



Newsletter 20: Autumn Term 2023

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

As I sit here writing this I can hear the children of Winhills singing "We wish you a merry Christmas" and even though the autumn term is the longest and always feels the busiest, it is hard to believe that we are already over a third of the way through the academic year.

One of the most remarkable aspects of our schools is the resilience of our pupils and staff and how they continue to make achievements no matter what the hurdles, and it is with this in mind that I am delighted to share the news that Thomas Eaton and Roman Way have each had an Ofsted and are now officially good schools. We are so proud of all that has been achieved in both schools.

We were very excited to welcome the pupils, staff and parents of Burrowmoor Primary Academy in March to our Trust. This takes the number of schools in the DLPT to 15 across Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Peterborough.

I am delighted to announce the appointment of our new CFOO, Jonathan Lewis, who will start in his role in February 2024. Jonathan is currently Director of Education for Cambridgeshire County Council and has over 24 year's experience working with schools. This wealth of expertise will ensure our Trust continues to deliver the absolute best to our schools, supporting both our staff and children and making a difference to the community.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas and hope you enjoy the festive break.

Regards



Braybrook

It has been a great start to the term at Braybrook, where the children have been incredibly busy learning, developing and enjoying their time at school. There has been such a wide variety of learning experiences this term, and it has been great to see the children participating in a number of trips and visits already.

In the first week of November, we were visited by the Life Education Bus. All the children were able to visit and learn a number of different life skills, including how to keep safe from a number of harms including drugs and alcohol, ensuring they make healthy choices as they grow.



The children in our Reception class were visited by members of the Police force as part of their unit of work on 'Night Time', as the police are required to work throughout the night. As well as talking to the police officers, the children were even able to sit inside the police van!

On Tuesday 14th November, the children in Years R-3 were visited by the Benedetti Foundation who performed a strings workshop. The children were able to listen to the wonderful instruments and take part by keeping rhythms and clapping and moving to the music.



Year 2 had a very exciting visit as they were invited to the theatre in Peterborough to watch a performance of Mimi and the Mountain Dragon. The show was spectacular and provided the children with great inspiration for their writing back at school.



At the start of term, the Year 3 children took part in a local visit to Flag Fen as part of their studies on the Iron, Stone and Bronze Age. Throughout their prehistoric life workshop, the children were able to handle artefacts and even complete their own archaeological dig.

Our Year 4 children also took part in a local visit as they took a trip to Peterborough Cathedral to participate in a 'Searching for Saxons' workshop to tie in with their history unit on the Anglo-Saxons. The children spent the day learning about the Saxons in Britain, and embedded this learning through a range of hands-on activities including the handling of real and replica artefacts.

Years 5 and 6 have participated in a number of sporting events this term, including both girls and boys football matches against other local schools. It has been great to see the children representing the school with pride.

We have also had a number of really exciting events in school, including a Black History Month project where every class researched an influential person in history, before creating work for a school wide exhibition. In October, we also had a Passport to the World day, with every class learning about a different country in the world. During the day, they learnt some geographical facts, language, and even got to try some of the foods traditional to the area of choice.



We have also had our first Times Tables Rock Wrangle – a school wide competition to find the fastest and most accurate children in the school at their tables. It was a huge success and there will be many more to come!



Burrowmoor

What a great term we have had – Burrowmoor Primary Academy joined The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust on 1st November 2023. It was a long awaited date and we all had a wonderful time celebrating Diamond Day!

We have had a number of parent briefings – Behaviour at Burrowmoor, Our Curriculum; How to keep your child safe online and How to support your child with Maths at home. We have had many positive comments about this and are planning Year 3, 4 and 5 TT ROCK stars ROCK OFF.

Our Year 1, 2 and 3 have all spent some wonderful moments in the Forest School. To celebrate the end of their sessions the Year 3 parents were able to come in and visit with their children – many mud pies were made, dens built and shmoors eaten. We are so lucky to have this resource at our school. We have also raised money from our Change in a Sock appeal which will go towards buying new equipment for our Forest School.

This term has been very busy. Our Year 2, 4 and 5 parents have been in to work on our final Design Technology projects – baking and sewing – the support from our parents and carers was immense and we were able to eat some great Ginger bread men and take home some soft brightly coloured cushions.



