



Co-op Academy
Leeds

Academy Life



December 2023



JAMIE'S FARM
CULTIVATING CHANGE



Every year we visit Jamie's Farm in Monmouth Wales. Jamie's Farm is a charity giving students the opportunity to spend an intensive week living and working on a farm away from all platforms of social media.

Students were able to engage in a wide range of activities and experience country life. During the week the students and staff had the chance to work with a wide range of animals including pigs, sheep, cows, bulls, horses and chickens; playing a vital role in the running of the farm.

The whole experience was absolutely amazing – it was great to see all the students interacting with each other without a mobile phone in sight.



We took delivery of 19,500 selection boxes and we redistributed them to other schools.
The Lorry was full!

Show you care ~ Succeed together

Do what
matters most

Be yourself,
always

Show you
care

Succeed
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Miss Jones, Headteacher
Co-op Academy Leeds

Message from the Headteacher

It is wonderful to share such a positive and action-packed newsletter with you. I am sure you will agree that we have a lot of creativity, talent and hard work to celebrate in the academy!

A huge thank you , as always, to the staff who have given their time so willingly to support trips and visits to places like Jamie's Farm; without staff volunteering their own time, trips like this would not happen!

Another huge thank you to our Reading Mentors and other student leaders for all of their commitment to the academy and their peers this half term. Keep your eyes peeled for more student leadership opportunities being launched in the new year!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2024; we look forward to welcoming students back into the academy, ready to learn, on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Miss Jones

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'N Jones'.



Our Year 11 Business students are taking part in an enterprise project in collaboration with LEAP.

Their company 'Scented Dreams' are selling reed diffusers.

All proceeds will go to Yorkshire Children's Charity.

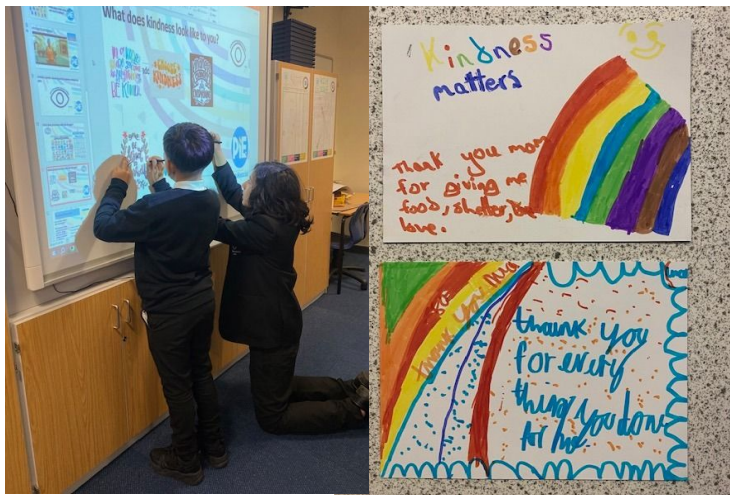
The LEAP group went to Rosemont House to push sales.

Students met colleagues at Rosemont Pharmaceuticals where their mentors for the past 7 weeks have been from.



We were so impressed by then Young Entrepreneur Challenge presentations.

Year 8 have taken part in a workshop making paper chains learning the importance of being part of a community. Each student made a chain that represented them and learnt why you need to be a strong link and support others within the community.



Year 7 took part in a kindness day. They were looking at how random acts of kindness can impact on a person's day.



Students attended Hollywood Bowl to participate in the Tenpin Bowling Panathlon Challenge, which was sponsored by St James's Place and the Jack Petchey Foundation.



Excited to share we're a Leeds Year of Culture partner school. Thanks to the British Council and Institut français, our students will work together with a partner school in France on a joint online project.

Leeds has been twinned with Lille for more than 50 years, and during that time the two cities have worked closely on a range of arts, education and business projects. As part of the Year of Culture, British Council, LEEDS 2023 and the Institut Français are linking schools in Leeds and Lille to work together on an international project.



We are delighted to have received some of our French partners from Lille-Leeds cultural exchange!

We discussed project opportunities for our students to gain cultural capital and learn more about French society! Our students and staff impressed the French and the British Council consultant with their enthusiasm and passion for the school!





