



Newsletter 22: Summer Term 2024

A Message from Susannah Connell, CEO, The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

As we draw the curtain on another remarkable school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have undertaken together. This year has been filled with countless moments of joy, learning, and growth for our students, and it is your unwavering support that has made this possible.

### **Celebrating Achievements**

Throughout the year, our students have shown resilience and determination, embracing new challenges and striving for excellence in all their endeavours. From academic accomplishments to sports victories and artistic achievements, our students have demonstrated their dedication and hard work. Their success is a testament to the strong partnership between our school and our families.

### **Community and Collaboration**

All our school communities thrive on the active involvement and collaboration of parents, staff, and students. The various events and activities that we have enjoyed together—be it the vibrant school fairs, engaging parent-teacher meetings, or the heartwarming performances and sports days—have all played a significant role in strengthening our community bonds.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we look forward to the next academic year, I am excited about the new opportunities that lie ahead. We will continue to build on our successes and work towards providing the best possible education for our students. Your feedback and suggestions have been invaluable, and we remain committed to creating a learning environment that supports the unique needs and aspirations of each student.

### **Gratitude and Farewell**

To our departing families and students, we bid you a fond farewell and wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Your contributions to our school community have been greatly appreciated, and you will always be a part of our extended family.

To our continuing families, I look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year with renewed enthusiasm and shared goals. Together, we will continue to create a vibrant, supportive, and dynamic learning environment for our students.

### **A Summer of Rest and Joy**

As we enter the summer break, I encourage everyone to take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy quality time with loved ones. I wish you all a safe, joyful, and restful holiday.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and for entrusting us with the education and growth of your children. Here's to a successful and fulfilling year ahead!

Regards,

Susannah Connell - CEO



## Braybrook

It has been a very busy year at Braybrook, and the summer term has been no different! There have been exciting whole school events, including our cultural "Passport to the World" days, Olympic themed days and exciting visits.

Reception have been so busy with their learning this term. They have been exploring the outdoors areas, learning how to become superheroes, and even created their own paddling pool to float their model boats on. They have also impressed us with their wonderful reading – most of the children completed our Braybrook Reading Challenge by reading 40 books at home with an adult! Well done!

In Year 1, the children have enjoyed lots of outdoor learning this term, including searching our local area for wildlife, before designing, building and launching their own rocket ships on the playground as part of their DT sessions!

Year 2 have had a wonderful summer term. They have been working as musicians, scientists and even bug-collectors around school. They also visited our local church, St Luke's, to learn all about churches and what the different parts symbolise. This linked closely to their work in RE.

In Year 3, the children visited Peterborough Cathedral as part of their work on Anglo-Saxons and local history. The children learned about the stories of the kings during Anglo-Saxon times, the invasion of the Vikings and even the alliances between kingdoms.



The children in Year 4 were very excited to be visited by the author Hannah Gold this term. After reading her book, *The Last Bear*, they wrote to persuade her to visit Braybrook...and she did! Not only that, she brought us lots of books to add to our library!



The children in Years 5 and 6 have been very lucky with their trips and visits! Firstly, Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford as part of their learning on the Battle of Britain. Following this, both Year 5 and 6 visited the Wellcome Genome Campus at Hinxworth to learn about genetics, DNA and what it takes to become a scientist. Year 6 then rounded out the year with their residential to Grafham Water, where the children enjoyed mountain biking, sailing, rafting and archery, amongst lots of other things!

As well as this, we have also had some incredible visits. The author James Mayhew visited the school along with the Britten Sinfonia to give us a live performance of his artwork being created alongside a live performance of classical music. The morning was truly spectacular and we hope the children were really inspired.



We were also visited by the Woodgreen Animals charity, who taught the children how to care for dogs and how to stay safe around dogs. Our STEM ambassador also paid a visit to our Year 4 and 6 children, and helped them locate and identify some of the fascinating wildlife that lives on our school site.

We are saying a fond farewell to our Year 6 children and are looking forward to a well-earned break, before lots of exciting things start up again in September

## Burrowmoor

We have had an amazing term at Burrowmoor – our first Summer Term with The DLPT. The highlight for every child has been – BEING on the field at play time. These times are special as the children have been able to play football – whilst supporting their countries in the Euros. This has also been the term when our play leaders have truly come into their own as every child was on the field at one time. There were organised running and skipping races, made up games, daisy chains, cricket, parachute games and bug hunting. Many little groups of children spent lunchtime comparing the different ant and other bugs they had found in their specimen jars. We also used the field for our Sports days – where the children showed sportsmanship and true enjoyment.