Our Year 5 children had a wonderful visit to the British Museum where the favourite exhibit was the Egyptian rooms. The year 6s also visited the Royal Opera House. Year 6 visited the POSH Ground in Peterborough to take part in their Show Racism the Red Card event.

For the first time we have introduced a new school council. So far, their ideas have resulted in a new Coding club and Bracelet making club starting at lunchtimes, they have organised a cake sale in January for Cancer research and school funds. We have also appointed Line Monitors so that every class is led into assembly by their Year 6 line leaders. Our DOJO points are going very well, with the Coyotes class winning to date. Play leaders have been appointed too to lead games and help with equipment in both our playgrounds.

Our Christmas celebrations are going ahead. The nativity was hosted by our Tigers, Turtles, Bears and Koalas and it was enjoyed by all. We have our Carols round our tree planned for this week, our Christmas jumper and Christmas Dinner day and also our Christingle at the church. Christmas is truly here at Burrowmoor Primary Academy.





Glebelands

What a busy term of learning we have had here! It has been great fun with so much going on. We have changed some of our units of work and the children have particularly enjoyed the new Food Design and Technology work that they have been accessing. We have seen some fabulous creations including: goat cheese salads, samosas, pizzas and hummus with dips. Lots of the children took the opportunity to try something new and went home asking to make more. Our PTFA are funding a redesign of one of our spaces so that we can use this as a Food Technology room. They have already funded lots of new equipment including three new induction hobs!



On Wednesday 29th November, some of our year 2 children were lucky enough to meet royalty. Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal officially opened the North Cambridgeshire Training Centre (NCTC) in Chatteris. To celebrate this, a mini-Skills Escalator event was put on for the children where they participated in career related learning activities such as virtual welding and learning about how a tin of baked beans is made. In addition, G's Growers spoke to the children about the different produce that they grow and supply and provided the children with an opportunity to taste and make a salad. They all had a great time and were impeccably behaved throughout the event. One of our children was selected by the organisers to present Princess Anne with a posy as she left the Training Centre, which was a lovely honour. We are incredibly proud of the children that attended the event and the way in which they represented Glebelands.

This term has also seen some great musical projects. We took part in The Big Sing at Cromwell Community College. This event involved cluster schools in Fenland collaborating in a musical event put together by 20Twenty Productions. The event was filmed and will be available on YouTube soon. We were so proud of how the children behaved and were personally commended on the children's exceptional behaviour. Year 5 also took part in a project with Heritage England – When Fenland Sings. This was a dynamic and exciting project that engaged children with their local heritage, writing and music. The children had the opportunity to work with the acclaimed folk music trio, The Young'Uns on a local history and heritage topic. This culminated in a virtual session with The Young'Uns and year 5 writing a song for them to perform! Great fun was had by all!



Gorefield

Children and staff at Gorefield have enjoyed a very busy Autumn term.



After holding our elections for school council representatives, our councillors have been very active citizens. They arranged and promoted a 'Wear Green Day' whereby children (and staff) had the opportunity to wear something green to school and donate a pound or plants/bulbs/compost. There was a tremendous response and the outside of the school has been brightened up by the planting subsequently carried out by the children.



On the days leading up to Halloween, children were invited to carve a pumpkin and bring it to be displayed at the front of school. We were delighted that a large number of children chose to take part and helped make a fantastic display outside the school.



Year 6 children held a remembrance service at the memorial stones next to the school at the old chapel. The service was led by the village historian Mr Thatcher, who after the wreath was laid and the Last Post was sounded with children standing in respectful silence, told



us all about the family histories of some of the fallen and how they had links to the current day.



On two successive Tuesdays in November on bitterly cold days, we took part in the Under 11 Nationwide Football tournament first round matches at Peterborough United's sponsored training ground, Idverde. Our girls' team battled with passion in all their games and thoroughly enjoyed competing in their mini-league, showing great team work throughout every game despite the bitterly cold weather with rain swirling across the pitches. Our mixed team had greater success than the girls and the final game was a cliff-hanger as we lost by a solitary late goal and could not score from a last-minute free kick as the ball whistled over the cross bar and our hopes to proceed further were dashed. The three teams from Gorefield, Murrow and Leverington showed fantastic support for each other in each tournament and it was a pleasure to see how the relationship between the three schools is developing.

To end the term children, have the opportunity to enter a Christmas raffle with an amazing range of prizes as well as a colouring competition to be judged by J.B. Turner who donated our wonderful Christmas tree that has pride of place outside the school.



