

TWA Telegraph - Eleventh Edition - Easter Special



Welcome to the Eleventh edition of the TWA Telegraph!



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***Hoppy** Easter, everyone! (Sorry, I couldn't resist!!).*

Wow, what a half term for The Warwickshire Academy. As you know Ofsted visited us for the first inspection of the school on the 4th and 5th of March. Please do take the time to read the article below related to this, but I couldn't open this newsletter without comment.

This was my 6th inspection as a Headteacher. Inspections are never easy for anyone, quite rightly so, and this inspection was rigorous and gave us the opportunity to really show what it means to be part of the TWA community.

I'm exceptionally proud of the staff and students at TWA and it is a pleasure to be able to finish this half term with our final report.

I'll finish with these two quotes, which crystallise all you could hope for as a Headteacher from your school where the lead inspector wrote, "The Warwickshire Academy is a caring and welcoming community." and "staff are unequivocally positive about working at the school. The school fosters good links with parents and carers. This adds to the community togetherness that pervades the whole school. Everyone is valued, and all are ready to help when times are tough."

Have a wonderful break, and I'll see you all again on the 28th April 2025!

Best wishes

Paul



Ofsted Judge TWA a 'Good' School!



Ofsted

Good rating

This March saw Ofsted visit TWA for their first inspection since opening. We are very proud to report that Ofsted have judged us to be Good school!

Headteacher, Paul Hostead, reflected on the achievement: *“Our goal has always been to create an environment where every pupil can thrive. The report from Ofsted affirms the progress we have made in building a school that not only supports academic success but also personal growth. We will continue to refine our approach to ensure that every pupil is equipped for their future.”*

For the full information, please use the following link:

[WA News - Ofsted Outcome](#)

To read the full Ofsted report, please use the following link to see the report on the Ofsted website:

The Warwickshire Academy Ofsted report

Meet a member of staff



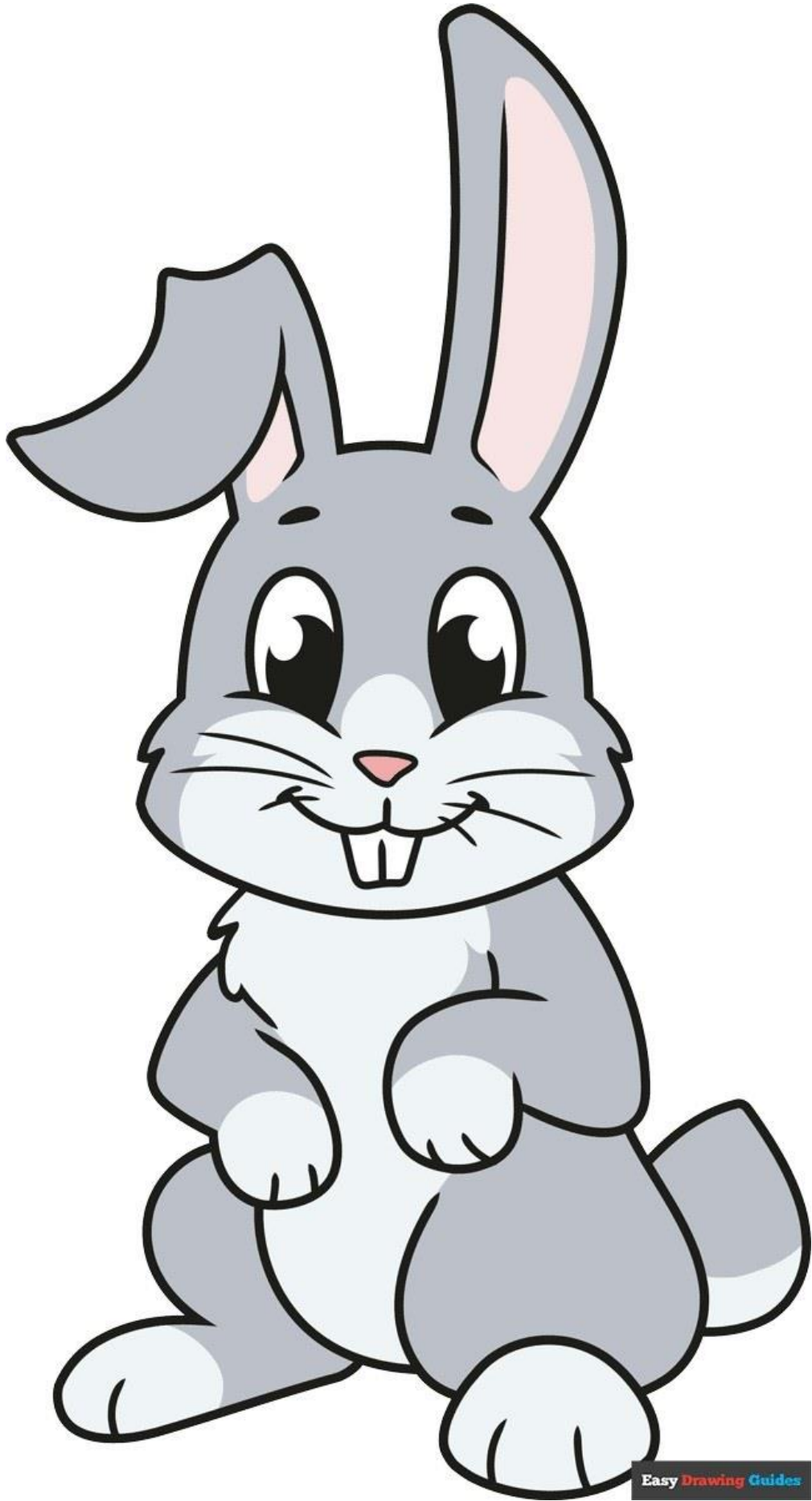
My name is Berni and I am the Deputy SENDCo, Referrals Manager, Senior Mental Health Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Lead at The Warwickshire Academy.

