

Dates for your diary...

15th January	Royal Festival Hall rehearsal
15th January	pm KS1 Reading Party
16th January	pm KS2 Reading Party
20th January	Lego FFL Finals Day at Teesside University
22nd January	Y5 Inspire2Learn Music Day
25th January	NSPCC assemblies
29th January	Y6 and 2A Inspire2Learn Music Day
1st February	pm Y5 and Y6 NSPCC workshops
5th February	Y4 and 2R Inspire2Learn Music Day
7th February	Y4 Little Bank STEM Day
9th February	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
19th February	Y2 Inspire2Learn Music Day
23rd February	6N Challenge Day (Inspire2Learn)
26th February	Y1 Inspire2Learn Music Day
1st March	World Book Day
1st March	Royal Festival Hall Rehearsal
1st - 7th March	Travelling Book Fair in the academy
5th March	Y3 Inspire2Learn Music Day
8th March	Y1/2 Scrap Heap Challenge (Inspire2Learn)
12th March	Y2 Inspire2Learn Music Day
19th March	Y5 Inspire2Learn Music Day
21st March	2A Aspirations Fair at Inspire2Learn
26th March	Y4 and 2R Inspire2Learn Music Day
28th March	BREAK UP FOR EASTER
29th March	P.D. Day
16th April	BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THE SUMMER TERM



Reminders

*Please can we remind children that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the playground around the back of the academy. This rule is enforced for the safety of all the children and adults. We thank you for your co-operation.

* For the safety of all children and adults, we also ask you to be considerate when parking cars when dropping off and picking up your children. Cars should not be parking on Price Road, and the Traffic Enforcement Officer is often patrolling the area.

*Please can all children's clothing be labelled, so an item can be easily returned to their owner. This includes their P.E. kit, which should be in the academy on P.E. days.

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Spring Newsletter



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Happy New Year to Everyone!

We hope you enjoyed all our lovely festive events during December, which included amazing performances, a wonderful Carol Service at Middlesbrough Cathedral, our Christmas Enterprise, a lovely Christingle and fun parties.



Reading

Reading remains one of our priorities across the academy, and the children are exposed to a rich and varied reading curriculum to support their progress. We also monitor carefully the reading the children do at home.

Congratulations to the 104 children who read at least 4 times a week in the Autumn term. These children received a cinema afternoon in the academy last week as a reward.

Please support your child to read at least 4 times each week. We would love to have even more children having the treat in the Spring term.

Happy Reading!



Welcome

A warm welcome back to Mrs Arkle, who has returned from maternity leave to work in Dormanstown again. Mrs Arkle is one of our Deputy Head Teachers, and she has lots of experience teaching in Key Stage 1 and EYFS. She also has an interest in Special Educational Needs. She is currently teaching in 1/2B alongside Mrs McFarlane.



100% Attendance

We had 60 children across the academy who managed to achieve 100% attendance in the Autumn term. Before the holidays, these children were rewarded with a cinema morning in the academy, complete with popcorn and drinks! Let's see if we can have more children getting 100% in the Spring Term. Mrs Fitzgerald will be sending Marvellous Me messages to children who achieve 100% each week, so please watch out for your message! We want to try to get our overall attendance over 97%.

Can we remind parents that we aren't at liberty to authorise holidays in term time; they can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. The academy strongly discourages leave of absence during term time (as outlined in the School Attendance Policy) due to the impact any absence has on a child's education and social progress. The school attendance policy clearly states that should leave of absence be taken without prior authorisation, a Penalty Notice may be issued by the Local Authority. Please be aware of when our term times are and try to book your holidays accordingly. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Fantastic Behaviour

Well done to the 73 children who received no behaviour stages over the Autumn term. Please be proud of the certificate you received, and continue to be the excellent role models you are across the academy.

After School Clubs

We have a great range of after school clubs available within the academy including board games, as well as arts and crafts. We also have the following sports clubs.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Sports Clubs 3.05pm - 4.00pm	KS2 Gymnastics 	KS1 Handball 	KS2 Netball 	KS1 Gymnastics 

Marvellous Me

We are delighted to say that 90% of our children have at least one parent or carer following their achievements on Marvellous Me. This is a fantastic total in one term, and we hope that you are enjoying reading the messages about what your child has been learning, as well as the badges and information that is given.



Please don't forget to keep giving us a Hi5 when you have read the message, as all the teachers like receiving these!

For parents who aren't signed up to Marvellous Me, please contact the school office if you require any advice, or if you would like to discuss setting up your account.

Enrichment through Choice

We have been delighted to offer the children additional activities that they can choose to enhance their skills and experiences. These occur on a Friday afternoon, and here is a selection of what we have been doing:



Healthy Fruit Kebabs from the healthy eating groups



Christmas cross stitch in KS2



Pompoms in KS1



Children explored the music of the Wizard of Oz as part of their enrichment activities



Dodgeball in the Sports group



The science group in Year 1 and 2