

TEA TIMES



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Love

Message from the Head of Academy

The end of term is finally here and I am pleased to share with you the wonderful highlights that we have had this term. The Elland academy family has worked tirelessly to ensure that we have all shared some amazing experiences that have supported us throughout the term. Students and staff alike have come up with some brilliant ideas that have enriched the learning journey. Additionally we have benefitted from the support from our parents and carers whose contribution has been invaluable to us. Here are some of the key highlights this term:

- Outdoor education trips to Herd farm and Chevin to build resilience and team
- Trip to Bradford museum
- Creation of the Mandala therapeutic garden
- Rewards trip for students with 95% and above in attendance
- Enrichment clubs for the Bike club, Radio Elland, Singing, Table tennis, art and crafts and Baking club
- After school football
- Staff versus students football match at Middleton sports ground
- Farewell assembly for year 11
- Academy celebration assembly
- Year 11 leavers dinner

The academy opens on the 5th of September for all staff and on the 6th of September for all students. We are looking forward to an even exciting time ahead in the new academic year.

A Ngondi



Members of academy council and editorial team.

Students' Corner

Sad day for England.

On the 16th of June, Jo Cox sadly passed away. Students and staff at the Elland academy were shocked when the news were received. Miss Ngondi the Head of academy led the assembly and talked about equality, British values and the importance of understanding the importance of freedom from all. She then led the whole academy in observing a minutes silence in honour of Jo Cox. It was a sad day at the academy because a life had been lost.

Her family, friends and leaders gathered at her memorial with flowers and candles near the Houses of Parliament; speeches/statements were read aloud by many of her friends and her family. One woman stated: "She will fly high. She was never afraid to speak up to what she fought for! She was a strong lady with a lot of willpower. She will be forever missed". A man also stated: "I want to give her family our condolences. Seeing her out and about with a big smile on her face brightened my day on Wednesday mornings".

One thing is for sure: She will always be remembered for what she stood for and will be greatly missed.

Emma Cook Year 9.

Battle of the Greats

On the Friday afternoon of the 13th of May 16, the year 11s had challenged the staff for a football match. There had been talk of who the better players were and after school, all roads led to the Middleton Sports Centre grounds.

Postcards of Hope Project

Recently, we started an art project about love and hope. It was run by the amazing art teacher, Mr Hudson, to show that we at the Elland Academy care about the poverty happening around the world.

Mr McLeod was Captain for the staff our very own Morgan Bell was Captain for the students. The Kick off began with 5 aside which soon built up to seven.

It was an exciting time with our Site Supervisor Walter Easton in goal. Student's team were the first to score with a hot kick from Tom Bream. This was followed by another score from Ben Commons. The staff realised that playing a defence game was not helping and soon resulted to attack. They then scored through the very agile Mr Malcom who followed it up with another goal in just a few minutes.

This urged the student's team on and a high energy adrenalin full effort emerged. They soon scored a 2nd goal from Tom Bream. Mrs Aspin our Wellbeing Officer showed real talent and occasionally passed the ball to the student team. All you could hear were shouts of encouragement from Miss Ngondi and Miss Barratt who were the Lead Cheerleaders for both teams. At some point, there was a head butt moment as Mrs Aspin dashed to tackle Tom. A third goal by the student led Mr Howlett to surge forward and in a miraculous turn around scored the equaliser in the last minute. It was a fun afternoon with the staff team made up of Mr Rashid, Mr Goldring, and Mrs Knox among others. The student team was made up of Tom, Morgan, Liam, Alistair, Billy Jo Gittins and Jordan Turner who impressed as goal keeper.

The Match ended with a tie of 3/3 to the shock of Year 11 who thought the staff team were old and easy to beat.

One thing is for sure; new respects were found that day and most importantly, The Elland Academy Culture of love, care, respect and team spirit shone through once again!