I have been at TWA for a little over 12 months. I have recently taken on the role of Senior Mental Health Lead.

I have 2 dogs and 5 cats, as I adore animals.

I thoroughly enjoy working at The Warwickshire Academy, although there never seems to be enough hours in my day! I am looking forward to bringing new ideas, opportunities, and support for parents and the young people via my role as Senior Mental Health Lead, with a Coffee morning to be held next term. This will provide a chance for parents to have an hour and a half for themselves and to be able to talk and chat with other parents. This will be a fantastic opportunity to gain more knowledge, as parents are right at the forefront of any new information or experiences available.

Meet Ralph!



After lots of thought and discussions, March saw TWA being given the opportunity to bring Ralph into the Year 5 POD. Ralph is a delightfully cute Rabbit who has won over the hearts of all, students, staff and visitors alike.

Ralph was part of a loving home, but when his owner became unable to care for him, our Year 5 teacher Beth Spencer was quick to offer him a new abode at TWA. In no time, Ralph has become a huge part of the POD, with students learning new skills in Animal Care, but also providing emotional support for students, and he has had a massive impact on the POD.

We are looking forward to introducing Ralph to the rest of the school!



Outdoor Opportunities at TWA



Students have been able to take advantage of external opportunities to enjoy experiences at Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm and also attend Horse therapy at Nuneaton and North Warwickshire Equestrian Centre.

We are lucky to have such fine facilities in the local area for our students to access. These opportunities are highlighted and provided in conjunction with the class teachers referrals to our Interventions Manager, Kate Marshall. This allows us at TWA to provide access to therapies that support the student both inline with their EHCP, and also their personal Development needs. We have seen a great deal of success from students who have accessed these opportunities, and more and more students will continue to benefit from these fantastic providers who have shown that they really do make a difference.

World Book Day



For World Book Day this year, children were tasked to create their own menu in line with a book they have read. 9B worked together and created a menu that was chosen to be the winning menu which all children and staff experienced. Their menu consisted of a Friars Fat Boy Renaissance Wrap, Planet Pizza and the famous Bruce's Bogtrotters Chocolate cake. All children and staff enjoyed the menu. Well done 9B!



Comic Relief!



For Comic Relief this year, we celebrated 40 years by baking a variety of delicious cakes across the school. Year 7 baked cupcakes whilst Year 10A baked a variety of deserts from Biscoff cheesecake, apple crumble to cookie dough. Year 10A were also busy this year creating a Comic Relief Quiz during their ASDAN sessions that all children were able to have a go at. Can you answer the questions?



