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INSPIRE Morning

Thank you to all the parents who came to our INSPIRE morning this week in Key Stage 1. The children clearly enjoyed seeing you in class. After reading the feedback, I am pleased you found the session helpful in supporting your child with their maths work at home. We look forward to holding more INSPIRE sessions in the spring term.

Governor's Visit

Last week, Helen Shaw, our newly-appointed community governor, visited the academy. She went into all of the classrooms and was particularly impressed by how hard the children were working, even before assembly. Afterwards she told me, "The children were working with a real purpose and they were all clearly engaged in their learning." I will update you when more of our governors visit the school throughout the academic year.

York Museum

Last week, the children in Year 5 visited York Museum following the work they have been doing on ancient Greece. I was pleased to hear that the children's behaviour and their attitudes to learning were outstanding on the trip. Afterwards, Connor told me, "I enjoyed looking at the clothes that the ancient Greeks wore in our workshop. I learnt how the clothes were made out of linen and they got this material from flax. I had never heard of flax before the trip!"

War Memorial

Year 6 recently visited the war memorial garden in Hemsworth as part of the work they have been doing about World War Two. The visit allowed the children to think about the people who had given their lives in the service of their country. Afterwards, Aidan said, "It allowed me to reflect on the people who lived in Hemsworth and who had fought and lost their lives in the war. We also tried to spot any of our ancestors when we looked at the names on the plaque." Some of the children also shared their experiences in our special assembly to celebrate Remembrance Day.

Junior Leadership Team

For the first time, the school has a Junior Leadership Team this year. The Junior Leadership Team is looking to improve the teaching and learning of all of our children. Following their first meeting, the team are looking at different ways to help children start their work quicker in maths. There will be another meeting about this in the next fortnight. Following that meeting, I will be able to share with you the impact of their ideas.

Website

The teachers have recently updated the class blogs and gallery pages on the school website. Make sure you read these in order to find out even more about what has been going on in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher