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academy

# THE VOICE

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME to our spring newsletter...

This term staff and students have continued to amaze me with their enthusiasm and determination to get life back to normal.

In classrooms, students have focused on higher level vocabulary across the curriculum and have been encouraged to 'Sound Like An Expert' through our campaign to improve oracy. Reading has also continued to be a focus, both for pleasure and also the development of our skills to tackle higher level texts. Year 11 have impressed us with their determination to achieve. Attendance at intervention and online after school tutoring sessions has been excellent; their hard work is certainly paying off and impressive progress was made in their latest set of mock exams.

It was great to welcome our Year 9 students and parents back into the building for our Options

Evening - face to face contact definitely beats online meetings!

Outside of the classroom, students have continued to enjoy a wide variety of extracurricular activities including Fifa, sports, debating, maths challenges and charity events but to name but a few. Our students really are a credit to you, the atmosphere in school has been positive, purposeful and fun. Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you and your families a restful, happy Easter.

*Mrs Hickman*

**Mrs N Hickman,**  
Head of School

## Sweet success!

**As the summer exams get closer and closer, this term we gave a sweet treat to our Year 11 students.**

We dished out some treats for those who had brilliant attendance at intervention sessions.

Come on, Year 11. One final push - you're doing a great job!





# Supporting Ukraine



This term we hosted a cake sale to raise money for the Save the Children Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

We were overwhelmed by the support of our students, parents and staff who amazed us with their delicious creations.

A wide range of cakes were expertly made, ranging from a Terry's Chocolate Orange cake to Malteser gateauxs and cupcakes decorated in the Ukrainian flag colours.

A special shout out is in order for Melissa in Year

8 for her crowd-pleasing Terry's Chocolate Orange Cake, which sold out in less than a minute!

We are so proud to have such a thoughtful and supportive school community who are always willing to help others in need.

The atmosphere in school was fantastic and together we raised £410.10!

## IMPORTANT DATES

*for your diary*

25 APR - Back to school

02 MAY - Bank holiday

27 MAY - Break up for half term

Please keep checking our website and social media channels for the latest updates.



## Music to our ears

Students pulled out all the stops this term at our Musician of the Year competition.

Congratulations to everyone who took part, in particular, our winners of the night - Musician of the Year, Eve, and Vocalist of the Year, Neve.

You are all amazing!

## Go girls!

Our girls' football team have achieved another great win and this time it's one for the history books as they have reached the girls' County Cup Final!

The teams played brilliantly in the semis and came out on top with a 4-1 victory. Bring on the final!



## Let's hear it for the boys!

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 5-a-side football team who have been crowned the Durham County champions!

The final was held at the Louisa Centre in Stanley and involved the best teams from Bishop Auckland, Darlington and South Tyneside. The boys won every game without conceding a single goal and were fantastic throughout. An amazing achievement!



## The fun doesn't stop at the school bell...

A group of students, alongside Mr Appleby, are currently involved with 'The Heart of the Terrace' 6-week local project which offers after school activities.

Our students, as always, have been fantastic ambassadors for our school and have behaved impeccably. We have really enjoyed seeing the impressive artwork they have brought into school to share with us. Keep up the good work and we look forward to seeing your next creations!

## New sporting additions

Excellent news! Social times are about to get even better here at Easington Academy.

With the help of our Assistant Head Girl for Personal Development, Ella B and our Assistant Head Boy for Extra-Curricular Activities, Dominic T, we have successfully bid for the money from Believe Housing to install some new sports equipment on the yard including a table tennis table!

Ella and Dominic presented to a panel of judges via Teams, explaining how this equipment would benefit our students and did a fantastic job. We are so proud of them both and can't wait for the equipment to arrive.



## Were social!

Follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with all of the latest news from around the Academy!



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# FIFA 2022

**This term we launched our first ever FIFA tournament and what a success it has been!**

We were one of only 32 schools in the country to be selected by the ESFA to host the tournament which saw us provided with all of the equipment (even down to the beanbags!).

Over 60 students entered the tournament and we are now down to the final four. The winner of the competition will go on to represent our school in the national final, which is due to be held at West Bromwich Albion FC in May.

## MPs in the making

**This term we had the pleasure of welcoming the UK Parliament Outreach team to Easington Academy.**

The team gave an insightful presentation to all of our students to support our promotion of democracy and British values. After the presentation, the team delivered a very successful workshop, 'From Bill to Law', to some of our Year 8 students who were outstanding.



## Watch out, Lexi's about!

**A huge congratulations to Year 7 Lexi who has qualified to take part in the World Martial Arts Organisation Championship after securing her place in a competition this term.**

Lexi has previously achieved 2019 National Champion and 2019 World Champion for both weapons and Taekwondo in the 12 and under category.

Keep up the great work!

# BILLY ELLIOT

THE MUSICAL

## Coming soon...

Join us on 6 - 8 July 2022 for our special production of Billy Elliot.

All performances will be taking place in the school auditorium, starting at 7pm.

Tickets on sale soon...



## Going green

In Geography Genius Club, students are working towards achieving their Green Blue Peter Badge.

The group are taking on three pledges on power, plastic, and plants. They kicked off their challenge by planting sunflower seeds.

