



Principal

Chris
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Top character
qualities developed

- Citizenship
- Teamwork
- Perseverance, resilience and grit
- Service
- Compassion



North Ormesby Primary Academy

REGION Yorkshire & The Humber
TYPE Academy Primary school
STATE 203 pupils aged 3-11

Our students are the ones driving forward the social action at our school. **We're big into project-based learning and this allows us to put social action at the core of everything we do.** As a small community we talk about being one big family where everyone has a role in helping it flourish. If we are going to build excellent citizens of the future, this is where we start. So, alongside finding local activities to support, we seek out opportunities throughout the year where we can tie our work into wider national and international events such as National Literacy Day. This has two benefits: it's easy to get resources to support within curriculum time and it creates a whole school approach. We have a 'Buddy' system that sees Year 6's playing with reception children at breaktime. **Our social action 'ambassadors' present assemblies with inspirational ideas for community engagement and make sure we react to events on a local level too.** For instance, when one student was diagnosed with brain cancer, everyone engaged with their feelings by learning about the condition and fundraising for a relevant charity.

resilience, in our area they have got to get used to taking knocks, and social action helps them handle that. But we don't necessarily call it 'youth social action' with the younger children, rather the idea of paying something back or 'paying it forward'. When we did a drive around the local food bank with our students – many of whom are on the receiving end – it helped them realise that there are always people who are worse off than you.

What's more, children like responsibility and it's important for them to feel like they've been trusted to make a difference to somebody else. **Placing youth social action so obviously and visually at the heart of our curriculum has helped cement our community and drive us towards our recent "Outstanding" judgment with Ofsted.** The children like to be at school, the staff like to be at school – it's a happy place to be!

Our children need to learn



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The children have worked really hard over the past year to support Middlesbrough Foodbank, both by collecting food at the Harvest Festival with Holy Trinity Church, and also raising money by wearing Christmas jumpers for the day of their Christmas dinner 2014. Both events combined practical action with reflection about people who are struggling without enough food, helping the children to understand why it is important to care for others

Heather Black, Chair of Middlesbrough Food Bank