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1. Why does Comic Relief happen?
2. Why is Comic Relief so important?
3. How long has Comic Relief been around?
4. What is comic Relief also known as?
5. Where does the Comic Relief money go?
6. What is the largest amount of money raised for comic Relief?
7. Who started Comic Relief?
8. How do they raise money?
9. What countries have Comic Relief supported?
10. How can individuals get involved in Comic Relief?

1 - Can you answer the questions?



Year 6



Year 6 have been very creative so far, working on exploring using a range of different techniques and materials within our art lessons – taking inspiration from different artists to create our own art work. Pupils have been engaging well in Talkabout sessions, playing games and completing activities as a group to explore and identify different emotions and social skills that we can use.

Within lessons, pupils have engaged in different practical tasks including making circuits and using Bunsen burners in science, tasting and making a range of Greek foods and also went on a trip with Year 7 to the Botanical Gardens with Year 7, where they met a range of different animals and looked at different plants. During the spring term, Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Cadbury world as we were learning about Mayan food in our DT lessons and following our visit, pupils designed and made their own chocolate bars, with different fillings – they all turned out amazing! Pupils also made a variety of different Mayan foods including brownies, Guatemalan rice pilaf and guacamole. In spring 2, pupils have moved on to looking at freestanding structures and marble runs and have worked hard to use resources to create some impressive free-standing structures!

Talkabout

Pupils have engaged really well in their talkabout sessions in class, learning more about personal space, communication and positive interactions with others. All pupils in year 6 successfully passed Level 1 and have made their own puppets to support their learning for level 2.

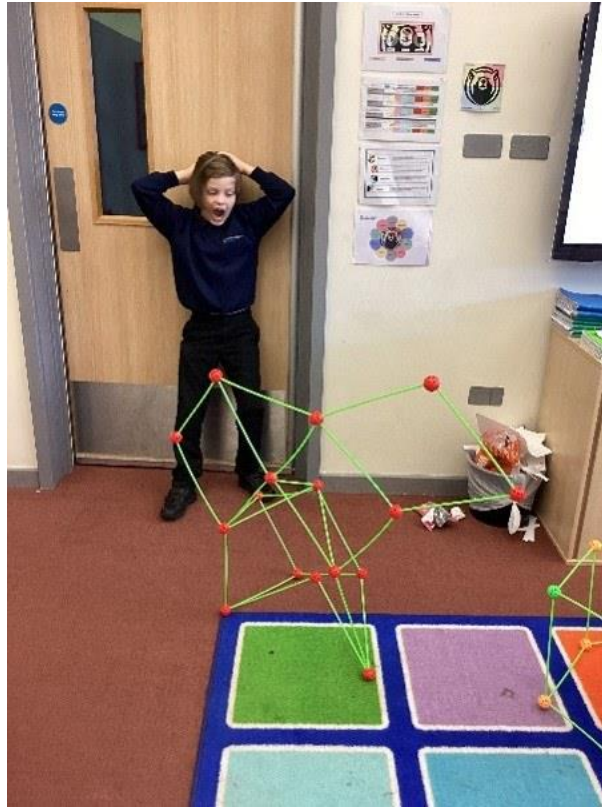
Science

As part of our science topic, pupils all planned and cooked a balanced meal, thinking about the different food groups and how they can make a balanced meal, including everything from a wotsit sandwich with a side of broccoli to rice with chicken and veg!

















Music @ TWA



Continuing with highlighting the new facilities at TWA, we are proud to let you know about the new Music facilities at TWA!

We now have a Music room that currently houses Keyboards, Electric Guitars, Electric Bass and a full-size Digital Piano. The room will also play hometo a full size Electronic Drum Kit with amplifier to help our budding Musicians to deleop and hone their skills. The room will also play host to an Apple Mac computer with Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) software thar allows students to record both their instrumental and vocal performances and creations. These are exciting times for students to explore their musical talents.

The room is available for all Key Stages and students have also been able to access it during their RRR times when they have chosen to do so.

In addition to the new room, we are fortunate enough to have a large Training Room at TWA, and here we can make further use of the space to provide a performance space with a full PA system, allowing for bands to craft their performance skills. This, coupled along with the DJ hardware that is available, will help to provide skills that our students can take with them for the rest of their lives and enjoy in a career setting, or even as a fun and worthwhile activity.

