

RAVENSCLIFFE@SPRINGHALL



THE SNOW MUST GO ON

Despite the inclement weather in recent weeks, the Ravenscliffe@SpringHall project is on track and will have reached Week 23 of 39 when we break up for Christmas; we are over half way there!

As we approach Christmas 2017, the construction of our new centre at Spring Hall is gathering pace. As you can see from the image above, the walls are up, the roof is on, and just this last week services such as water, drainage and electricity were being installed. By the time we break up on December 22nd and we, as well as the builders, take a well earned rest, most of the external building works will be complete ready for the internal works to begin in earnest in January. We are reliably informed that the project is currently running to schedule, and we will have the keys by April 2018. We would like to thank ESH Construction, their employees, and sub-contractors for making such speedy progress. We can't wait to move in! May we wish a very merry and peaceful Christmas to all our supporters. We look forward to catching up in 2018: it looks set to be a very exciting year!

ABOUT TIME...

Students bury memories of 2017 at the heart of their new centre

On Friday 24th November, a group of 10 students buried a time capsule beneath the courtyard of the Ravenscliffe@SpringHall centre. It contained work that students from across the School had done as part of their curriculum lessons about what they thought the future might look like, as well as describing 2017 to those who will eventually open the capsule in many years time. The capsule also contained items such as coins from the current royal mint and a video of life at Ravenscliffe. Libby (pictured) was given the honour of placing the capsule in the ground. Who knows when it will next be opened, and by whom!





LEO GROUP'S SUMMER BALL FOR SPRINGHALL RAISES £273,284

In our last newsletter, we told you of Leo Group's plans to hold a summer ball in aid of our Ravenscliffe@SpringHall project. We are delighted to tell you that the ball raised an astonishing £273,284! This incredible sum was largely raised through a charity auction, which included items such as a holiday for 6 in France by private jet, the chance to name an Eddie Stobart wagon and a box at Old Trafford amongst others. We are still pinching ourselves that it actually happened, and are simply humbled by the generosity and support shown by Danny Sawrij, CEO of Leo Group, his family, colleagues, and business partners who came along to make the night so special. It's one we will never ever forget.

On Friday 15th December, Danny and colleagues from Leo Group, Mazars, AWM, Different PR and Iqbal Poultry joined us in assembly to present what is quite simply the biggest cheque we have ever seen (above). This money will make a huge difference to the lives of our young people

NFU Mutual Ball raises £2100

In September, our friends at NFU Mutual Insurance held a fundraising ball in aid of our project, with the intention of raising funds towards our adapted bikes provision. We were delighted to hear that £1500 was raised on the night, with a further £600 donated afterwards. This money will help to pay for our cycle store, as well as sponsor a brand new adapted bicycle for our new facility. This is the second successive year that we have benefitted from the NFU Mutual Ball, and we continue to be truly thankful for their support.

YCLF 10th Anniversary Dinner raises £850

The Yorkshire Contaminated Land Forum 10th Anniversary Dinner raised over £1500 for the Ravenscliffe@SpringHall project and Martin House Children's Hospice. The proceeds were split between the two causes, meaning our project received £750. In addition, the Met Hotel in Leeds donated 10% of their bar takings on the night, meaning another £100 for each charity. Our thanks go to Ann Barker, Chair of the Steering Group, who has been a fervent champion of the School, The Met Hotel, and the 106 guests who attended on the night. We really value your help!

Minibuses Galore!

Variety Club join Lords Taverner's in awarding Ravenscliffe a brand new minibus!

Having already secured a minibus for the new centre, courtesy of the Lord's Taverner's, we are delighted to let you know that a recent application to the Variety Club has also been successful. Whilst the first minibus is specifically for use at our new centre, the Variety Club vehicle will replace an existing one we already have, one which has certainly seen better days. It will be used to offer a wide range of curriculum opportunities to all our students and should arrive in January. As part of the award, Ravenscliffe will make a £15,000 donation towards the cost of the vehicle which is in addition to the £17,000 donation required for the Lord's Taverner's vehicle. Having already received a contribution of £7,500 from well established School supporters, we are now seeking more sponsors to offset our contributions. If you'd like to help, or know someone who can, we'd love to hear from you!

A record breaking Craft Fair...

Huge thanks to all the stallholders and shoppers who came to our Annual Christmas Craft Fair on 16th November. The event raised in excess of £2000, our best ever return! What a way to kick off the festive season.