A group of children were selected by the Rotary club to go on a special trip to Sacrewell farm. This day was spent happily mixing with other schools and exploring how a working farm works. All through the year the classes had been communicating via pen pal letters and zoom meetings with a group of children in Benthall School – London. They have explored different things that are experienced in different schools. Such a valuable learning and social experience.

We cannot not mention our Year 6 children. They have worked so hard this term, starting with SATS and then focussing so hard on their writing – some amazing pieces of writing were completed – many focussing on a new nearly extinct creature that had been discovered. They wrote letters, newspaper reports, narratives and so much more – the pieces were a pleasure to read. Now they move to the last few weeks of term and their time at Burrowmoor. They will be heading to Harry Potter world as their reward. We are so proud of them all and look forward to hearing how they flourish in their next adventure. They are now spending some time relaxing with Pippin.



The musical side of Burrowmoor has continued to flourish this year and we now have an orchestra who meet weekly. We are preparing for young voices next year and also used our creativity to take part in the Create Day organised by the Royal Opera House. Our Forest school has been visited by all our children this year and this continues to be an area where learning happens in so many different ways. Our Year 6 children have also spent time experiencing the outdoors.



We look forward now to the leavers concerts, welcoming our new Reception children into school and our school disco. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our team and Burrowmoor family all the best for a great Summer holidays and look forward to welcoming every one back next term.



## Glebelands

Happy summer everyone! We have had a lovely summer term at Glebelands with lots to see and do! There have been so many highlights; it will be hard to name them all! Year 6 completed their SATs in May and we are so proud of how they prepared themselves for their assessments! This term, they have been out on a number of trips to celebrate the end of their journey at primary school. Amongst these, they have been to see The Lion King in London, visited The Playground in Waterbeach and they are also off to Wicksteed Park at the end of the term. The trip to The Playground involved overcoming lots of obstacles and a LOT of mud!



Other trips have included: Year 1 visiting Shepreth Wildlife Park; Year 2 attending a Skills Escalator Day; Year 3 visiting Cambridge and incoming visitors from the Museum of Zoology; Year 4 Read to Succeed event at Neale Wade and Year 5 have had their Chester residential. On top of this, we have also seen class assemblies where the children

have fascinated us with all they have learnt; sports days, sporting events, STEM events and the summer fayre too! We thank everyone who supports these events and it is always lovely to see so many people attend!



A real highlight every year at Glebelands is our Country Dancing afternoon. This was, yet again, a roaring success. We had so many people attend that we almost ran out of space on the playground – it was an absolutely brilliant afternoon!

We also attended the Chatteris Festival – well done to all who received commendations for their outfits. The school now has a lovely trophy for winning our category in the parade too! These events are such brilliant community events which we are so proud to be part of!

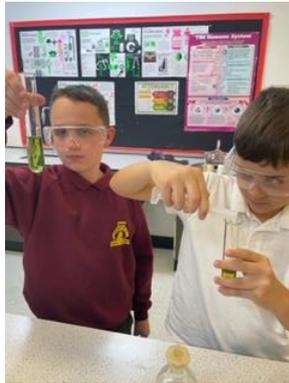




## Gorefield

A Summer term to be proud of! The children at Gorefield Primary School continue to strive for greatness as they tackle every challenge with vigour and excitement. Across the school, children have been determined and focused as they completed their SAT's, Multiplication Check, Phonics Screening and NFER tests during assessment week. They have adapted to changes across the curriculum as we begin to dip our toes into CUSP and The Power Of Reading, a Year 6 child stated, *'The knowledge notes, alongside the teach task idea, makes learning more accessible for everyone in the class.'* Another said, *'I love words so the etymology and morphology section always intrigues me and I look forward to finding out new meanings.'*

During the Summer term we have continued to take part in a variety of sporting events and tournaments – cross country, athletics and a trip to the Peterborough Football Stadium for a football festival!



Year 5 and 6 have also participated in a 'Maths Challenge' held at a local secondary school and throughout the school we have enjoyed The Big Sing, Wisbech Reads, STEM conferences, Wisbech Lions Art Competition and fire safety at the local fire station – phew! The experiences and opportunities our children have here at Gorefield, are second to none!

Finally, all the children, and staff too, of Gorefield took part in a non-uniform day in exchange for bringing in a furry friend – a teddy bear! These teddy bears were then sold via a tombola at the annual Gorefield Show which works to raise money for the local area. We were overwhelmed at the amount of furry friends donated, selflessly, by the children. The show was well supported and our tombola alongside 'Find the Treasure' square, raised a massive £128 for the school – now that's community spirit!





# Great Staughton

We have had a fantastic summer term at Great Staughton!



We celebrated "Access all Arts" week by hosting numerous workshops relating to the theme of "connection". During the week the children were able to experience different types of art through the uses of mark making, photography, films, poetry, dance, drama, singing and instruments. They were able to work with different adults and collaborate with other children across the key stages. We all had great fun and produced some amazing art work!

The summer term has provided our school with a huge number of sporting opportunities, ranging from a community cross country championship competition, arranged by Priory Park School, where the children competed in races against other schools in Cambridgeshire. To us welcoming Sean Rose to our school, who is an athlete and Paralympian. During his time with us, our children completed an amazing fitness circuit under his instruction which was followed by him hosting an inspiring assembly where we all got an opportunity to talk with him about his journey. And of course, not forgetting the many DLPT sporting events that we have competed in, and our own sports day, where we saw all of our pupils showing amazing sportsmanship, being cheered on by many family members.



Our Year 5 visited Elstow Abbey for a Lifepath Bunyan day. Throughout the day the children had the opportunity to explore the Christian faith through learning about the life story of John Newton. The day encouraged children to consider their own life path and the role of faith, whilst also providing our children the opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of local history.



Our children in KS2 have all worked hard over the last few weeks, learning lines, songs and dance moves, preparing for our musical performance of Mission Implausible. The children have shown some amazing talent, with our Year 6 children taking on the lead roles, producing some astonishing solo singing performances. It was great to see so much enthusiasm being put into each and every performance, and the way the children's confidence grew leading up to the performances.

This is the time of year where we have to say a fond farewell to our Year 6 children. To make their last few weeks as special as possible, we hosted a leavers assembly, where there were many tears being shed from everyone! We held a leavers garden party where the children from our school and Kimbolton Primary Academy got together to celebrate and reminisce on their time at our schools, and then finished off with an amazing visit to Hilltop. We are extremely proud of every single one of them and would like to wish them well in the next stage of their education.



## Kimbolton



We are proud to celebrate another exciting and productive term here at KPA and delighted to share with you some of the highlights of what our children have been doing.

We should also like to express huge thanks to our dedicated PTA, who have organised an array of so many fun activities this year, including a Colour Rush where children were running through obstacles and being sprayed by paint!



Our PTA also put on their painting overalls and transformed our library into a calming tree themed environment and sorted through and relabeled hundreds of books. So a special thank you to Claire Holden, Hayley Talbert, Ellie Loveday, Jennifer Donahue, Harriet Stephens and Leanne Nelmes for all their time and effort.



In May we welcomed Sean Rose, a Paralympic athlete and adventurer, who talked to the children about some of his achievements and adventures. The children then took part in a circuit of exercises – **all sponsored and raised over £600 for Sports for Schools.**



For our RE enrichment day Year 5 pupils went off to explore the Christian faith through the Life path of John Newton. The day encouraged the children to consider their own life path and the role of faith. It also contributed to their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Reception class had a wonderful day at Paxton Pits including pond dipping, a visit to an otter holt, made nature crowns, hunted for captain corax and found his family whilst bird watching in the hideout. Then they did some bug hunting and found lots of minibeasts! The ladies at Paxton Pits said they

were possibly the best class they've ever had visit!



Year 1/2 had a great time on their trip to the Computer Museum as part of their topic 'Changes within living memory'. They explored a variety of technology from past to present times.



# King James Academy Royston



## Royston in Blue Event



On Sunday, Therfield Heath saw the annual Royston in Blue event, where walkers and runners completed a 5k fun Run. This was raising money for Teenage Cancer Trust. There were 470 participants, along with our King James Academy students and staff both participating, and volunteering. Well done to all, what an achievement!

## Mock Election at King James

Election fever has taken hold of King James Academy in Royston as students from all years got to participate in their own version of the general election. Organised by students from year 10, each class within the school represented its own constituency with a seat in the King James Parliament. The election was set to mimic the real thing- with each constituency having an electoral role and students attending a polling station to record their vote. In common with the general election each constituency worked on the 'first past the post' principle.