Great Staughton

During the autumn term we have celebrated careers week by inviting numerous professional visitors into our school to talk to the children about their jobs. The week started with a visit from a Civil Servant followed by an Agronomist, a mid-wife, a plumber and the fire brigade. We ended the week with an amazing trip to KidZania in London, where the children got to experience realistic role play activities designed to mirror real life careers. They all had an amazing week with a lot of children coming up with some great ideas of what career they want when they are older.



Saturn class thoroughly enjoyed their visit from the Cromwell Museum. Through analysis of primary sources, the children learnt about the life of Oliver Cromwell and the reasons for the start of the Civil War. They also found out about being a soldier in the Civil War, and were able to handle weapons and artefacts. A few children were even able to try on armour!

Sport has been a highlight for our school this term, with our children participating in the numerous DLPT events, namely the Rising Stars sports events, the dodgeball event, the swimming gala, the tag rugby events and we have been lucky enough to be invited again this year to participate in numerous friendly football events at Kimbolton Preparatory School.



Across the school we took part in a Remembrance service. The children congregated on the school playground to remember and reflect. We took part in a two-minute silence, shared the poem Flanders Field and discussed the importance of 11th hour on the 11th day on the 11th month and the significance of the poppy and why it is worn.

And of course, we have been busy getting ready for the festive season, starting with inviting the Elf's in with their shop, Elfridges! Our children were so excited to be able to buy their family members Christmas gifts from the shop to give to them on Christmas day.

We hosted our Santa craft fayre, where parents came in with their children to make Christmas crafts and visit Santa. We had our Christmas jumper day, where we raised money for Save the Children charity. Our Christingle service and our Christmas Rocksteady concert. Not forgetting our children from Mercury and Mars classes who have worked so hard on learning their words and songs for their nativity, a Wiggly Nativity. They all performed like super stars, we are so proud of each and every one of them.





Kimbolton

As the year draws to a close, it is time for us to once again reminisce on some of the highlights of the term before the Christmas festivities are a distant memory.



Year 4 started the term off with a residential trip to Grafham Water Centre where they took part in canoeing, paddle boarding, den building, fun boats and roasting marshmallows; before retiring to bed in their Bell tents. The children showed kindness, resilience, teamwork and determination during all of the activities.



Children in Year 5/6 were invited to take part in a Faith Tour around Queen's Park in Bedford. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience different places of worship first-hand.



Our careers week, organised to inspire and engage the children in a variety of different career experiences, took off with a visit from a Farmer. We then met a Civil Servant who explained to us about the Parliament and government, which was then followed by our own KPA political vote at the polling station.



An Agronomist, some Firefighters and a University lecturer too also visited to tell us about their professions. The highlight had to be seeing Mrs Whiting dress up as a firefighter!



However, our most exciting part of the week was a whole school trip to Kidzania in London. The children had the best time exploring the different workplaces and earning their own wages. They were then able to spend their wages at our very own Kidzania shop in school.

Our school took part in our local community Christmas Tree Festival with our 'Jumper into Christmas' (pun intended!) at St Andrew's Church. All of the children designed lovely jumpers to place on our tree.



Our Key Stage One and nursery pupils put on an amazing Christmas production called: **A Wiggly Nativity**.

King James Academy Royston



Christmas Market Sunday

26 November saw our talented King James performers bring a smile to the face of the audience at our renowned Christmas market. Performances by the Junior choir, Senior choir,

Big band, Wind band and Ukulele group entertained the crowds and thoroughly brought Christmas to the school.



Year 10 ATL Our Year 10 Celebration Breakfast took place last week - we had a focused discussion about students' aspirations, quality of teaching, opportunities to participate in off-site visits and other activities at school. It was an opportunity to recognise students with outstanding attitudes to learning. Their remarkable effort and positive demeanour indicate commendable progress this year. Congratulations and well done!

King James Mini Fete We would like to say a huge thank you to all the many pupils who have submitted an application to hold a stall at our upcoming charity event - this year, we have received record numbers. The creativity and enterprise of these proposals has been very impressive, but we are limited in how many stalls we can set out. We will be returning stalls to successful applicants on Tuesday morning and at lunchtime on Tuesday, our Year 10 Business Studies Students will be providing a drop-in session for pupils who want to discuss their stall with some 'experts'. We will also be sharing further information to stall holders regarding preparations following a meeting with stall leaders to discuss next steps.



