



Birley Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Working in partnership with our families is invaluable, and your encouragement and commitment have played an important role in making this year such a positive one for our children.

It has been an incredibly busy and rewarding year, filled with so many successes and achievements that we are immensely proud of. Our children have embraced every opportunity available to them, demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience and a willingness to challenge themselves.

Throughout the year, we have continued to enjoy a wide range of sporting competitions and events, culminating in the achievement of our **Gold School Games Award**. We have continued to strengthen our links with the local community through activities such as litter picking and our participation in the Remembrance Day Service. Children have also enjoyed memorable experiences including Young Voices, Bikeability, the Robinwood residential, educational visits, and welcoming visitors into the academy.

Our commitment to developing the whole child has continued through our character education programme with Commando John, our much-loved Colour Run, and the fantastic work of our Global Gang, School Council, Eco Warriors, Job Squad, Pupil Parliament representatives and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. We have also been incredibly proud of our fundraising efforts for Sheffield Children's Hospital, our celebration assemblies and the wide range of after-school clubs on offer. It has been wonderful to see our children making the most of every opportunity, and we are already planning even more exciting experiences for the next academic year.

One of the standout moments of the year was our **Aspire Day**, where we welcomed parents, members of the local community and a number of inspirational visitors into the academy. We were especially delighted to welcome **Barry Bannan**, who spoke to the children about aspirations, determination and the many opportunities available



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to them in the future. It was a truly inspiring day that encouraged our pupils to dream big and believe in themselves.

We have also continued to invest in improving our academy environment. This year we have enhanced our playtimes and lunchtimes, further developed our wildlife area and, in preparation for next year, purchased our very own 3D printer to enrich our Design and Technology and Computing curriculum.

Another unforgettable highlight was hosting our very first **Birley Art Gallery**. Every class explored the work of local artist **Pete McKee**, creating their own incredible pieces inspired by his distinctive style. We were thrilled to welcome Pete into school, where he spent time with the children, admired their artwork and delivered drawing workshops. The finished artwork was then proudly displayed in our very own art gallery, which was enjoyed by families and the wider community. To top it all off, our project was featured on the local news—a moment of great pride for everyone involved.

At the end of this term, we will also be saying goodbye to **Miss Inns**, who has worked with our Year 3 and Year 5 children throughout the year. She has been a valued member of our team, making a significant contribution to the academy, and we thank her for everything she has done. We wish her every success and happiness in the future.

The academy will reopen for children on **Thursday 3rd September**, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year of learning and achievement.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to work alongside such a supportive school community. On behalf of all the staff at Birley Primary Academy, I wish you and your families a safe, happy and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another fantastic year.

Kind regards,

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