In preparation for this election students have been learning about the political process in Britain as well as the manifestos and policies of the 5 main political parties. Lisa Plowman, Headteacher, said "This mock election is an excellent addition to our already extensive personal development program. We have a moral obligation to educate young people, and we believe that part of this is to help them navigate the world around them. We are rightfully proud of what we do to support students in developing into well rounded citizens of the future. Our character values, of which respect is a key one, form a golden thread through everything we do as a school, evidenced clearly by the way students have taken the lead with organising the election".

At the end of the day Year 10 hosted their own live election broadcast to announce the results to the school. Deputy Head Prefect Holly Watson said, "it was really interesting to see how our electoral system created such a difference between the votes cast and the MPs elected. It has been a great opportunity to learn about the difference between different political systems."

## Year 7 to 10 Athletics District Championships

There was an amazing effort and team spirit from our Year 7 to 10 Athletics squad at the District Championships on 27 June. There were some excellent performances, where 'Personal Bests' were achieved, along with individual medals and team trophies awarded. These awards included Gold medals for Year 7 Girls league & Champions, Year 7 Combined league, Year 8 Boys league, Year 9 Combined league, and Overall league.





## Leverington

'No matter how tall the mountain, you cannot block the sun.' And no matter how busy the Summer is, you cannot stop the laughter and learning at Leverington! With only a few weeks left of the school year, it's amazing to look back at all that we have managed to cram in to this term.

We started the term with a two day visit from Ofsted, sharing our passion for reading, love of learning and exemplary behaviour. Our children spoke confidently about how proud they are to attend Leverington and shared their work from history and maths. In the report, our SEND provision and ambitious curriculum were highlighted, as well as children's resilience, respect and attitudes to their learning. We are incredibly proud of all our children and staff for showcasing our values and school ethos.

With the Euros in full swing and Olympics on the horizon, the Summer of Sport is upon us at Leverington too! Teams from Key Stage 2 attended the POSH football tournament as well as a cross country competition, in which we had a first place runner in each year group. Although Key Stage 2 Sports day was postponed due to the lovely weather we've been having, Key Stage 1 were cheered on by crowds of parents and friends for theirs! After the fun we had last year, we also invited a coach back to school for a golf day for every child and adult in school to take part in a golf masterclass.

Throughout the Summer term, classes have extended their learning beyond the classroom on a range of exciting trips, venturing both near and far from home. Year 2 visited Octavia Hill's birthplace in Wisbech linked to their local history topic. Although Year 3 were unable to attend Kings Lynn's museum, they made the most of their day with a bowling competition and picnic lunch (finishing with a movie afternoon!).

Heading to Norwich, Year 4 were lucky enough to watch a live performance of *The Boy* at the



Back of the Class, based on Onjali Q Rauf's best-selling novel that they have studied in English this year. Reception have also enjoyed their first live performance, watching *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* at Peterborough's Key Theatre. In Hunstanton, Year 1 had an amazing day at the Sea Life Centre but Year 5 were reaching for the stars at Leicester's Space Centre. All that's left is to wave Year 6 off on their residential visit to Hilltop which they are eagerly anticipating!

We are fortunate enough to have fantastic organisations local to us, such as 20Twenty Productions who help to organize the Wisbech Reads festival. The sun shone on Year 1 and Year 5 who visited Wisbech's castle, library and museum for book-based activities to celebrate reading for pleasure. Not to be left out, Year 4 attended Thomas Clarkson Academy for a Read to Succeed event: they interviewed author of the *Mysteries on Sea* series, Anne Marie Howell and will receive their own copies of her latest release, *The Royal Jewel Plot*. Earlier in the term, Thomas Clarkson were also host to illustrator and author, James Mayhew, who captivated Year 3 by illustrating live, accompanied by a three-piece orchestra.



Other activities hosted by TCA include the Year 5 STEM conference, where children got to take part in a range of activities including coding robots and building "Chain Reaction" machines. (They even got a barbecue lunch!) Four teams, comprising of Year 5 and Year 6, also attended their primary maths challenge in which one of our teams of Year 6 received medals for their first place performance! To finish the term, our school choir will be attending The Big Sing in the secondary school's auditorium, too!

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With a maths day, summer fayre, leavers festival and end of term singing in church, we have certainly made the most of the children's energy and positivity this term!

## Middlefield

Life at Middlefield has been extremely busy this term. Our love of the great outdoors has, as always, been high on the agenda (even though the weather hasn't always been kind!). Children love spending time in Forest School and environmental education lessons and this time of year there is lots of work to be done in the gardens. Harvesting of some of our produce has begun and an Honesty table has been set up at the front of the school as a means of sharing our harvest with the school community (and raise some extra funds for the school).