Co-op Recognition Awards Evening

This annual event was held at Royal Armouries in Leeds this year. A fabulous evening that celebrates staff achievements and showcases the wonderful musicians from some of our academies within the trust. This year our academy rose to the occasion. Our Music students Daniel Kwateng, Lilia Tariket, Thomas Shewaye and Emily Flynn took centre stage to perform songs by Alicia Keys and Billie Elish, what a show they put on! They did the school, staff, our community and most importantly themselves proud and clearly enjoyed themselves along the way. All the hard work paid off, well done guys!



Students enjoyed an indian dance workshop.



Library News

First Story Returns for Another Anthology in Our School

We are thrilled to announce that First Story will be making a return to our school next year for another captivating anthology. First Story is a literary charity that believes in the transformative power of storytelling and creative writing. Their programs aim to inspire and empower young people to find their voice and express themselves through the art of writing. This upcoming anthology promises to showcase the unique perspectives and creative talents of our students. Stay tuned for more details on workshops, events, and the exciting journey our students will embark on with First Story.

Expanded Collection: Over 200 New Non-Fiction Titles for Low-Level and Easy-Level Readers:

In an effort to cater to diverse reading levels and interests, our library has recently acquired an impressive collection of more than 200 new non-fiction titles specifically tailored for low-level and easy-level readers. Whether for those just starting their reading journey or individuals seeking accessible content, these books cover a wide range of topics, ensuring there's something for everyone. From science and history to biographies and nature, this expanded collection aims to promote literacy and make the joy of reading accessible to readers of all levels. Come explore the exciting new additions to our library and embark on a journey of discovery.

Reading Ambassadors

Year 9 and Year 10 students applied for the roles and over 30 students were selected and trained to deliver the intervention. They have been paired with Year 7 students and regularly practise reading with them and provide support and feedback. A great example of our Co-op Ways of Being in action - Succeed Together!



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in the community

Every Friday

8:30AM - 10AM

Food & Clothing Bank

**Academic Support
and Advice**

Pastoral Support

Debt Advice



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Every week on Friday we host CAL in the community where we have tea and coffee, a food and clothing bank, toys and gifts and debt and academic advice. We recently offered vouchers and the chance to win a hamper. It's great to see so many families each week and we look forward to welcoming you back after the holiday.



Library

with Mr Smith

Monday - Thursday

3:05 - 4:45

The library will be open for students to complete homework, do revision, and have a quiet and purposeful learning environment.





A group of our Year 8 and 9 students have taken part in the River of Hope Project this year with some other schools in Leeds as part of Leeds 2023 events.

Their flags, created as part of the project using their artwork, are currently being displayed by the river near the Armories, so it'd be great if you are in the area if you could pop by & see them.



A video has been made of the project which features a number of our students. As part of the project, a joint poem was written by students from different schools. Our students wrote the first part of the poem which expresses how rivers and the water in them link all the countries in the world and so the river in Leeds links them to their countries. You can hear our students reading their part of the poem in the video & saying the names of their countries.

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    # Asks the user to input the number plate of their car
    taxation = str(input("Is your car taxed: (y/n)"))
    # Asks the user if their car is taxed
    MOTed = str(input("Is your car MOTed: (y/n)"))
    # Asks the user if their car is MOTed
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    # Asks the user if their car is insured
    driver_name = str(input("Enter the driver's name: "))
    # Asks the user to input the driver's name
    driver_address = str(input("Enter their address: "))
    # Asks the user to input the driver's address
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    # Asks the user to input the driver's conviction points
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    # Asks the user to input the penalties for the driver

dictionary[number_plate] = {
    # Adds the number plate to the dictionary
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    # Adds the taxation to the dictionary
    "Is your car MOTed": MOTed,
    # Adds the MOTed to the dictionary
    "Is your car Insured": Insurance,
    # Adds the Insurance to the dictionary
    "Driver's Name": driver_name,
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Congratulations to Malik Talaat and Thomas Ameha Shewaye Y10 - Using dictionaries to program a Police VNPR camera in a police car that identifies drivers contravening the speed limit & issues them with penalty notices. They produced a robust program that produced amazing results.