The plan was to have every student in the academy make a colourful and interesting



postcard and sending messages of hope to people from different places across the globe. These would be displayed in the reception area, and anyone that is feeling down or needs some love will be able to take them down and send them to someone they feel is in need of hope.

At the starting day of the project, 26th May, Mr Hudson showed us a video about a boy who was in poverty and suffering serious starvation and struggling to survive. Then the at teach rave a big speech about hope, and that we had the freedom to draw whatever we want, as long as it said the word “Hope” on it.

I (Lewis Dean) made one with the word and a lot of bright colours to simulate happiness around it. It wasn't an intricate design but they didn't need to be. It was simple but eye-catching, and small but showed I put effort in.



Every now and then we do one of these projects, and almost every student took part in every one of them. This time the whole academy took part, and at the end of the project, everyone got a good old bacon-buttery. This project lasted 3 weeks and student feedback was saying it was the best one yet. Hopefully, we can get another project squeezed in before the end of term. I am only

The Mask Haiku Poem Bradley Davey KS3

I like making masks
 Scary, angry, amazing
 To wear on my face

HOPE-ing though!



ENRICHMENT/CLUBS

Here at the Elland, we host a series of extra activities, to extend the students' education or just for some fun. There are different clubs on different days, but there is none on Wednesday, because of briefing where the teachers say how amazing the children have been.

All of the period sevens are completely different from each other, and every club comes with a different member of the amazing staff at the Elland. Here is the entire list of school clubs:

Monday: Football with Mr Malcolm and Baking with Mrs Knox.

Tuesday: Bike Club with Mr Howlett and Making Stuff with Mr Aspland

Thursday: Radio Elland with Mr Brown, Games Club with Mr Elliot, Einstein Club with Mr Rashid and Mr Goldring, Photography with Mr Hudson, Singing with Mrs Excell Kay and Baking Club with Mrs Knox

Friday: Table Tennis with Miss Scott, Darts with Mr Lyman, Tai Chi with Miss Hoyle and Chess and Cards with Mr Olpherts.

Miss Scott is the host of the whole operation. The students always have positive feedback about the clubs.

Life

all these looking-glasses have been witnesses
Of the photos never to be unseen or unlearned.
In a mass explosion, thoughts of pain, torture and
doom surface to the peak of my mind.

Not a faint memory of a pure life.
Perfection.
Normality.

Why do people succumb to believing in such
things?
It befuddles me.

A hollow heart that seeps desperation
and blind loyalty to those who hurt it the most.
Rivers of blood, lacing every inch of my arms and
legs ,
leaving behind patterns of Helplessness, Pain,
Sorrow and Remorse.

Distant times.
The ones hardest to remember.
The happiest of times they were.

Drenched in self-pity,
waterfalls, slowly joining my rivers of blood
making them flow as they please.

The little diamonds formed under my looking
glasses are stuck in place.
So brightly they sparkle
but they are not for brightening my life.
They are the co – workers of my pain.
All the ruined towers of my pain created
I want to fix but I don't know where to start...
Shanaz Ibrahim Year 10.

Sport-tacular!-She shoots she scores

Football is mainly a male dominated sport, but the
ladies: Chloe, Deni, Alisha, and Shanaz proved to
have the resilience and they can definitely kick-
balls at football.

Alisha is the strongest dominator of the girls on
the pitch and she kicked her way to victory for the
girls scoring the winning goal, 2-3 at the final
score. Connor and Jordan handled defeat well and
that shows great sportsmanship! I cannot

underestimate them though; they do have “fancy
footwork”. Well done everyone!

This thrilling, adrenaline pumping event took place
under the supervision of some very decent playing
teachers; Mr Howlett, Mr Nichols and Miss Kidd.

Lesson to learn: Never underestimate a girl or
woman; they can do anything boys can do!

We did: partnered passing, ball manipulation and
then we followed through with shooting drills.

Finally, as exhausted masses reach limits, we
played some short sided games and the girls won!
Sport-tacular!