Many children at Middlefield consider art their favourite subject, so they were in their element during Great Artists Week this term! Each teacher chose a famous artist to explore with their class, ranging from Van Gogh to Picasso, Dali to Da Vinci. The class were then challenged to create a piece of art in the style of that artist, resulting in some amazing artwork. A selection of the art from across the school was used to create a school art gallery, which really brightened up the school!



Our garden made the local newspaper when our poppies decided to bloom to coincide with the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day! It was a timely reminder to help us remember the brave soldiers who gave their lives to protect our country and our freedom. They looked beautiful too!

Just along from the school gardens, the EYFS outdoor area is often buzzing with activity. This term, the buzz has been created once a week by children and their parents sharing a book, with the introduction of EYFS Hometown Readers. Parents are encouraged and welcomed in to share a book with their children and with so many wonderful books available in our 'Box of Wonders'.



At Middlefield, we enjoy throwing ourselves into as many different sporting events as we can, involving as many different children as possible. One of our favourite moments in the sporting realm was reported to us by the coach of another team at a football tournament. The Middlefield team had just won the tournament when one of the team curtailed the celebrations to encourage his team mates to shake hands with the opposition in an act of exemplary sportsmanship!

While talking about sport, it would be remiss of us to not mention our Olympian visitor! Beth Tweddle, Team GB's most successful female gymnast, visited us at Middlefield to talk about her career as a gymnast and show us some of her proudest moments! We were fascinated to learn she even has a move on her favourite piece of apparatus named after her! She definitely had a soft spot for Pippa, our wonderful school dog.





## Murrow

We've enjoyed a jam-packed term here at Murrow with different events taking place every week!

At the beginning of the term, children from Year 3 & 4 visited Thomas Clarkson Academy to enjoy a symphonia performance. In partnership with Wisbech Grammar School, we have attended several sporting events including cross-country running and athletics. A group team of children also took part in a football festival at Peterborough United football club.

Children in Years 1, 4 and 5 have taken part in the Wisbech Reads Festival this year which is part of the Wisbech Schools Partnership and Twenty20 Productions. The children had an amazing experience meeting authors, illustrators and taking part in reading themed activities throughout the day. Children in Year 1 received their own copy of a book written by Alison Limentani, who they met at the festival.



The second half of the term kicked off with our annual sports day. We had a wonderful afternoon of sporting activities and the weather was glorious too. Congratulations to the blue team who were this year's champions!

Our Year 5 children visited Thomas Clarkson Academy to take part in a STEM conference. This was a science day and children took part in activities focused on energy sources, reversal and irreversible changes using chemicals and a team task to investigate a chain reaction. Year 6 spent an afternoon at Wisbech Fire Station learning all about safety. They really enjoyed their visit and were able to talk about everything they had explored whilst they were there. Reception had a wonderful visit to the Key Theatre in Peterborough for an exciting performance of *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. Earlier in the term, Year 5 & 6 went on a trip to visit Great Fen. Whilst there, they needed to use their skills in team-building, resilience and collaboration to enjoy the activities. They all had an amazing time and were talking for days after, about their visit.



Our whole-school outdoor maths morning was amazing! We spent time together outside engaging in maths activities and games which required our skills of reasoning and calculation, as well as our knowledge of number. It was a great morning and everyone enjoyed it.

As we move towards the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff, however we look forward to welcoming new staff into our school as well as the new reception children joining in September. We hope you all enjoy the summer break and look forward to seeing you all for the new academic year.



## Roman Way

This term has been wonderfully busy at Roman Way with many different trips and activity days enriching the children's learning. Our field and swimming pool have been a busy part of the school and have enabled us to host a number of events including swimming lessons, sports days, swimming, reading picnics and leavers' celebrations.



Our Reception children enjoyed a visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park to see the otters, tigers, lemurs and reptiles. They took part in a thrilling, sensory sandbox workshop where moving images were projected on to sand and accompanied by sounds to bring scenes of wildlife to life!



Our KS1 children enjoyed a visit from Ark Farm who brought their farm animals onto our school field. The children were able to meet a variety of animals including a goat, a donkey, a dog, two sheep, some rabbits, ducks and chickens! This linked to their 'Farm to Fork' geography topic and also linked to children's learning in science about the diets of different animals.

All our KS2 classes visited the local library in Royston. Many children signed up to join the library for the first time and every child came back with a book. KS2 also had a marvellous day learning all about the Ancient Greeks. We had visitors in school who ran a range of exciting activities including re-enacting Greek myths and legends and exploring replica Greek artefacts.



During our Science Week, we were extremely lucky to have a planetarium installed in the school hall for a day and each class had a turn to go inside and discover the wonders of space! Following this, we had a brilliant Science Fair in the hall, showcasing the children's amazing investigations with our Year 4 children presenting live experiments for families to have a go at. In addition, children took part in a Science competition based on time and space. It was pleasing to see poster creations from all the children who took part.



Our fabulous PTA organised a number of fundraising events this term including a disco, 'Hair that rocks and funky socks' dress up day and 'Boogie and Bounce' where we had an array of bouncy castles and slides on the school field. This event was very successful and was attended by over 400 people from Royston and beyond. We are so grateful for our PTA's hard work in organising these fantastic events and raising much needed funds for our school.

This term we also celebrated International Day with each class learning about a different country, including learning some of the language, tasting traditional foods and taking part in traditional dances and other cultural activities. It was a wonderful day to celebrate diversity and learn about life in other parts of the world as well.

As always, our school clubs have been very popular and this term a new addition has been an Olympics club to get the children enthused about the imminent Olympics in Paris. Children took part in a variety of sports including archery, sprinting, long jump and javelin.



## The Round House

It's been another busy term at The Round House! Each year group created an umbrella linked to a religion or worldwide view. The children have been amazingly creative, and the umbrellas are really colourful and fun. They were displayed, alongside umbrellas from other St Neots schools, in the Priory Centre.



The Summer term has involved lots of trips! Reception visited Nene Valley Railway where they rode on a steam train, which included disembarking to watch the train take on water! They were then given a tour of the station and even met the real Thomas!



KS1 had the most amazing time in Hunstanton. The weather was kind to them, and everyone enjoyed all the different activities which included sandcastle making, pebble sculptures, ball games on the beach, cloud gazing, paddling in the sea, and of course the ice cream! As always, the children were a credit to The Round House and behaved impeccably.

Year 3 took the train and tube to visit the Science Museum in London where they had a lovely time exploring, discovering and observing the exhibits. They particularly enjoyed experimenting in the Wonder Lab!

Year 4 enjoyed their residential trip to Grafham Water. Camping in Bell tents, they completed a variety of activities including kayaking, raft building, archery and high ropes.



Year 5 are visiting the National Space Centre in Leicester, and of course Year 6 are looking forward to their residential trip to Hilltop at the end of the term. Not to mention their end of year performance of Aladdin.

Year 5 and 6 submitted photos around the theme of 'rebuilding' into the Rotary Young Photographer competition and we were delighted to find out that we had four prize winners at The Round House.

## Thomas Eaton

It has been a busy summer term at Thomas Eaton Primary Academy full of exciting new learning experiences, sporting events and trips! The summer term curriculum has been action packed with the children thoroughly immersing themselves in their learning. In Kenya class, the children have been exploring sewing, focusing on learning how to complete a running stitch. Children were asked to create different designs for a pouch, select their favourite and use this plan to select the resources. A very tricky part of this task was threading the needle, but the children showed great resilience. The end products were fantastic!



As part of their English curriculum, the children in Thailand class have been studying Pig Heart Boy. Pig hearts have been examined and dissected! Most of the children enjoyed identifying the aorta, ventricles and atriums, but I think it would be fair to say that some will refrain from pursuing a career as a surgeon!

The topic in Scotland class has been 'World Explorers', which has seen the children travelling to the different continents and looking at transport modes to get there. They have looked at different cuisines, made our own pizzas with the tasting part being their favourite! The children have loved the warmer weather and being outside, enjoying creating their own forms of transport. They have read 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and designed our own boats using the iPads.



Many of our pupils have had the opportunity to step outside school to participate in exciting trips.

Year 2 were invited to a 'Skills Escalator Day' at the North Cambridgeshire Training Centre (NCTC) in Chatteris. During the day, they learned about different careers and having a go at different jobs. The day was supported by the Police, the RAF, the NHS, HSBC and Metalcraft. The children explored a wide range of tasks including manoeuvring a digger, virtual welding and making whirlybirds!

Year 3 and Year 4 class visited a local secondary school to take part in a 'Read to Succeed' event whereby the author Ann-Marie Howell read extracts from her books. The children were also given the opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session.

