

Autumn 2 Week 5

A message from the Principal



Welcome to the first edition of our new format newsletters. These newsletters will be sent regularly, and will contain useful information.

It has been a busy start to the year at Atlas Primary Academy, and we have a lot to update you on. First of all, we are delighted to confirm the appointment of Mrs Melisha Trotman to the position of Principal, with effect from the first of January. As you will know, Mr Crossley and Mr Webb have been interim leaders of school whilst a new Principal was appointed. Mr Crossley will support Mrs Trotman's transition into her new role, and so you will still see him in school a lot in January. After this, he will continue to be the school's Regional Director. Mr Webb will return to his role as National Maths Lead and will continue to work with staff. Mrs Trotman brings a wealth of experience, and will continue to guide Atlas and drive change to make the school even stronger.

Further to this, we were sorry to say goodbye to our Vice Principal Miss Wheatley recently, who has moved on to a new role as a teacher of the deaf. This has been an ambition for Miss Wheatley for a long time. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work at Atlas, and wish her well for the future. As a result, we take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Sutcliffe, our Assistant Principal and teacher in Y6HS, for her promotion to Vice Principal. She has made a hugely positive impact on the school since her arrival last year, and will be invaluable in continuing to make Atlas a brilliant place to come to school.

We can now also share with you the results of our recent Ofsted inspection. We welcomed a team of three inspectors for a busy three days, in which they found Atlas to be Good in every area. They were

especially impressed by our pupils, and how confidently, passionately and politely they spoke about their school and their learning. We would like to thank you, and your children, for making Atlas the wonderful place that it is.

We are always looking for ways to improve our offer to you, our school community. As part of this, we recently issued a parent questionnaire regarding how well we are doing, and what we can do to improve. The results were overwhelmingly positive: you can see average responses in the graph below.

While we are pleased that our community feels the positive impact of all we do, we are always looking for the next step to become even better. Your responses show that many parents are interested in joining a 'Friends of Atlas' group. We will send out details of what this will be and how you can join in, after the holidays. Additionally, your responses have helped us to understand that communications are more difficult to access for some, and we are working hard to ensure that our communications are as accessible as possible.



Recent Highlights

The last few weeks have been busy, and we have welcomed some visitors to our school. First of all, we would like to thank you all for supporting our school in raising a fantastic £533.14 for the Royal British Legion through purchasing poppy when we marked Remembrance Day.

Last week, we welcomed Doncaster's Civic Mayor Julie Grace, who gave us an inspiring assembly all about her job, and the history of Doncaster. She helped to celebrate the achievements of our pupils by giving out certificates.

Year 3 have enjoyed a fantastic Stone Age day, which involved a range of activities to help pupils to experience and understand how people lived, thousands of years ago. All of the children engaged really well.

KS1 enjoyed a production of Blown Away on Monday, with music and acting. This was a lovely celebration and the performers thoroughly enjoyed meeting our children, and commented on the excellent behaviour and listening. Thank you all!



2 - Stone Age Day in Year 3



3 - Blown Away performance KS1

Upcoming Dates - look out for more information from class teachers

- Monday December 16th - Winter Fayre
- Tuesday December 17th - KS1 Nativity (first showing: 09:30, second showing 14:30). Please look out for more details in a letter from Year 1 and Year 2 teachers soon
- Wednesday December 18th - EYFS Nativity at 14:30 for Fireflies and Ladybirds
- Thursday December 19th - Festive Lunch for the children
- Friday December 20th - Christmas jumper or festive outfit day

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