



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 11th October 2024

Happy Friday everyone – I apologise for not writing a newsletter last week. I was on a course Thursday and Friday and there simply aren't enough hours in the week! We have had a busy Week 6 in school and I cannot believe we only have two weeks left until October half-term. Please give this newsletter a careful read and have a lovely weekend.

SKA Exhibition – Wednesday 16th October 2024 (Information below was shared on previous letter)

Following the success of last year's SKA Exhibitions, I am delighted to invite you all in for our first SKA Exhibition of the autumn term. For those families unfamiliar with this event, you are invited into school to spend part of the morning in your child's class. The children will showcase what they have learnt so far this half-term and you may even be asked to take part in a lesson! You are then invited to our half-termly coffee morning in the hall. This event is **free** but donations for tea, coffee and sweet treats are appreciated.

Doors will open at **9am** for families. Please enter through your child's classroom door.

9am-9:45am Classroom session

9:45am-10:15am Coffee morning in the school hall

Please sign up on the MCAS app if you are staying for our coffee morning. This is so we make sure we buy enough refreshments for everyone!

Year 3 Trip to Leeds

The Year 3 children loved their trip to Armley Mills and Leeds City Museum, where they immersed themselves in the history of Leeds. Both classes were an absolute pleasure to take and were all role models for our school. We even had members of the public email school directly to say what a fantastic group of children and wonderful school we are.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools

We currently have £180 in our pot! Wow! Thank you for supporting our school and keep spending money at ASDA! Money will be added until the end of November.

Last Week – Stars of the Week and Treat Tuesday

I did not have time to write a newsletter last week, but it did not seem fair to miss the opportunity of giving a shout-out to all our fantastic Stars of the Week and Treat Tuesday winners! So...

Star of the Week (Friday 4th October 2024)

Leeds – Isla – running like the wind at cross country!	York – Evie. K – working hard to improve sentences.
Knares. – Freddie – his shining enthusiasm!	Richmond – Sebastian – working hard on concentration.
Filey – Teddy – super sensible week and trying hard.	Whitby – Harper – being kind and thoughtful.
Ilkley – Hope – being brave and overcoming fears.	Harrogate – Alfie – putting 100% into everything.

Treat Tuesday (Friday 4th October 2024)

Well done to Max (Yr3), Sophia (Yr3), Lisa (Yr4), Cameron (Yr4), Anna Leigh (Yr5), Xanthe (Yr5), Harry M (Yr6) and Harry B (Yr6) for achieving their Treat Tuesday award. Our focus was **being safe**.

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Attendance this week: 95%

Knaresborough	99%
Leeds	98%
Whitby	96%
Harrogate	95%
Richmond	94%
Filey	94%
York	92%
Ilkley	88%
Knaresborough may wear non-uniform next Friday 18 th October 2024	

Ebony (Leeds)	For exemplary behaviour on our school trip.
Jack B (York)	For always being an amazing role model.
Georgie (Knaresborough)	For being counted on for always doing the right thing!
Jenson (Richmond)	For resilience in all areas of his learning.
Ellie (Filey)	For being an asset to Filey class. Thank you for being you!
Elayna (Whitby)	For being a wonderful addition to Whitby class and settling in!
Sophie (Harrogate)	For her excellent writing and use of descriptive language.
Gabriel (Ilkley)	For having an amazing start at SKA!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week!

FREE EMOTIONAL WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

Delivered by qualified therapists and co-produced by experts by experience, our informal workshop sessions have been designed to provide you with useful techniques and coping strategies to help improve your mental health and wellbeing.

As well as providing you with useful information about common mental health symptoms.

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OCTOBER

To access you need to be aged 16+ and be registered with a Wakefield District GP.

For more information and to book your place onto any workshop, scan the QR code, or contact us on the below:

[talking.turning-point.co.uk/workshops](https://twitter.com/talking.turning-point.co.uk/workshops)
 01924 234 860
wakefield.talking@turning-point.co.uk

COMBATTING LOW MOOD
Sun 20th Oct: 13:00pm - 14:30pm

HOW TO BE KIND TO YOURSELF
Thurs 10th Oct: 11:30am - 13:00pm

IMPROVING YOUR SLEEP
Thurs 10th Oct: 13:00pm - 14:30pm

KEEP MOVING FORWARD
Sun 27th Oct: 13:00pm - 14:30pm

MANAGING ANXIETY & WORRY
Sun 6th Oct: 13:00pm - 14:30pm

MENSTRUAL HEALTH & MOOD
Fri 18th Oct: 13:00pm - 14:30pm

NAVIGATING RELATIONSHIP BREAKDOWNS
Sun 13th Oct: 13:00pm - 14:30pm

OVERCOMING PANIC ATTACKS
Sun 27th Oct: 11:30am - 13:00pm

SUPPORTING LOVED ONES
Sun 20th Oct: 11:30am - 13:00pm

WELLBEING AT WORK
Sun 13th Sept: 11:30am - 13:00pm

*All are delivered via TEAMS, unless otherwise stated.

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TURNING POINT TALKING THERAPIES

Turning Point - Registered Charity - 234887

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Value of the week: Be independent

Abdoul (Year 6) Phinn (Year 6)
Thomas (Year 5) Sandra (Year 5)
Brandon (Year 4) Emily (Year 4)
Ronnie (Year 3) Ava D (Year 3)

Lunchtime Awards

Christopher (Y4) and Oscar (Y6)

DON'T MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT SKA INFORMATION!

We have created a new Facebook page as our old one mysteriously disappeared! Please search for 'South Kirkby Academy' and give us a follow. We have drastically cut our paper use so all letters are sent out on MCAS but we do send some reminders on Facebook. Letters are also on our school website.

Key Events Next Week

Disco - cancelled - to be rearranged for Autumn 2
SKA Exhibition 16.10.24

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr Potter

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