Roma Community Liaison Team

Co-op Academies are working with Mission 44, a charity set up by Lewis Hamilton, to support inclusion of students from ethnic minority groups. Part of our work has been to set up a team to support Roma children and families feel more included.

Meet the team...



Albert Mailat

My name is Albert Mailat, Community Liaison Officer. My job includes liaising between the Roma community and Co-op Academy Leeds.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any other information either if you are a member of the staff or a pupil and have something to discuss about or are simply interested in learning about the Roma people.

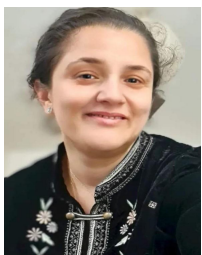
You can find me in DL2 or call: 07762945638



David Horvath

My name is Mr Horvath. I come from Slovakia. I have been working with Roma families for over 8 years at a secondary school but also doing voluntary work to support the Roma Community.

As a Community Liaison Officer, my role is to support Roma students and build inclusion as well as strong relationships with the Roma families in the Community. The aim is to build the Roma Community together so that they become stronger as one and have their voice listened to. With this in mind, my role involves me providing recommendations and strategies to improve attendance and tackle challenging behaviours in a better way.



Mirela Ciobotaru

My name is Mirela Ciobotaru and as Community Liaison Officer in a Co-op Academy, my role is pivotal in fostering a positive and productive relationship between the school, students, families, and the broader community.

My responsibilities encompass a wide range of activities, all aimed at enhancing the educational experience, community engagement, and overall well-being of those connected to the academy.



We are so proud of our students delivering assemblies and taking part in the Romanian National Day as a way of celebrating their heritage! They also shared their culture and traditions with their classmates

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SPORTS NEWS

All the latest sports news from Co-op Academy Leeds



Year 11 Basketball

It was great to see our year 11 basketball team back in action.

Sports Activities

Please note that you will need full PE kit to attend our extra curricular clubs

Monday 3:05 - 4:15	Netball (Year 10/11) Mrs Skelton Volleyball (all Years) Mr Pitts Girls Football (Year 7/8) Mrs Broadley
Tuesday 3:05 - 4:15	Girls Basketball (all Years) Mrs Broadley Boys Football (Year 7/8/9) Mr Rayner/Mr Pitts/Mr Hurren
Wednesday 3:05 - 4:15	
Thursday 3:05 - 4:15	Girls Football (Year 9/10/11) Mr Hurren Netball (Year 7/8/9) Mrs Broadley Boys Basketball (all Years) Mr Rayner
Friday 3:05 - 4:15	Boys Football (Year 10/11) Mr Rayner BTEC Catch up support (Year 10/11) Mr Cafferky CG3/4 Badminton (all Years) Mrs Skelton/Mr Pitts Leeds United Foundation Girls Football (Year 9/10/11) Mr Hurren



Year 7&8 Basketball

Our Y7/8 basketball squad started their Junior NBA season off with a fantastic 16-2 win! Well done to all the players!



Year 8 Boys Football

3-2 victory on the football field for our Y8 boys team. Outstanding performances from all, especially man of the match Alex (GK)

PE Superstars



Year 8 Table Tennis

A victory for our Year 8 Table Tennis team. Well done!



KS3 Cross Country

Our KS3 girls took part in a cross country fixture

We held lots of tutor group sports competitions this half-term.



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We're hugely saddened to learn of the death of Benjamin Zephaniah. Our students love studying his work in English.

Rest in Peace, Benjamin



- Every week we are running competitions for achieving home learning merit points.
- There will be prizes for the top home learning merit point earning tutor group in each year group.
- There will also be prizes for the top home learning merit point students within each year group.
- Make sure that you complete as much home learning as possible and make sure you ask your teacher to log the merit points!
- Additional points can be earned by going to the library after school to complete home learning.



Have a lovely break. See you back at the academy on Tuesday 9th January 2024.



At Co-op Academy Leeds we are ambitious for ourselves and our diverse communities - we will endeavour to make the world a better place through our actions.

We will be determined to succeed and show respect, kindness and integrity to everyone, everyday.

United by our co-operative values.

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