The Music Technology course that is running in Key Stage 4 is the perfect opportunity for students with musical interests to explore and develop their interests and gain recognised qualifications at the same time.

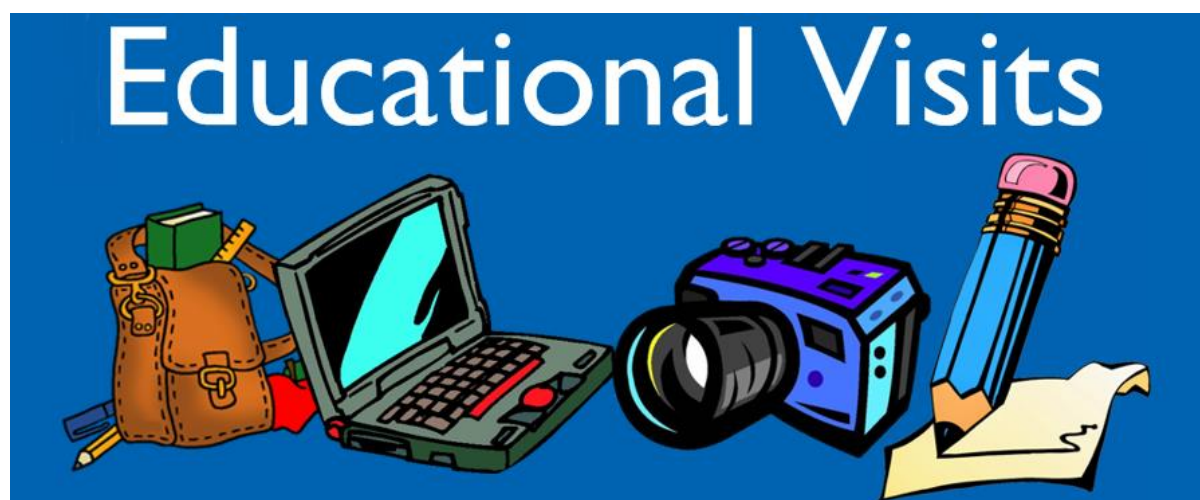
Displays at TWA

Continuing with the proud work we do with our environment at TWA, we are proud to show some more of the school.

As we have previously stated, we are very lucky to have the vision and talent of staff in the school to craft and create a personalised environment that is appropriate and just right for each and every POD. This work continues to evolve and is based on what our students need.







There have been an increasing number of Educational Visits that have taken place this term during school time. Students have been able to make use of the new Minibus to expand on both their academic and social learning experiences throughout the term.

As well as the Outdoor learning opportunities that are provided and accessible, students have also been able to experience a wide variety of visits including:

- Herbert Art Gallery
- Cadbury World
- Hartshill Hayes Country Park
- Forbidden Planet

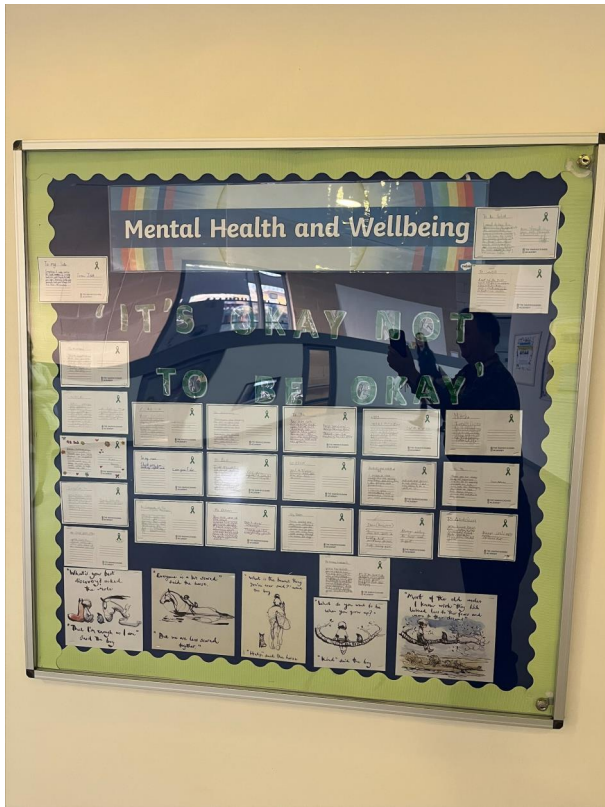
There are more opportunities and visits planned for the Summer term, making use of the glorious British weather that we should expect!

