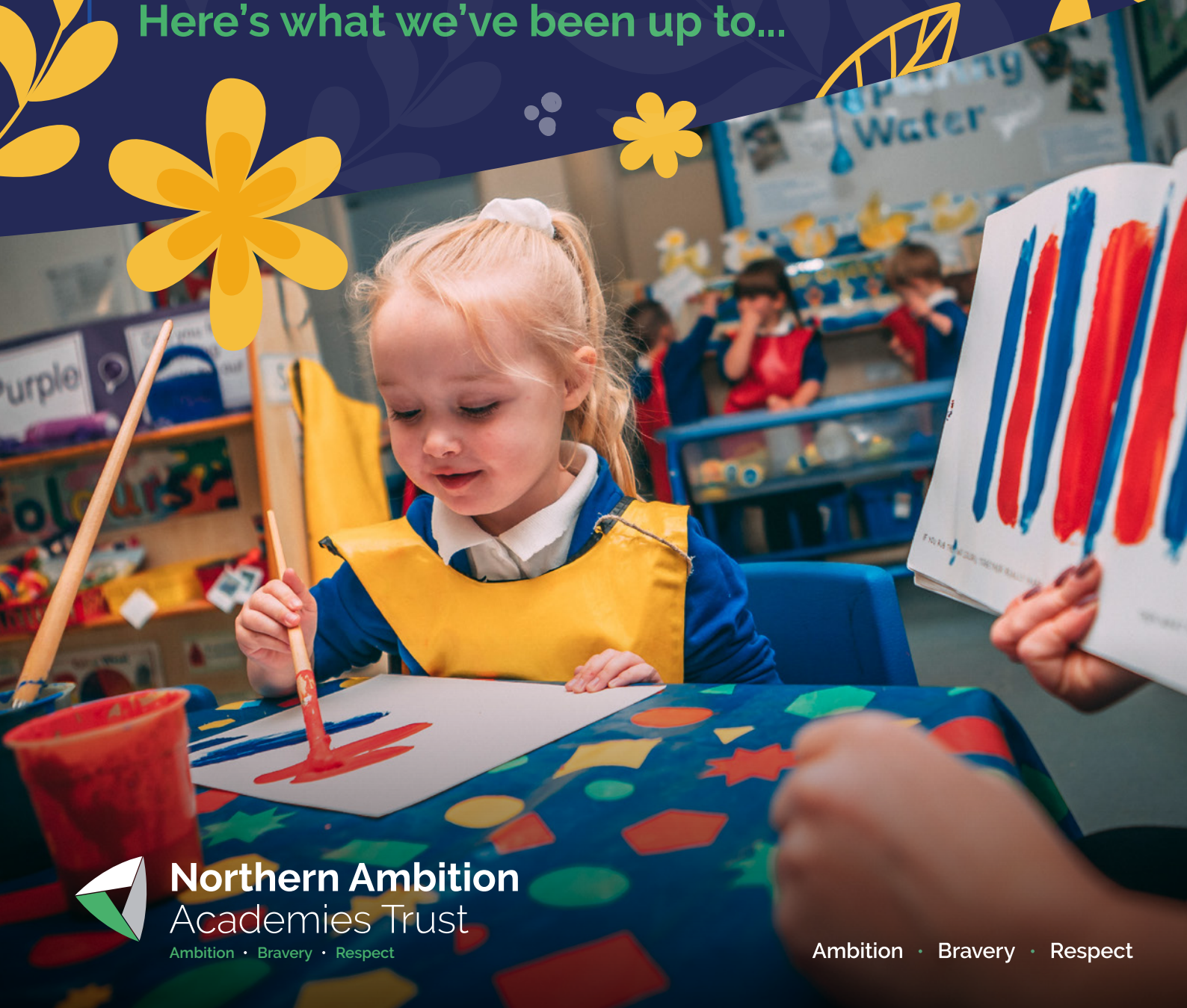


Northern Ambition Academies Trust

# Roundup

We've had another busy term!  
Here's what we've been up to...



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# Social Media Roundup!

Our Years 7 & 8 girls showed their ambition winning the U13's Football West Yorkshire Cup!



Our Year 11s showed great respect during their Geography investigation in Glasshoughton.



On World Book Day, Years 7 & 8 enjoyed an inspiring visit from author Helen Rutter!



Our Year 8 Rugby League team made the Quarter Finals in the Yorkshire Shield!

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We are beyond excited to share the news of our fantastic partnership with Castleford Tigers! We're levelling up our long-standing relationship to give our students more opportunities, from new rugby leagues to work experience. Watch this space!



