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(Dales Academy Trust)

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This year (2023-2024) we have 94 children on roll and 22 children enrolled in Pre-School. Our attendance has improved again during this academic year and we currently stand at 96.6%.

Number on roll and class organisation

We have four classes in School- Mars (Y5/6), Neptune (Y3/4), Earth (Y1/2) and Venus (EYFS/Y1). The names of the classes were chosen to fit in with the vision of our school and you will notice lots of stars and planets in the school environment.

We start the Summer term with:

Class	Children	Teacher(s)
Venus	10 Reception/ Y1 and 22 Preschool children	Mrs Richford and Mrs Fortune Mrs Eynon (TA), Mrs Metcalfe (TA) and Mrs Rowland (TA)
Earth	26 x Y1 and Y2 children	Mrs Fraser and Mrs Stamp (TA)
Neptune	28 x Y3 and Y4 children	Miss Lanham and Ms Cooke (TA)
Mars	30 x Y5 and Y6 children	Mr Brown, Mrs Peacock (HLTA) and Ms Davies (1:1 TA)

We continue to embed our new curriculum in school making sure the children are 'knowing more and remembering more' using a new scheme of work called Kapow. This has amazing resources and video clips and the children are really enjoying these to develop their learning.

We have a new reading area in school which has been funded by The Trust and includes new reading areas, bookshelves and new books.

Last year we achieved a 'Good' in our SIAMs inspection- this was just after my last report sent to you. Thank you to Father Stephen for his input into this Inspection. Father Stephen is a regular visitor, as is Jen Holder (New Life Baptist Church) and Rev Sheilagh Williamson. Rev. Sheilagh is in school this week to give us an update on Tony and Jocelyn. We now have a large giraffe (!) in our entrance hall which is decoupage with photos of Tony and Jocelyn- we continue to pay their school fees and we are sending a suitcase full of t-shirts in May. Do call in to see it if you are passing!



We have a number of After School Clubs running including Netball, French, Football and our Sports Leaders (Y6 pupils) run a lunchtime club for the EYFS children. We had a Wheelchair Basketball club in the Summer term and this is booked again to visit during our Sports Week in June.

Our Y6 children completed their 'mini-medics' First Aid training in October. We continue to sign the Lord's Prayer in our Collective Worship each day, led by our Collective Worship Star hosts. Our Christian Values for this academic year have been the Seven Stars of South Otterington- Integrity, Wisdom, Respect, Perseverance, Creativity, Kindness and Thankfulness. We are delighted that Father Stephen will be holding Confirmation classes in school during April and May ready for the Confirmation service on Sunday 23rd June at 10.45am with Bishop Paul.

We continued with our Ethical Leadership Framework in school and the Ethical Leaders have raised money to pay the suitcase carriage fees for the t-shirts to go to Uganda. This was through a Leap Frog day on February 29th February!

The Friends of the School have paid for each class to go on a school visit this term e.g. Earth class are going to Saltburn as part of their Geography topic. We are very thankful for all their hard work with this.

Governance

Our Governing body continues to be active in our school. We will be hosting a Governor Hot-seating and afternoon tea meeting in July, so that the Governors can find out more about our school. This involves staff sharing information with the Governors e.g. our curriculum, our support for Tony and Jocelyn in Uganda.

Our staff Well-being Retreat at Wydale Hall, the Diocesan House has been postponed until 30th September.

Links with St. Andrews

We have been able to use St Andrew's for our celebrations during this year- we had our Harvest, Christmas and Easter services in church and were able to invite our parents- many thanks to the Red Pinny Brigade who are always happy to support these events.

We continue to support the education of Tony and Jocelyn.



Collaboration

We have continued to work very closely with the other Dales Academy Trust schools- All Saints Secondary School, Croft, Trinity Schools (Richmond), Ainderby Steeple, Kirkby Fleetham, Barton, Ravensworth, East Cowton, St Francis of Assissi, Thornaby, and Carnagill Community school.

We warmly invite you to join us for Collective Worship, which is at 2.55pm each day, so you can see our Christian vision and values at work.

I look forward to meeting you all,

Kind regards,
Amanda Gledhill
Headteacher



South Otterington CE Primary School is strongly committed to using the Ethical Leadership Framework to create and uphold an ethos that stresses high achievement, equal opportunities, the valuing of cultural diversity, the provision of a secure environment, partnerships with parents and the wider community.