Pupils across Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to visit our Mini Fete on Tuesday 19 December, with all money raised split between three charities as chosen by our School Councillors:

This is always a lovely event and a fun end to a busy term. We hope you enjoy some of the images below from last year's event which raised nearly £1000 for Cancer Research, Jimmy's Cambridge and The Friends of King James.



Leverington

We are fast approaching the end of another busy term here at Leverington Primary. September marked the beginning of a new journey with the collaboration of three of our Fenland Schools: Leverington, Murrow and Gorefield. The joining of the schools has opened wonderful opportunities for both pupils and staff alike. We have planned several joint school activities already, including a trip to the Pantomime at the end of term.

Our new Reception children settled quickly into their new daily school routines. They have enjoyed making new friends and exploring their new learning environment. Their first whole school event was our annual Harvest Festival, and they were superstars when performing their Harvest Song to all their parents.

Reception exploring the outdoor Construction Area.



Throughout the Autumn term, Mr Allen has been training our footballers ready to compete in a local competition. Mr Allen took teams from Leverington to Peterborough United's Id Verde Training facility to take part in the Primary Stars Girls Cup

and the EFL Kids Cup. Both days were cold but the atmosphere was very warming and the football played was of high standard! The girls gave their all over the 3 groups games in which they played. Unfortunately, the results weren't on our side and they finished losing two games and drawing one.



The boys gave it their all recording 1 win, 1 draw and 2 defeats by only a 1 goal margin. All players represented the school well and we couldn't have been prouder of the way in which they played and their resilience throughout the competition.



Earlier in the term, the whole school were fortunate enough to have a visit from all our local emergency services. The playground was filled with the sounds of sirens, blue flashing lights, high-vis jackets and road traffic signs! The children enjoyed the opportunity to sit in a police car, ask questions about the different equipment used and also find out what to do in an emergency. We were so appreciative of everyone who gave up their time to come and talk to our children.

We are all now busy preparing for our end of term Christmas productions and services. We send our warmest Christmas wishes to everyone.

Merry Christmas
Leverington Primary Academy

Middlefield

We are extremely proud to tell you that we have gained an international accreditation, an Eco-Schools Green Flag with **Distinction**. This recognises the amazing work we do in making our school more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness. The award recognises the work we have carried out in making the school more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness. Our children formed an eco-committee and then collaborated with a Miss Jarvis, our amazing outdoor learning lead, to conduct an environmental review, assessing how eco-friendly our school actually is. They reviewed everything from biodiversity within the school grounds to how children and staff members recycle different items. Please vote for our project 'I like to Grow it Grow it' at Tesco!! (It's there to the end of January 2024) It would be amazing if we could win the £1500 towards developing our EYFS outdoor learning space.



Our Year 4 children took part in an off-site litter pick. They wore high viz jackets, gloves and used litter pickers. They were shocked by the amount of litter found, 5 bin bags and this was the path from Ernulf school that leads to Pocket Park.



The children were saddened by this as they noticed that there were actually 3 bins along the path that could've easily been used. A member of the public commented on how well the children were representing the school and that they were doing a wonderful thing for the local community.



The book fair arrived at Middlefield – just in time for parents evening. The children LOVE reading and their faces when we opened up the book cases were a picture! Every class had a turn in the hall browsing the books before the parents came in. Our parents dug deep and spent over £1200 on books! This meant that the school got around £560 to spend on more books for our school and to replenish our 'Library of Wonders!'

We have had so many sporting events this term. Whenever the children leave the building to leave for an event they always shout 'We're going to be the best we can be!' That's all we ask of them. We started the year on a bit of winning streak with the year 6's winning the Trust football and TAG rugby tournament. Mr Franco, our wonderful PE coach, takes a girl's football club every week. He said we definitely have some future lionesses!



Every child at Middlefield contributed to a fantastic display of poppies in our foyer for Remembrance Day. The children used different media and techniques. They were all very proud to see the various designs of poppies and artwork on display at the front of their school. We usually display them outside but the weather was not kind to us!