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## Our GCSE French students had an amazing trip exploring Paris. Magnifique!

On Friday 10th February after an overnight coach journey from Airedale Academy, the first stop on our itinerary was a trip on the Bateaux Mouches. Here students were able to spot some of the famous Parisian landmarks from the boat, while taking in the iconic buildings and architecture of the Notre Dame cathedral and the Musée d'Orsay.

Saturday 11th February started with a visit to the Place du Trocadéro, where we saw amazing views of the Eiffel Tower. This was followed by a walk along the river Seine, a visit to see the Mona Lisa and other masterpieces in The Louvre. The final stop, before our evening meal, was the Arc de Triomphe.

We spent the morning of Sunday 12th February at the Invalides, where we saw the tomb of the French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte. We also visited an exhibit in the Musée de l'armée (Army Museum), where our students learned some of the personal stories of soldiers and civilians during the Second World War. Afterwards, we headed across Paris to the area of Montmartre. Here our students saw the Sacré-Coeur Basilica and explored the souvenir shops in the Place du Tertre. After enjoying a crêpe in a café, we walked through Montmartre to reach the Moulin Rouge.

On Monday 13th February we returned to Airedale Academy with a group of students who embodied our academy values of Respect, Ambition and Bravery from start to finish. They were a credit to our school, their parents and themselves.

Merci mille fois! Mrs Voizard"



# Social Media Roundup!

Our Year 5 children learned lots during a visit by a professional football referee!



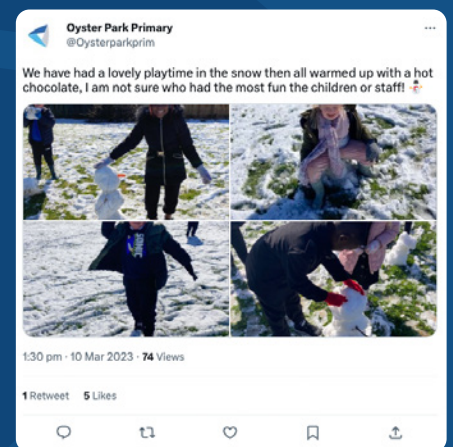
Our pupil Jacob showed great ambition in creating his very own comic book – brilliant work!



Respect and Ambition were on display this Red Nose Day, with lots of children taking part!



The teachers and children had a lovely time in the snow – followed by hot chocolate!



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## World Book Day

World Book Day 2023- This year for World Book Day we invited our staff and pupils to get dressed up in a costume that relates to a book or character that is important to them. We want reading to entertain but also enrich our children's lives and help them understand and navigate the world. We promote a school-wide positive reading culture, focusing on both individual and shared reading. By supporting all reading abilities and providing dedicated reading areas, children stay engaged and find pleasure in reading.



## Snow Day!

On Friday 10th March 2023, our staff and pupils had a fantastic afternoon full of laughter and fun in the snow. We built snowmen, made snow angels and even had a snowball battle against the teachers! The pupils had a great time and some pupils even said "this is the best day of school EVER!" After all the excitement we all came into the warm to enjoy a well-deserved mug of hot chocolate!

## Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day 2023 is all about coming together, spreading joy, and having the best day ever in our school. Comic relief partner with amazing projects and organisations to make a difference to the lives of millions of people across the UK and around the world. This year we joined in the national celebrations by inviting our pupils and staff to wear something red in return for a donation.



## Year 5 Referee Visit

Year 5 were visited by Mark Dwyer, an assistant referee for PGMOL (Professional Game Match Officials). He is a top-level match official who has refereed in over 200 championship football games including games where the likes of Rooney, Maguire, Sterling and Pickford were on the pitch. The children learnt all about the important role of match officials and the kit that is used as part of their job. Mark also taught the importance of working well as a team, communicating effectively and being able to perform well under pressure. The children then had an opportunity to apply their STEM knowledge and skills to help design a new or improved piece of kit before presenting to their class. A great morning was had by all. The pupils ended the session by reflecting on the PGMOL values: integrity, community, courage, learn and grow, accountability and innovation and how they would apply these values themselves.



## Ambition- JP Comics



Over the last 18 months, Jacob has been applying his creative writing skills to create a series of comics. We asked Jacob- why have you decided to make comics? Jacob told us that he finds it great fun as he enjoys being able to express his imagination through the illustrations and character developments. Jacob told us that he takes his influences from the American cartoonist - Dave Pilkey and the British novelist - Roald Dahl. Jacob told us that he would love to be a famous illustrator when he is older. Keep up the great work Jacob, follow your ambitions and we are sure that you will succeed.