Year 5 were lucky enough to participate in a Whistle Stop Music tour workshop provided by Historic England. They discussed the history of the Fens, tried some traditional Morrison dance steps and practised their wassailing skills!

Year 6 visited March Fire Station to take part in their Safety Zone Day. The children were faced with several different scenarios involving water and fire safety. One of the scenarios involved the fire crew demonstrating the equipment on their appliance, before allowing the children to have a go! Their smiles say it all!



Alongside trips, a selection of our pupils have participated in a cricket tournament at March Cricket club, with other pupils showing great team spirit in the pool during the DLPT swimming gala. All our pupils have also all taken part in our annual sports afternoon.

Finally, I would like to wish our current Year 6 children well as they move to Secondary School. They have been a fantastic bunch of children that have been a great asset to the school. They are all friendly, kind-hearted and work so well as a team. It was lovely to finish the term with their last Sports Day, a farewell assembly and a trip to Gulliver's World. Good luck Year 6, we will miss you.

## Winhills

Another incredibly busy term here at Winhills. Here are some of our highlights.

In EYFS, children have been looking at 'Jack and the beanstalk' and have completed many activities based on this book – including growing some of their own beanstalks! They have also looked at snails, including designing party shells for their snails. Children have even welcomed five little, hairy new additions to the classroom in the form of hungry caterpillars. They have been watching them grow over several weeks.

In KS1, one class has ventured into space with their learning, based around the book 'The Great Balloon Hullabaloo'. Children designed their own balloons, described them before creating them. Our Year 2 children looked deeper into exploration in space and spent time researching both Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin and how this changed the future of space exploration. They even sampled some space ice cream!



In lower KS2, children have focused their topic learning on Anglo-Saxons – looking at artefacts, people of power and how people have passed on their wisdom to others. In DT, children have designed and created their own sling shot cars. Outdoor learning has continued and children are now responsible for their own flower bed as well as spending more time within the school grounds promoting learning out of the classroom.

In upper KS2, Year 5 children have worked on adventure stories in English – focusing on villains, heroes and settings. Science has focused on forces, spending time on air resistance linked with famous scientists. In topic, work has been completed on The Mayan Civilisation linked with rainforests. Year 6 have spent the start of the term getting as prepared for SATs as possible and added some amazing pieces of writing to their individual writing portfolios. Both year groups have been reintroduced to forest school based learning and all children have thoroughly enjoyed their time outside within the school grounds.



Many school trips have been organised for our children, some local and some further afield! Some children were able to attend our Rotary Club Kids Day Out! at Wicksteed Park – we managed to have fun on some rides, we might need to reconsider riding the log flume first! Being wet didn't affect our Year 4 children who attended their Grafham Water residential – they loved all of the chosen activities and went through quite a lot of clothes due to dirt and dampness! All children from Year 2 to Year 6 have had the opportunity to visit our local library (in St Neots town centre), some have even joined the library service. Nearer the end of term, KS1 children will visit Audley End, Year 5 will spend the day at Legoland (which they helped raise over £300 to cover some of the cost) and Year 6 will have their residential at Hilltop.

Finally, it can't go without any reference that we had an Ofsted inspection at the start of May. We are very proud of remaining a good school and the report has been shared on our website and with parents!

## Wintringham

As the 2023-2024 school year comes to a close, we have been very busy here at Wintringham!

The children in Year 4 visited Grafham Water for their first residential trip with us. It was an action packed few days away with water activities including stand up paddle boarding, kayaking and raft building as well as lots of land-based activities including low ropes, Jacob's Ladder, archery and bushcraft. We were very fortunate, and the sun shone for us for most of the trip. In the evening, the children enjoyed sipping hot chocolate and roasting S'mores on the campfire before getting some well-earned rest in the Bell Tents.



Year 1 recently visited Henbrook House for a Teddy Bear's picnic with the residents. They took part in a variety of teddy bear related activities, listened to stories with their own bears and even had a dance and a sing with some of the residents. The children had a great time and said they couldn't wait to return!

The children in Reception had a fantastic trip to Sacrewell Farm. We were incredibly lucky with the weather, which made the day even more enjoyable. The children enjoyed looking at all the different animals including seeing some piglets. The children also explored the Mill and learnt what a mill was used for. To support with this, the children listened to the story 'The Little Red Hen'. The children were very well-behaved and represented Wintringham very well.