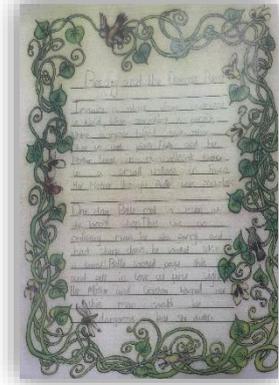




Murrow

The end of the Autumn Term is almost upon us and what a term it has been! Throughout this term we have enjoyed a variety of experiences and opportunities to learn. Back in the first half of this term we welcomed our new Reception children into the school. The children settled well and showed great resilience and determination as they adjusted to life in school.

We have immersed ourselves in our learning this term. We have explored the Human Body in Science, travelled back in time to visit the Romans, Ancient Greece and the British Empire, and have climbed mountains and jetted off to the Mediterranean in Geography. We also enjoyed a whole-school writing day where we wrote our very own twisted fairy tales.



In November, representatives from our Year 5 & 6 class attended the village Remembrance Service at the war memorial. We are always incredibly proud to be invited to be part of this event and to lay our school wreath down alongside the others.

We have been very fortunate again this year to have been donated a Christmas tree for outside of school by a local company which was delivered by non-other than Santa Claus himself! All of the children were so excited to see him and we even had a few flickers of snow whilst he was with us. A truly magical visit and the tree looks amazing! Thank you so much to Top Quality Christmas Trees for your generosity.



To kick-start the festivities, children in Years 1 to 6 have all been to the pantomime. 'Oh no they haven't- oh yes they have!' They all had a fabulous time and thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Dick Whittington. We have also enjoyed a nativity production from Key Stage 1, a Christingle Service from Key Stage 2 and carols around the Christmas tree with families and the community.

We are looking forward to the Spring Term and all of the excited learning and experiences it will bring!

From all at Murrow Primary Academy, we wish a joyful Christmas and a prosperous new year!



Roman Way

We have had a wonderful term here at Roman Way! The children have enjoyed lots of exciting clubs, trips, visits and workshops.



This term our clubs included Cookery, Sports, Percussion, Choir, Storytelling and Woodland Club.

In September, we had a scooter and skateboarding workshop where children learnt how to scoot or skateboard safely and learnt a few tricks as well!



In October, Key Stage 2 visited the archaeological site, Flag Fen, as part of their 'Stone Age to Iron Age' history topic. They had a fantastic day discovering what life was like in the Bronze Age, finishing off with a story around the fire in a replica round house.

EYFS had visits from our crossing guard with her 'lollipop' and the fire service brought a fire engine to school. The children were thrilled to be able to climb up inside the fire engine.



Our Key Stage 2 children have been learning to make fruit crumbles and vegetable puff pastry tarts. They visited our local Tesco store to find out about where in the world different fruits and vegetables are grown. We are hugely grateful to Mandy Jinkerson, the Community Lead from Tesco, who supported this visit and then came into school to help the children prepare and cook their tarts.



In November, Key Stage 1 visited North Herts Museum in Hitchin. They enjoyed doing a scavenger hunt, looking at toys from the different decades and during a workshop the children were able to handle and play with toys. The children discovered that many toys were made from wood and the teddies from the past were not soft as they were stuffed with sawdust.



Our Christmas and winter crafts day was enjoyed by all and we were delighted to have so many parents and other family members join the children for this. Each class linked their crafts to a seasonal story book and these have been put up all around the school to create a festive feel.

All the children have enjoyed preparing for their Christmas productions. EYFS and Key Stage 1 performed a traditional nativity and Key Stage 2 produced a very entertaining pantomime. They particularly enjoyed the dance routines, which were performed with great energy and enthusiasm!

The Round House



School Council organised lots of activities for Children In Need, including doing Bearpees (burpees) and wearing odd socks! An incredible £650 was raised.



KS1 discovered what life was like in 1666 during the Great Fire of London during a History Off The Page day. They made bread, candles, weaved their own patterns, wrote their names using ink and much more.



Years 3 & 4 were immersed into Roman history by delving into interesting crafts and activities during their History Off The Page Roman Day. They even learnt to march as a group of soldiers!

The Breck Foundation, talked to the children about being safe online and knowing what to do if they encounter bad/inappropriate behaviour online. An age-appropriate version of Breck's story was also shared with the older year groups. We were also pleased to see parents attend the parent workshop.



A parent delivered assemblies on the Hindu festival of Diwali, explaining what it represents for those who celebrate it. He showed the children traditional clothes, music, dance and food.

Some children from Years 5 & 6 competed at a Trust Swimming Gala. We came away from the event with a number of different medals and smiles all round. Well done!



Thomas Eaton

What a busy and successful term we have had at Thomas Eaton Primary Academy! All our pupils returned enthusiastically in September and settled in well to the routines of their new classrooms, which this year have been named after countries.



Our new outdoor gym

A section of our front playground was transformed over the summer holidays, with a variety of outdoor gym equipment being installed by Online Playgrounds for our pupils to use during their break and lunchtimes. This project was led by the PTFA and was supported by several local businesses all who helped fund the project. We are all very grateful for their support, without which the project would not have taken place. Our pupils

thoroughly enjoy their time spent using the gym and it is lovely to see them engaging with each other whilst using the equipment so enthusiastically.



Our Remembrance display All our 131 pupils worked hard to collectively create 'Poppy Pebbles', as a symbol to commemorate Remembrance Day in honour of the service and sacrifice made by past and present members of the armed forces, and their families. Each pupil individually designed and painted a pebble, which was then varnished and are now proudly displayed in our school garden. The poignant display is striking.



Ofsted Visit On Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October, Ofsted visited the school. We are delighted to say that Thomas Eaton Primary Academy was graded 'Good' across all areas. This is a wonderful achievement and one in which we are very proud. The staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the pupils are given the best quality of education, and the report reflects the progress we have made as a



school. Ofsted inspectors highlighted that our pupils have 'an infectious enthusiasm for learning', they 'love books and stories' and 'respond to adults' high expectations by trying hard'. The inspectors commented on how the children are 'proud of being a pupil at Thomas Eaton and enthusiastically show their school off to visitors'. We are incredibly proud of the children and the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the inspection. They are a credit to the school and their families.



Christmas festivities At the beginning of December, staff worked hard to create a winter wonderland of Christmas trees and create Christmas displays. The children were very excited when they walked into school the following morning and we enjoyed watching their smiley faces light up with festive joy.

As we approach the home stretch of the Autumn term, we are now in full swing of our Christmas festivities. Our EYFS children will be performing 'A Wiggly Nativity', with our Year 1 and 2 children participating in a Christingle service at St Peters Church. We are very much looking forward to Christmas dinner being served where crackers will be pulled, and party hats will be adorned! We will round the Autumn term off with a Celebration Assembly on the final day of term.



We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Winhills

It has been a really busy Autumn term here at Winhills. Here are some of our highlights.

There have been a lot of different sporting opportunities for the children across the term. We have been really proud of everyone who has taken part, with all of them demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship and resilience. One of the highlights was the Tag Rugby event, where the Winhills team reached the



final and one of our Year 6 pupils was awarded the player of the tournament.



The whole school took part in Antibullying week, highlighting the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. Assemblies were focussed on the topic and we all wore odd socks to school to show that we are all different.

Year 6 have had some visitors in to school this term focussing on preparation to Secondary School and choices that they make. The Cool Choices workshop, led by Gener8, helped the children to reflect on themselves, what influences them and the choices that they make. They also had a visit from a local police officer who shared the importance of responsible behaviour in the community and with the use of mobile phones. Both visits were positively received by the children and staff.

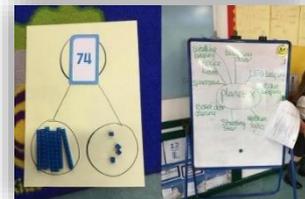


Early Years have been really busy learning about 'ourselves'. They have shared lots of stories, worked really hard at learning their phonics sounds and have put their creative sides to work making hedgehog houses and rockets!



Key Stage 1: Year 1 have been making puppets in DT, using their sewing skills to construct their creations. They also had an unusual visitor, who they washed! They then wrote instructions about how to scrub..... a tortoise!

Year 2 have worked hard on place value and the number operations in maths, becoming confident with addition and subtraction methods. They are developing well as writers and have written some lovely stories using the features they have learnt.



Lower Key Stage 2: Year 3 and 4 have really enjoyed investigating electricity, working out which materials are insulators and conductors. Their Geography topic based on volcanoes has been very exciting for everyone!

Upper Key Stage 2: Year 5 have really worked hard on their writing this term, creating balanced arguments and non-chronological reports, as well as some fantastic descriptive writing. Year 6 have been working extremely hard on their English based around the story 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. They have made fantastic progress with their maths and should be proud of the mature learning behaviours they have shown this term.