## Year 6- Darwin's Theory of Evolution

Year 6 worked scientifically to prove Darwin's Theory of Evolution by investigating which beak is best for which food type. They used tweezers, scissors, pegs and spoons for "beaks" and pasta, rice, elastic bands and raisins to represent food. This helped them understand how the Galapagos Finches adapted over time and evolved, through natural selection.



## Nursery - Living Eggs

Nursery were very excited to welcome ten eggs into Nursery this half term. They all watched very carefully to see when they would hatch. The pupils in nursery spoken about a chicken's lifecycle and what to expect from them hatching. On the third day, the pupils came into Nursery to find 3 hatched chicks! They saw the cracked egg shells and three chicks in the incubator. The same morning the children were able to see one chick actually hatch and another one hatched during lunchtime! There were 5 chicks in total with 3 more eggs with cracks in! By Friday morning all the chicks had hatched and the children were given the opportunity to hold the chicks.



## READ TO SUCCEED: IN IT TO WIN IT

To encourage our pupils to read at home regularly, we have introduced a new whole school reading initiative 'Read to Succeed: In it to win it'. Within each class, an interactive reading chart helps to track pupils reading at home throughout the week. We are ambitious in our drive to encourage pupils to read at home to their parents daily, however appreciate this isn't always possible in the busy world we live in. Therefore, the aim is for every child to read their school reading book at home to an adult at an opportunity that they can. Each time a child reads at home, they will receive a raffle ticket to be placed into class box. Additionally, every time a child reads at school they will also receive a raffle ticket to add into the class box. This means at least every child will get at least one ticket throughout the school week. Parents are to sign and date within their child's home reading record, when they have heard their child read. The tickets that children acquire through reading at both home and school, will be put into a prize draw, which will be drawn every half term. The child drawn will win a book to keep for themselves. They will choose this from a selection of books kept in the classroom book prize box. This will help further promote our school ethos of reading for pleasure.

In addition to this, each week within key stage phases the class who has read the most receive the trophy for that week to display in their classroom. Teachers will keep a tally of how many tickets they distribute each week. The tally will then be counted at the end of each term and the class who won the trophy for the most reading will win an extra reading for pleasure session in the school library or at the local Airedale Library. Again, this will help to promote our reading for pleasure ethos and culture.





## Our children 'dressed to express' themselves in support of Children's Mental Health Day.



## We had an amazing time celebrating World Book Day with our children, parents and carers!



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## We welcomed parents into our Nursery to join us and the children in a Maths event!



## The children welcome 10 healthy chicks into the world from the school incubator!



## Our Nursery and Reception children were over the moon to visit a 'Wonder Dome' planetarium!

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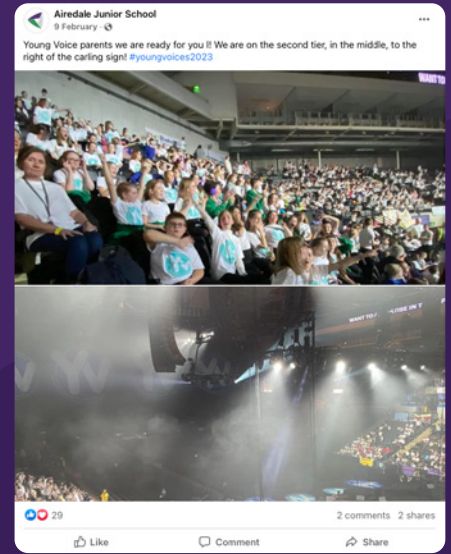
**Bravery**



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**Our children showed their respect and ambition at the Young Voices choir event. Well done all!**



**Year 5 enjoyed an incredible journey across the Milky Way using Virtual Reality headsets!**



**We're so proud of Layla – she'll be attending the Dance World Cup in Portugal. Amazing work!**



**We had a fantastic time dressing up and celebrating World Book Day!**

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# Northern Lights

**SPRING 1 2023 WINNERS!**

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## **Respect:**

Cheryl Eastwood, Kate Williams, Leanne Dann,  
Rebecca Skitt, Joanne Pitchfork, Tracey Thacker

## **Ambition:**

Holly Brazel, Rebecca Skitt, Joanne Pitchfork,  
Tracey Thacker

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We will be welcoming 2 new colleagues to our  
Central Team in April 2023:

Claire Garnett - Trust Governance Professional  
Charlotte Hawes - Trust Administrative Assistant

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