Over the past few weeks, the Eco-Committee have been working together with Stonebond Developers to produce a thriving environment for our local wildlife. Initially, the children designed a wildflower planter for our pond area, before these designs were taken by the Stonebond team to purchase the necessary materials. Stonebond constructed the planter and this was followed by the eco-committee planting its first flowers. A huge well done to the eco-committee!



Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 were fortunate enough to visit The Round House and have a talk from the author, Laura Noakes. Laura was introducing her new book and reading a couple of extracts from it. She also spent time talking about how she became an author and the steps she took to write both her books. At the end, the children were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Our Year 1 and 2 classes had a fantastic day on their school trip to Hunstanton. On what was a very hot day in St Neots, we were greeted at the coast with a lovely cool sea breeze! Once the children were on the beach, they paddled in the sea, built sandcastles and sand sculptures and searched for shells. The children then also had the opportunity to have an ice cream or ice lolly, which was the perfect way to end a lovely day!

## **Governance Trust Newsletter**

The final school Local Governing Board meetings for the year have been held. We would like to thank all LGB members for their ongoing commitment to the schools and the Trust.

Over the course of the academic year LGB members have been invited to attend the Diamond EPL briefing sessions. These briefings allow our LGB Members to be kept up to date with relevant information and training. Next year's dates have already been set and communicated with all LGB Members.

The Trust has recently updated its Scheme of Delegation. This document sets out the responsibilities of each committee. If you would like to read this document please follow this link - [Scheme-of-Delegation-May-2024](#)

If you would like to know more about your schools Local Governing Board, please visit the LGB Member section on the school's website.

The purpose of LGB's is to ensure that all children at our academy schools are receiving a high-quality education and are making rapid progress towards achieving the full extent of their potential, and that the resources available to the academy school are appropriate and deployed effectively.

We are always looking for Parent and Community Members to join our Local Governing Boards. Our current vacancies are:

Braybrook – Parent LGB Member  
Braybrook – Community LGB Member  
Glebelands – Parent LGB Member  
Murrow – Parent LGB Member  
Middlefield – Community LGB Member  
Roman Way – Community LGB Member  
Roman Way – Parent LGB Member  
Thomas Eaton – Community LGB Member  
Winhills – Community LGB Member  
Winhills – Parent LGB Member

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If you would like further information and to register an interest in a role please email [dlptclerk@diamondlearningtrust.com](mailto:dlptclerk@diamondlearningtrust.com).

Burrowmoor Primary Academy is looking to recruit a Clerk to the LGB, if you are interested in joining our team please email [HR@diamondlearningtrust.com](mailto:HR@diamondlearningtrust.com)

Wishing you a wonderful Summer break.

The DLPT Governance Team

- ◇ Continuous Professional Development & Learning
- ◇ Initial Teacher Training
- ◇ School to School Support

A Trust strength is the professional development and learning we offer all staff, enriching teaching and learning in the classroom to improve outcomes for pupils and supporting career progression. Our offer extends further than the schools in our Trust, meaning our staff can engage with other local schools and share good practice with each other. Staff are not just offered training courses structured and written by us or delivered by external providers, they also have access to support and development in school from Trust Leads and assigned mentors. Thank you to all mentors, especially those of trainees and Early Career Teachers. For those who wish to develop their skills and knowledge further, we are proud to be able to develop future school staff through a range of apprenticeships based in classroom or for the wider workforce. In addition, some of our Teaching Assistants (TAs) are training to become Higher Level TAs, while others are studying for a degree so they can train to teach in the future.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in researching, writing and facilitating our courses and training events. Over the year, 630 participants have joined us, giving very positive feedback.

#### Testimonials:



*'Thank you for another fantastic, supportive and collaborative session.'*

*'Really productive and will have a positive impact on school practice.'*

*'Introduced lots of strategies I hadn't thought of yet.'*

*'Thank you as always for opportunities to network with other subject'*



This year's current cohort of teacher trainees have successfully completed their training year with us and gained QTS (Qualified Teacher Status). Most have secured their first teaching job for September. A huge thank you to the mentors who supported them so expertly on each placement by helping them develop essential skills and knowledge to become highly effective teachers.

*'My placements were at two very different schools within the Trust, however my learning and understanding went far beyond two schools and I always felt supported by colleagues across the Trust!'*

*'My mentors at both schools were really great at helping me on my journey, giving advice and encouragement on how to improve'*



If you or anyone you know would be interested in pursuing a career in teaching, please take a look at our website for more detailed information.



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