The school PTA have been really active again this term, providing fun activities and raising money for school. We have held a film night, which was really well supported. The annual Christmas Fair, with a visit from Father Christmas, has also been another fabulous event.

Key Stage one pupils have been hard at work with their Winter Show. They have worked really hard to learn songs, actions and lines for a magical performance. We are extremely proud of all our children for their performances.

Wintringham

Wintringham have had another busy and exciting term!



We started the term with some History Off The Page events. Key Stage 1 took part in a 'Great Fire of London' day and Years 3 & 4 enjoyed a 'Roman' day. All of the children wore costumes to help them feel part of their respective time period, and then took part in a range of immersive activities to learn more about London in 1666, or Ancient Rome.

Year 3 were invited by Barrett Homes to attend a special storytelling session. The children were greeted by Mark Fraser, who shared some creepy and funny Halloween stories. He took the children on a storytelling journey and sparked lots of imagination. The children were all engrossed by the different stories he told and participated fully. They especially enjoyed the story telling them why we carve pumpkins and use them as Jack-o-Lanterns.



We have been involved in a lot of sporting events this term, with tag rugby and football featuring heavily. Notable events were our first ever match in the Dickinson Cup for our Year 4, 5 and 6 team where we travelled to Stukeley Meadows. Our girl's football team also played in their first Henson Cup match, playing Middlefield in the first round. A close and well matched game eventually went to penalties, and we won 4-2 in the shootout to progress to the next round.



All of the children, including some of the older pre-schoolers, took part in our Diwali celebrations. A parent gave a short assembly to share the significance of Diwali and why Hindus celebrate the occasion. The children then drew Rangoli patterns with chalk, created Diwali lamps, made traditional sweets and produced lanterns. It was a fabulous whole school event and the children had a fantastic experience.

Year 5 and 6 participated in a STEM Road to Riat Space Challenge. Throughout the day, children learned about the different forces involved in space travel. They designed and made their own rocket, tested it to see how far their rocket travelled at different angles and evaluated their results. In the afternoon, the children were shown a variety of sustainable aircrafts and were given the opportunity to design their very own sustainable aircraft.





Governance Trust Newsletter

The Autumn term has flown by for LGB Members and Trustees. With LGB members completing school visits along with termly LGB meetings and online training.

Diamond EPL hosted online training covering Roles and Responsibilities, School visits and preparing for Ofsted for the LGB Members.

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

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

If you are interested in either role please email dlptclerk@diamondlearningtrust.com for further information.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas

The DLPT Governance Team



We are passionate about developing staff with all levels of experience and therefore provide opportunities for everyone to progress in their practice. Our wide range of professional development opportunities are available to our own staff, teachers from the local area and those who wish to train as teachers or staff in a school environment.

This term, as well as delivering a range of courses to our staff and those in the wider locality, we have refreshed and reintroduced subject leader network meetings which are open to all DLPT subject leads. These provide a really good opportunity for collaboration and support across our schools, so the curriculum delivered to pupils can be enriched and enhanced.

Testimonials:

'Informative and impactful for teaching and leadership'

'Really helpful to hear others' experiences and look at some useful strategies & resources.'

'An enjoyable day - Lots of valuable tips'

'Really valuable to get others' ideas and advice - particularly when you are new to this!'

'Very informative, good amount of time for discussion'



Our partnership with Best Practice Network is now well established and the next cohort of participants on a range of NPQ courses have had their first Autumn term face to face training with us. Our Early Career Teachers and their mentors continue to be part of the 2-year DfE Professional Development Programme. We facilitate and host some of the local face to face group sessions in partnership with the local Teaching School Hub.



New library resource for staff in our training room.

Our in-house professional development has been varied this term. All schools took part in our Trust Big Moderation event, which for the first time in 2 years was held face to face in our 2 main hubs. The Trust INSET training this term was led by Lee Parkinson (Mr P ICT). Staff have reviewed the input they received and been given the opportunity to discuss what they have tried in their classroom and the possible future impact this may have on their pupils' learning.

We are proud that we develop future school staff through apprenticeships and initial teacher training. Those currently on training programmes with us are working hard to develop their skills and gain qualification.

If you know anyone, or are interested yourself, in training to teach please contact us. You can also watch this: <https://youtu.be/gwbgjOLW4Zw>



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Thank you to all the teachers who help write and facilitate training and to those who have mentoring roles for their hard work and commitment to developing others.