Diversity & Inclusion @ TWA



We continue to support and pledge our commitment to represent our diverse community at TWA; students have the right to express who they are and their own beliefs in a safe and supportive environment.

We are edging ever closer towards a recognised accreditation for the work and commitment that we are putting into ensuring that everyone is included here at TWA, thanks to the work of Stacey Warrington, Andriana Terallis and Ethan Gill.



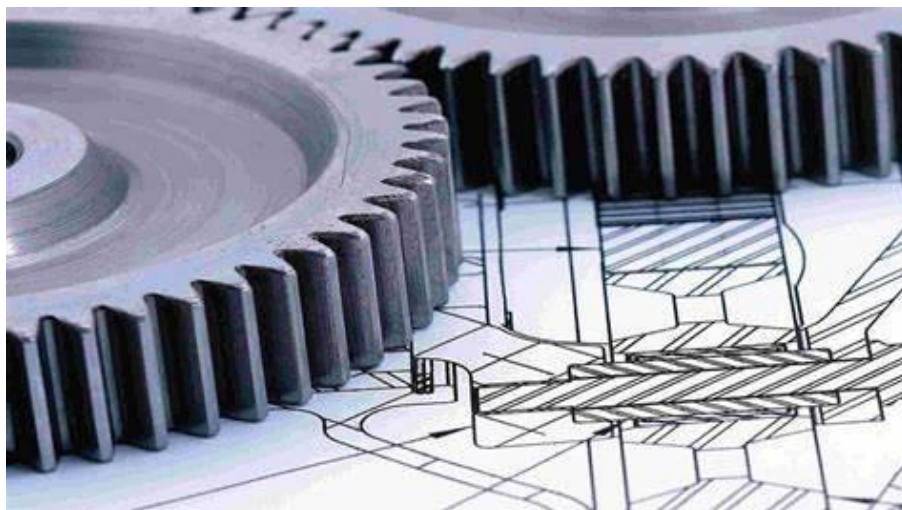


NSPCC Number Day



At the Warwickshire Academy, we celebrated Number Day in the maths department, bringing numbers to life with engaging activities and challenges. Students took part in problem-solving tasks, interactive games, and fun competitions, all designed to boost their confidence and enjoyment of maths. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the day!

Building School Links



We are always looking to see how we can expand and build up the profile of the school in the community, and this term we have had the opportunity to start to do this within the Thrive Partnership.

Working alongside Baginton Fields School, we are collaborating to teach our students basic mechanical skills to help repair bikes and trikes that provide both physical and emotional opportunities for students with a varying range of needs. In turn, our students will then be able to teach these skills to others so that they will be able to maintain the bikes themselves.

In Rob George, TWA have a person with a vast experience within the world of Engineering, and he is excited to be at the front of this project. With Rob as our Premises Manager, we are showing that everyone at TWA has an important part to play in the development of each and every student, no matter what their job role. We value each staff member equally and the experiences that they bring with them.

Important Dates



*School finishes for Easter on **Friday 11th April 2025***

*School returns on **Monday 28th April 2025***

*School finishes for May Half Term on **Friday 23rd May 2025***

*School returns on **Monday 2nd June 2025***

May Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May 2025

Training Days

Friday 2nd May 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Information for Parents and Carers



At TWA, we are extremely proud of our links with home, and firmly believe that it is this partnership that allows each and every student to fulfil their potential.

Whenever we find information that we think will be of use, we like to share it.

This term, we have become aware of Kooth Bigger Bytes. This is a useful resource that provides digital Mental Wellbeing support for students and families alike. With the Easter holidays upon us,, it may be worth a look at the support and articles that they have to offer.

You can access the latest information from them here:

[Kooth Bigger Bytes April Edition](#)

Contact us



*We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas about what **you** would like to see in future issues of the TWA Telegraph.*

Contact us at enquiry@wa.thrive.ac to let us know your ideas or to give us any feedback
