

Newsletter 10:

Autumn Term 2019



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

As we come to the end of our Autumn Term, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas. Staff and children in our twelve Trust schools have all had a busy and productive term, with plenty to challenge and inspire our young learners – you can read about the highlights from each school in the following pages. Teacher training and mentoring continue through the Diamond Teaching School Alliance (see p3), enabling and developing our senior leaders, teachers, trainees and support staff to share best practice and strive for the best in all our schools.

I am sure that both staff and children will be heading home this week very much ready for their holiday after all their hard work over the last few weeks! Preparations for Christmas performances have been as absorbing as ever, and I am indebted to the staff who work tirelessly decorating halls and classrooms, teaching festive songs, directing productions, and making props and scenery. Earlier this term our children have enjoyed a host of trips and visits from external speakers and facilitators – these are valuable opportunities for children to extend and enrich their curriculum knowledge as well as being exciting and fun. I would like to take the opportunity here of thanking the dedicated staff, parents, carers and members of the community who enable these enriching experiences to occur.

Each week I personally write to a member of staff within the Trust who has gone above and beyond the normal expectations of their role. Their hard work and dedication really do make a difference to the life chances of the children in our Trust and for that I am exceptionally proud and grateful. The staff members who have received my personal thanks in this way this term are:

Duncan Nelson – Great Staughton  
Steven Gadsby – Roman Way  
Laura Webb – Thomas Eaton  
Rachel Clark – Braybrook  
Tracey Parsons – The Round House

Jo Wykes – Murrow  
Sarah Pooley – Leverington  
Alexandra Staker - Glebelands  
Emma McWilliams – Winhills  
Charlotte Gardner - Middlefield

Kind regards

Susannah Connell, CEO

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## Follow the Star(s)!



Winhills

Stars of the future have been on stage in the final weeks of term throughout the Trust, many for the first time at school. Our youngest children were involved in telling the story of the Nativity, and parents, carers, visitors and staff were

treated to wonderfully confident performances full of joyful songs and actions. There have been carol concerts and Christmas musicals - we are so proud of all the performers who worked so hard to learn their lines and songs, and the staff who prepared the shows. This is just a small selection of shots of the many talented casts.



Glebelands



The Round House



Braybrook



Middlefield

## Fundraising Success

Our school communities have been actively fundraising this term, both for the benefit of our children's education and for others in need, near and far. PTAs have organised a series of fun activities for children and parents including Movie Nights, Christmas Fairs, and bake sales. At **Murrow** a Bingo Night raised £700 for the school to improve the playground.

Trust schools raised money for **The British Legion Poppy Appeal** and **Children in Need** in November, with school councils devising a host of fun challenges, and our combined donations raising record amounts - The Round House alone raised an amazing £750 for Children in Need. At the Harvest Festival celebrations earlier in the term, large donations were made to local food banks.

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Cakes & colouring at The Round House for Children in Need



Glebelands' Pudseys!



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

Over 750 teachers and support staff have attended our training courses this year. Our highly successful Maths and English Subject Leader Development days at Wyboston Lakes Training Centre have attracted 150 Subject Leaders from Bedfordshire, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. We introduced new courses this year, including an Early Career Development Programme, funded by the DfE, and training sessions for new members of Trust LGBs. Thank you to all the facilitators who develop and run these courses, and make them so successful.



*'Really useful and engaging. It's a shame I can't send all my staff!!' (Subject Leader – Maths Subject Leader Development Day)*

*'Jam-packed with essential up-to-the-minute ideas and information. Invaluable.'* (Subject Leader – English Subject Leader Development Day)

*'The ECD programme has provided an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas with peers and refresh my thinking'* (Teacher - Early Career Development programme)

Professional Development Meetings (PDMs) for teachers and teaching assistants have continued this year, enabling all staff to share good practice and to work with colleagues across the Trust.

Our Specialist Leaders in Education (SLEs) have continued to carry out effective School to School Support work. This support is wide ranging and includes both visits to the schools being supported but also visits by them to Diamond Learning Trust schools to see and discuss good practice. We will continue to provide bespoke support to schools next year with the aim of impacting teaching and learning, helping to drive school improvement.



*'None of the suggestions promoted by the DTSA have been onerous with staff well-being in mind. In fact, they have been just good practice. Ideas are designed to make our teaching more effective and enjoyable, but not make our job more difficult! This point shines out to me, compared to other providers where new ideas have always meant more work.'* English Lead

*'The leaders of Literacy and Numeracy have felt the support has helped them to progress as leaders.'* Head teacher

*'Teachers in UKS2 are more confident with the content and delivery of the year 5/6 curriculum and the expectations at the end of year 6.'* Head teacher

Our 2018-19 cohort of School Direct trainee teachers have successfully completed their final placements and we are pleased that all of them have secured teaching jobs with the DLPT for September. Two of our schools welcomed three final placement PGCE trainees from the Faculty of Education at Cambridge University. They completed their placements successfully and we hope to offer placements to more trainees next academic year. We would also like to congratulate our NQTs on the successful completion of their induction year; we look forward to supporting them in their careers over the coming years. The Diamond Teaching School would like to thank all mentors for supporting and coaching our trainees so well. We look forward to welcoming new trainee teachers in the Autumn term as they embark on their year-long course to qualify.

## Braybrook



In September, 28 Year 6 pupils spent the week at Overstrand Hall in Norfolk, learning new skills, embracing teamwork opportunities and forging new friendships and relationships at the start of their final year at Braybrook Primary Academy. The Kingswood Outdoor and Adventure Activities week was the perfect start to Year 6 and neither the children nor the beautiful weather let us down! Children challenged themselves, and each other, to attempt a range of new and exciting activities throughout the week, including archery, climbing, abseiling, aeroball and fencing. They thrived on the opportunities for freedom and independence and did both themselves and us proud.

This term has seen many sporting achievements for Braybrook, as our teams have actively engaged in a range of inter-school sports competitions and tournaments against other local primary schools within our cluster group. We are incredibly proud of our teams, who always represent us so positively when out in the wider community, and whose team spirit, energy and enthusiasm always shine through. Our greatest sporting success this term was winning the inter-schools hockey tournament, where our Year 5 and 6 mixed team rose through the ranks to victory.



Our Remembrance Commemorations in November were supported by the art and work of our Year 5 children, whose 'Imaginative Learning Project' this term has centred around the 'Fallen Fields' of the First and Second World Wars.



Their commemorative centrepiece of cascading poppies, which was displayed in the hall, represented the lives lost by both people and animals in war. It made a very fitting tribute and focal point for each of us, as we paid our respects on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

We are incredibly proud to have recently achieved the PSQM (Primary Science Quality Mark), in the light of our school's hard work and commitment to improving the quality of teaching and learning in science. This nationally accredited award was the culmination of two years' targeted improvement led by Mrs Rachel Clark. She and Miss Green, our Headteacher, enjoyed a celebration event in London in November, to accept the award and to share the school's work with others across the Eastern Region. We are now looking forward to building further on this success, as we aspire to achieve the next level in three years' time!



## Glebelands

It has been a great term at Glebelands. Every year group has been excited by their learning and has progressed on their personal journey, and there have been many interesting visits, visitors and activities within the school environment. The children have enjoyed competing in sports and learning competitions both within school and in the wider community. We have also been reminded of the importance of sharing and kindness within our community - our whole school harvest service showed us how lots of small things can build to make a big difference for the foodbank.

EYFS settled into the school routines quickly. They are learning to work together inside, outside and in the forest. They are all gaining in confidence to try new things and follow their own learning investigations. They are gaining reading skills quickly through Optima and are already using their phonic skills to support writing. Year One (right) have settled into their year quickly and are gaining skills rapidly. They enjoyed their visit to Moor Farm earlier in the term. They are very settled as a year group, very keen to learn, and always bright and cheerful.



Year Two recently had a great visit to Knowles Transport. They were allowed to sit in the vintage lorry and could compare that with the huge lorries they see on the road most days. They were interested to see where all the lorries were on the map, and were most impressed by all the goods that needed to be delivered.

Year Three started their year with an experience day and have built upon their learning ever since. They showed everyone in assembly how the timeline worked. We were all helped in our understanding of time periods and how short our own lives are in comparison. Year Four have been learning about Ancient Egypt over the course of this term. They have remembered lots of facts and have a clear understanding of why Howard Carter didn't want to hang around inside the pyramids. Year Four were also victorious in our Maths Challenge (right)!



Year Five enjoyed their visit to one of the best glass blowers in the country. He has his workshop in Chatteris and was very generous in showing how he changes materials to create beautiful objects. Year Five have now started their topic on Earth and Space and are looking forward to their next visit in the New Year.

Year Six learned all about evolution before pulling together lots of their historical learning and considering Crime and Punishment throughout history. They made some extremely gory models as part of their homework – Barbie will never be the same again!

Year 5 mastering measurement

## Great Staughton



We had a brilliant **Careers, Ambitions and Aspirations Week** with amazing visitors, wonderful trips and lots of thinking.

Mars Class visited Playtown, where they experienced a variety of occupations, including vet, firefighter, hairdresser and doctor. An amazing time was had by everyone.

Jupiter Class luckily picked a nice dry day to visit Moor Farm, a mainly arable farm near Peterborough. Dressed appropriately in wellies and waterproofs, the children enjoyed a walk around the fields, learning about the type of crops grown. They were given different seeds, which they displayed on paper plates and were also allowed to go into an onion field and collect onions to take home!



Saturn Class visited Kidzania, where everyone experienced adult jobs in a child friendly environment. Children earned lots of Kidzanian pounds for their hard work throughout the day.

Along with visits out of school we welcomed a variety of people into school, including a plumber, personal trainer and swimmer. Ed Williams, who swam both the English and Irish channel, spoke specifically about perseverance when hard work doesn't always lead to success. His career and personal ambitions inspired us all and linked in brilliantly to our growth mindset approach to learning in school. What a wonderful end to our careers week!



Kimbolton Primary Academy and Great Staughton Primary Academy entered a joint team into the **Panathlon** Hunts SSP sporting event on Thursday 3rd October. The children took part in a range of sports activities such as table cricket (left), boccia and curling. The children worked in two teams completing seven minutes at each activity to gain as many points as they could. The atmosphere was very calm and the children were so focussed. They showed fantastic teamwork, resilience and determination..... and they came first and second place! Here are some of the things the children said about the event:

*'I've never got a medal before. I'm so proud I'm not even going to take it off for bed.'*

*'This is the best day of my life.' 'I want to come back next year. It's so much fun!'*

In preparation for **Children in Need** (see photos p2), the school council paired up to add icing and sprinkles to the lovely Pudsey biscuits that were baked by Diane, our cook. "Delicious!" and "yummy!" is some of the feedback that we've received from the children. On the day, we think that everyone looked cool and colourful in their bright t-shirts. We also had a fun time enjoying the sponsored 'Just Dance!'; it went really well and everyone joined in. Our teachers really loved our dance moves!

In the annual duck race, the whole school sat excitedly in the hall, with their eyes fixed on the event but we made so much noise that we had to watch it twice so that we could hear the commentary! Beakwell Tart was the winning duck, meaning that we had four lucky winners in school, including Mr Nelson!



## Kimbolton

This term we put on a ‘Careers, Ambitions and Aspirations’ week to inspire and engage the children in a variety of different career experiences. We were fortunate to have talks from the Fire Service, a personal trainer, a head teacher, a swimmer, a female sound engineer, Wood Green Animal Shelter, a female plumber, The Royal Shakespeare Company, a nurse, a farmer, a power station worker, Her Majesty’s Prison Service and the British Antarctic Survey. We are very grateful to all those who came to talk to us about the work they do. The children were attentive and interested throughout and asked very honest and unusual questions!

In the same week visits were arranged to Oak Moor Farm, St Neots Fire Station, St Neots Library, Kidzania and Playtown. This was the first time we have run such an event and we are pleased to announce that it was a great success!



We are very proud of Connie who represented KPA at the **Remembrance Parade** in Kimbolton on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019.



Each year families at KPA support the charity **Samaritan’s Purse** in their **Operation Christmas Child UK** by putting together beautifully wrapped Christmas shoeboxes filled with fabulous gifts to send to children less fortunate than themselves. We received 29 boxes, the most we have received – this photo shows just a few of the children holding the boxes.

We are delighted to report that responses to our recent **Parent Questionnaires** were really positive. The good news is that 100% of you agree or strongly agree that your child is happy at school, 100% of you agree or strongly agree that your child is making good progress at school and 100% of you agree or strongly agree that there is a happy atmosphere at school. Thank you all for your continued support.



## Leverington



Reception children were lucky enough to be visited by a policeman as part of their **'People Who Help Us'** topic. The children enjoyed learning about how the police keep us safe, what they could do if they were lost, and other important jobs that policemen and women do in our local area – as well as seeing how the police van's lights and sirens worked!

Years 2 and 4 were visited by firemen from our local station. Year 2 learned all about why matches and lighters are dangerous, as well as what the job of a fireman entails (they were surprised to learn it was so much more than just putting water on flames!). All children

were reminded to check where their smoke alarms are at home and how they could test if they are still working.

Our Year 2 children started the year with a **Great Fire of London Day** to launch their **'Fire and Ice'** topic. The children started the day by becoming apprentices on the streets of London, learning new skills such as leather working, metal working, medicine making and sewing. They then had to become archaeologists and look for personal belongings and important documents that could help with rebuilding the city.



For our **'Spooky Creative Writing Day'**, pupils (and staff!) enjoyed dressing up as their favourite 'spooky' story character before listening to stories, watching video clips and writing in different styles based around the spooky theme. Throughout the day, lots of amazing writing was produced linked to stories



such as *The Demon Headmaster*, *Room on the Broom* and *Stitch Head*. The day ended with parents coming into school so children had the opportunity to share their fantastic writing before finishing with a spooky storytelling session.

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, the children were all very excited to take part in a spectacular **Science Day**. We were visited by the **Sublime Science** company, who carried out workshops with Key Stage 2 classes where children took part in a range of engaging science experiments, such as making their own sherbet and creating unpopable bubbles! Throughout school, children explored making rainbows with skittles, investigating the quickest way to help teddy escape from the ice and using water, oil and food colouring to create water fireworks.

## Middlefield



Pupils, staff and visitors are now greeted by a spectacular mosaic at Middlefield's school entrance! The design for the tile mural was inspired by the class names at the time, as well as the idea of children growing in a school providing strong roots and foundations to build on. The hearts and hands represent kindness and helping hands. The design also incorporates the school logo, the Trust's diamond, and a shining star – because all children are stars. It has taken over two years to finish and is the largest tile mural they have completed to date. It has 412 tiles with just under 300 made by students at the school during workshops held in July 2017.

We have had some fabulous visits this term to engage the children and enhance their topic learning. Hands-on experience days included a Greek Day for Year 5 & 6, Roman Day for Year 3 & 4 and Great Fire of London Day for Year 1 & 2. We celebrated World Animal Day with fascinating sessions from the Dogs Trust and Zoo Lab, who brought an amazing collection of reptiles, insects and other creatures that the children were able to observe and handle.



Our pupils have been busy with a variety of sporting activities this term. The children have attended a range of different football matches and tournaments across KS2, both at home and away with some success. The children have shown great sportsmanship at these events and the ability to work as a team. The beginning of term saw children from Year 5 & 6 represent Middlefield at a tag rugby tournament, and later in the term children from KS1 attended a Kwik Cricket Festival at

Longsands Academy. KS2 have been very successful at the DLPT Sports Event this term, competing with local Trust schools in dodgeball, benchball and football, with Year 3, 5 & 6 winning their event! Our commitment to excellence in PE and sports provision has been recognised by our repeat award of the **Gold Mark for Schools Games**, presented to us by Mr Finlayson of Hunts SSP, who has challenged us to aim for Platinum this year!



To mark **World Mental Health Day** Middlefield children took part in activities to promote mental health and wellbeing. They enjoyed a variety of hands-on and speaking and listening activities, and there was a positive buzz in all classrooms. They then shared their items or experiences that make them feel happy, and had really mature discussions on how to keep ourselves healthy both in body and mind.



## OUR FUDGE DAY - Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads in Education Day

We invited **Fenland Bushcraft** in to host a morning of work with our Fathers, Uncles, etc. Thirteen families came from our village school, the sun shone and lots of fun was had. The children whittled sticks, made shelters using the pegs they had made, came up with novel ideas on what to do with old Wellies, including wellie wanging, wellie showers, and using wellies as decoration and as water carriers. They cooked marshmallows on the open fires they had made and spent time with their Dads, Grandads and Uncles. We received many positive notes about what the families and children learned. What an amazing day!



We have had a number of **parent meetings** this term. Over 70% of our parent body attended a meeting in the first week of term where they heard how we were going to deliver our curriculum this academic year. We have also hosted an internet safety briefing for them with an expert. They learned how to guide and support their children in the the online world in the same way that they do in the real world.

**Bedtime stories at school!** It was great to see over 60 children coming back into school for some reading for fun. They dressed ready for bed, brought teddies and cuddlies and their favourite books. They heard two stories read by Ms Cunningham and Mrs Bailey and then read in little groups. Hot chocolate and biscuits added to the fun!



**Our school dog Bunny** has done some fantastic work in school this term. She has many roles - hearing children read, greeting children at the beginning of the day, playing at lunchtime on the field, comforting children who are sad and many more. She was the subject of our Writing day, with Key Stage 1 writing a diary entry for her and Key Stage 2 producing some incredible character descriptions. Her mum read them to her and she was impressed. Bunny has also taken part in some of our daily mile challenges. Children had an assembly hosted by Blue Cross to understand more about animals and how to approach them. Bunny has also visited the preschool to meet them.





## Roman Way

Over 200 Year Two pupils from Royston schools took part in a **Football Festival** at King James Academy Senior Site on Wednesday 9th October. Our children had fun learning and using different football skills. They also played competitively as a team with pupils from different schools. A big thank you to The School Sports Partnership coaches and Year 8 Sports Leaders who led the activities and to our parent helpers who volunteered their time and made the event possible.



A big well done to our children who represented Roman Way in this year's **Rotary Club's Youth Speaks** event. They worked hard preparing their talk and spoke confidently about their Tudor topic.

Our Intensive Curriculum Experience or ICE zones are working really well in school, where children are supported in a variety of art, design and role play activities, to enhance and complement their topic learning in class.



A Tudor Feast in Ice Zone 1!

Fun finding out information in Ice Zone 2



A big thank you to one of our parents who has introduced a wonderful **new recycling scheme** at Roman Way Academy. This will enable us to effectively recycle much more rubbish, and to contribute to the reduction of waste on our planet.

Our parents have also managed to complete our sticker chart for the Aldi **Kit for Schools** competition, which means we have won a set of sports kit to use in school, and are in with a chance to win a £20,000 prize for our school!

## The Round House



### Biodome revealed!

We have been learning how our brand new Biodome works! We have discussed solar energy, the benefits of growing produce using aquaponics and the different crops you can (and cannot!) grow in the Biodome. We have cared for our fish and explored the differences between the crops we have planted outside and those cultivated in the dome. So far we have grown and tasted spinach, pak choi, lettuce and sugar snap peas.

We have had great fun with English this term – KS1 had an inspiring visit from the **author John Bond** who wrote the winning book, 'Mini Rabbit Not Lost', from the 'Read It Again' books. He spoke to the children about how he became an author and illustrator, and they learned how to draw their own spooky version of Mini Rabbit.



Some of our Year 6 children also took part in the **Cambridgeshire English Challenge**. We hosted one of the heats this year and they competed against 6 other teams answering a range of questions. The children did incredibly well and qualified for a place in the final in Ely. We are proud of their efforts.



Children in Years 1 to 4 really enjoyed their hands-on topic experience days this term delivered by History off the Page. KS1 experienced a Great Fire of London Day (left) and thoroughly enjoyed learning all about what happened in the fire, where it spread to and how it spread so quickly. The children made candles, played doctors and made medicine bags for patients. Years 3 and 4 threw themselves into their Roman Day activities, where they dressed in wonderful costumes and were introduced to their Roman leader. They heard real-life stories from this era, learnt about everyday life of a Roman, made olive oil by crushing olives, created mosaics and took part in a Roman feast.

Year 3 visited Pizza Express where they put on their aprons and hats and made their own pizza. They learnt about the ingredients used to make pizza and their origins, kneaded the dough, chose their toppings and waited whilst it cooked.



## Thomas Eaton



The autumn term has brought an abundance of school trips ranging from visiting the Sea Life Centre to Cadbury World to the Year Six residential to Hilltop. Alongside these trips, we have also welcomed visitors into TEPA including The History People who led a WW2 day and 'The Animal Experience' giving the children a hands-on experience with snakes, reptiles and lizards! All trips and visits were planned in conjunction with the children's current topic study and provided the children with an exciting opportunity to fully immerse themselves into their learning.



### Guinness World Record!



On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, pupils from Years 4 to 6, took part in the Guinness World Record 2019 Stack Up! This was an attempt at breaking the record title for 'most people sport stacking at multiple locations in one day'. During the entire lunch hour, hordes of enthusiastic stackers gathered to complete a variety of stacking activities including creating the largest tower possible! The aim was to beat 624,390 and at the time of going to press, there are 638,881 verified stackers which means we are **WORLD RECORD BREAKERS!**



**English Challenge** - Our talented team of Year Six children worked incredibly well together competing against other schools. They had to do a range of activities based around books, word knowledge, characters and text types. They excelled at the memory round where they had to memorise and write down an entire poem, being highly commended for this task. The team won the heat and were all very excited to go through to the final at Ely Cathedral on December 4<sup>th</sup> – see p16 for a team photo from the Cathedral. We are all very proud of them as they did amazingly well and came fourth overall! The only Fenland school in the results. Well done!



This year, Thomas Eaton Primary Academy supported **Children in Need** by holding a biscuit sale! All biscuits were made by our fabulous cook, Mrs Cavilla, and members of the school council helped to decorate Pudsey's bandana with green, red and yellow spots! The biscuits were sold at break and at lunchtime, again by the school council. All the biscuits were sold and the event was a great success. We also had a visit from Radio Cambridgeshire and BBC Look East who interviewed Mrs Webb and members of the school council. Both interviews were broadcast later during the day.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December saw a fun filled, festive day at TEPA. The day started with each class performing a variety of Christmas inspired songs using Boom-whackers and bells at the Christmas coffee morning. The children performed brilliantly and the audience thoroughly enjoyed being entertained. The day culminated with the Christmas Fayre where the man in the red suit even paid us a visit!

## Winhills

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, the children in Years 5 and 6 classes were extremely lucky to take part in a 'Cool Aeronautics' day at the Stansted Aero Zone. The children spent the day learning about aviation and aerospace, which included a number of hands on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities. The children finished the day with a viewing of the runway and even got to glimpse a Jumbo Jet landing.



Children in KS2 were lucky enough to obtain tickets to Cineworld in St Neots to watch a film as part of national Film Festival for 5-19 year olds, 'Into Film'. On 8<sup>th</sup> November Years 3 and 4 watched 'Wonder Park', an animated film where a young girl encounters a real version of her magical amusement park, and on 22<sup>nd</sup> November Years 5 and 6 saw 'The Kid Who Would Be King', a modern

twist on the Legend of King Arthur, where a young boy must use Excalibur to defeat the evil Morgana and protect mankind. The children have since used these films as inspiration for writing tasks back at school, including entering a writing competition to create a review of their chosen films. We hope the experience has helped the children develop new ideas for their own writing.

Some of the Year 2 children were lucky enough to be able to take part in a **Cricket tournament**. They enjoyed learning new cricket skills through games led by year 9 Longsands students including coconut wicket shy, knockout cone bowling and many more, before competing with other schools in games of quick cricket. All the children were fantastically behaved and enjoyed every moment. They even met the star of the day - the Hunts mascot 'Twinkle'!



Winhills marked '**World Maths Day**' by challenging the children to take part in the 'Crystal Maze.' This was a set of Maths games and activities that linked to different parts of the world. The afternoon finished with a Winhills 'Rock Wrangle.' The children all loved the day and we have some really good mathematicians in our school!

**Christmas performances** - KS2 children performed a wonderful singing and dancing show with Christmas songs from around the world. The children all performed and sang beautifully. KS1 children performed 'Busy, Busy Bethlehem'. This was a nativity with a twist. The main part was a soldier. The children all performed their words and sang beautifully, and the costumes were amazing – see photo p2.



Winhills children have had a very busy sporting term. They have competed in various tournaments with the girls' football team getting to the semi-final. Both the girls and boys have won in their cup competitions to move into the next round.

# Wintringham

The builders are working hard on our new building and are currently two weeks ahead of schedule. We hosted a public meeting on behalf of the developers, Morgan Sindall, where they showed plans and artist's impressions of what the school will look like in its new setting. We are all very excited about moving into the new school next year.



Mrs Bryden and Mrs Kennard on the roof of the new Wintringham building during a recent site visit.



Earlier this term we had a visit from our local Police Community Support Officer and Zac the Zebra, who talked to us about road safety and the need to wear a seat belt whenever they travel in a vehicle.



The children have learnt about Halloween. They hammered golf tees into the side of a pumpkin before attaching elastic bands and they used various natural materials to decorate their pumpkin. They then had a discussion surrounding healthy and unhealthy food choices and worked together to make a plate full of healthy food!

The children thought about Remembrance Day and created a Poppy box. The Reception children collaged small Poppies and Year 1 used the art of pointillism and also wrote acrostic poems about Remembrance Day.





Thomas Eaton's Year Six English Challenge Team, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Regional Final in Ely Cathedral



Merry Christmas

Wishing all the children, parents, staff, volunteers and Governors at all our Diamond Learning Partnership Trust schools a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



'Away in a Manger', Reception at Wintringham Primary Academy