

Inside AGS

A message from the Headteacher



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As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment. It has been wonderful to see so many students embracing every opportunity in school, showing resilience, kindness and determination in all that they do.

I would also like to thank our families for your continued support of both your children and the school. Your encouragement and partnership make such a difference and are greatly appreciated by all of us.

This half term has been full of memorable moments. We were incredibly proud to take part in Red Nose Day and raise money for charity. Our students showed great generosity and community spirit, helping to support important causes while having fun along the way.

We also celebrated World Book Day, reminding us all of the importance of reading. Reading opens doors to new ideas, builds confidence and supports learning across every subject. It was fantastic to see students engaging with books and celebrating the joy of reading together.

Another highlight of the half term was taking part in the trust-wide music festival. Events like this are so important for our students, giving them the opportunity to develop confidence, creativity and teamwork, while sharing their talents with others. We are very proud of everyone who took part, and I would like to thank all of the families who came along to support the event.

This half term we have also introduced our new rewards scheme to encourage and celebrate positive behaviour across the school. Students can now earn PRIDE tickets when they demonstrate our values and make positive choices. These tickets can then be swapped for a prize or entered into our "Choice or Chance" prize draw. We are already seeing students respond positively and we look forward to celebrating even more success next half term.

Finally, I would like to say a special well done to our Year 11 students. Their commitment to after-school study sessions, their positive contributions in lessons and their determination to succeed have been outstanding. As they move into next half term and begin their GCSE examinations, we wish them every success and know that all of their hard work will pay off.

Thank you once again for all of your support. I hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming students back for another successful half term.

Mr Laidler | Headteacher



A celebration of difference, where every character matters.

Building a culture of reading at AGS

In March, we celebrated World Book Day and the importance of reading. Student Leaders were on hand on the gate to welcome fellow students into school and running our 'AGS Family Story' campaign. Students were invited to add their favourite book or quote from our 'Read Around the World' programme which helped our story take shape and showed just how many students are contributing to and enjoying our AGS Read to Succeed initiative.



We also had activities running throughout the day for students to get involved in, including a Murder Mystery event in the LRC where students were invited to look over evidence, search the crime scene and work out different clues to solve the mystery. Staff also got involved in the day, transforming their classroom and office doors into their favourite books. At Acklam Grange, our reading strategy is such an important part of our curriculum and we want students to get involved in fun and engaging ways.

We turned AGS red for Comic Relief

This Red Nose Day, we invited students to wear something red to show their support for Comic Relief. AGS was filled with a fantastic atmosphere, excellent attendance and outstanding engagement throughout the day. Students were able to get involved in a range of different activities and also had the opportunity to donate to this worthy cause.



We held our popular 'Breakfast & Beats' session, students bought cakes at our bake sale, there were competition and activities such as a keepy-up challenge and students had their photo taken in our photo booth. We want to thank everyone who got involved and donated to these worthy causes, you managed to raise a whopping £789.80 for The Meserani Project and Comic Relief. Your kindness, generosity and teamwork is what makes our community shine.

AGS hit all the right notes at TLLT Music Festival

Hundreds of pupils and staff from across our trust sang their hearts out during the third annual TLLT Music Festival. Students from all seven schools, including our AGS choir, performed at the event, with this year's theme of Pop Through The Ages. The performances earned them standing ovations and the atmosphere was electric.

Guest of honour, Middlesbrough Mayor, Chris Cooke said: "Every child in our town should have the opportunity to perform on a stage like this and tonight has been amazing."

He praised The Legacy Learning Trust for "ensuring young people in Middlesbrough have access to quality education and inspiring experiences".

We are so proud of all students who took part in this special event and all of their families who came along to support the show. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate our students' talents



Students get involved in new PRIDE token initiative

This half term, we have launched our brand new PRIDE token initiative to encourage students to show our PRIDE values in all they do. PRIDE tokens are handed out every Friday to students who are in school and being the best they can be. They then have a decision, 'Choice or Chance?' where they can choose a prize from our PRIDE Shop at lunch time, or they can be in with the chance of winning a larger prize.



AGS Families shape our future

Last month, we held our second AGS Families Evening where parents and carers were invited into schools to discuss what is happening in school and share their voice on the future of Acklam Grange. We offer these opportunities for our children's families to continue to build home to school relationships to make sure we offering the best possible chances for our students.



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended. Your views are invaluable and contribute to our whole school success at Acklam Grange. We can't wait for the next evening, we hope to see you there!

Dance like nobody's listening!

Students enjoyed a fantastic end-of-year treat this week as they took part in a silent disco to celebrate all of their hard work and achievements this term. With headphones on and music playing, students danced, sang and enjoyed spending time with their friends in a fun and memorable way. The event was a reward for the positive attitude, excellent behaviour and commitment.



We hope all of our families have a restful break!