



Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust

Inspiring pupils to achieve for their tomorrows

RESPECT – PERSEVERANCE – COMMUNITY

Our vision is to develop independent, lifelong learners in partnership with the communities we serve.

TRUST NEWSLETTER JULY 2018

It seems hard to believe that a year has passed since the formation of Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust. There have been a considerable number of developments during the year, although not many of them will be overtly visible to you as your children will have been continuing their learning journey through their own schools' unique curriculum.

In the background though our central trust staff, school leaders, other school staff, trustees and local governors have all worked collaboratively and tirelessly to develop and agree common principles and policies – these can be found on our website at <https://inspiringprimaries.uk/>

Launch

We held a launch event for over 200 staff, trustees and local governors at the Greene King Stadium, Hinckley in August 2017. Our CEO, Marie Sandford, talked through the vision and values of the trust running through the ethos of our schools like writing through a stick of rock - our schools are at the hearts



of their local communities and have been for many years. We wish to preserve this community spirit for generations of children to come. After commentary by the headteachers, the keynote speaker Andy Buck, entertained staff, governors and trustees with a keynote speech entitled 'growth mindset for staff to build educational partnerships which last'. Growth mindset underpins a love of learning and creates essential resilience. During the launch we were challenged to consider how collaboration and open minds can deliver change, enabling all to flourish.

Specialist expertise

We have a number of accredited Primary Specialist Leaders in Education across the trust:

- Kathryn Allsop, Section 8 inspector
- Hayley Cupit, music
- Vicki Laws, mathematics
- Vickie Njoroge, English
- Vicki Otway, mathematics
- Marie Sandford, National Leader of Education
- Andrew Shields, computing
- Rachel Spadaccini, religious education
- Aly Steele, Early Years
- Debbie Yeomans, religious education

Collaborative working groups

Throughout the year, a number of working groups have met regularly to develop policies and procedures which will support consistent approaches in each of our schools. Our collaborative working groups include:

- Headteachers
- Business/office managers
- SENDCos
- Premises Officers
- English leaders
- Maths leaders
- Science leaders
- Early Years leaders
- RE and collective worship leaders
- Computing leaders
- Music leaders
- Communication champions
- Emotional literacy support assistants
- Route to resilience ambassadors



Each group is facilitated by specialist expertise and a link headteacher ensures key messages are communicated to the wider leadership team to enable a consistent approach.

Next year we hope to have a trust school council with representative ambassadors from each of our schools. The chairs of our local governing bodies also meet each term with support being provided by our vice chair of trustees as a National Leader of Governance.

Peer challenge reviews

Our peer challenge reviews underpin school improvement and provide professional development and learning opportunities for our headteachers and other senior leaders. The reports are shared with the school and trustees, providing information required for school to school support. In each of our schools, children and staff are evidently proud of their school. Confident, happy children who are eager to learn have welcomed the review teams and shared their thoughts on strengths and areas for development.

Ofsted

Ofsted visited the school still awaiting conversion – Dunton Bassett Primary School – in February 2018. The report made the following comments about the support of the trust: 'The school is shortly to join the Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust and is already working productively and closely with the trust. With the support of the trust, the school has introduced a system which enables it to evaluate the progress of different groups of pupils in different classes and to identify pupils who are not making the progress they should. The trust recently completed a review of the use of the pupil premium funding. Leaders and governors, with the support of the trust, are bringing about increasingly rapid improvements. The recently appointed education welfare officer is beginning to have an impact on attendance'.

Our schools

All Saints, Sapcote

This year we have continued to grow in size and now have 218 pupils on role. To ensure we can accommodate everyone two new classrooms and a large playground have been added with markings for tennis and netball.

Throughout the year children have been offered lots of exciting opportunities including visits to the Sea life Centre, Bosworth Battle Field, The Warning Zone, Space centre and De Montfort Hall not forgetting a three day residential trip to Beaumanor Hall. All shared with our friends from Sharnford.

We have continued to work very closely with the local churches and our 'Open the Book' team have been a

great hit with the children. In addition we were delighted to be asked to sing at a special service for Archbishop Justin Welby as part of our Dosing project. We also had the opportunity to talk to him. We have entertained parents with three productions including 'Starlight' performed by Key Stage 1, 'Good news' by year 3 and 4 and 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' by years 5 and 6.

Our hardworking PTA organised the much loved Christmas fayre which was attended by a large number of the community and discos for the children. Their hard work has funded leavers' gifts and activities plus an outdoor disco.

We have enjoyed working with Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust and feel that our children and staff have benefited in many different ways.

Finally we would like to thank our staff, governors, volunteers and parents for all their hard work over the year. We look forward to working with you all next year.

Claybrooke

We have had another busy year at Claybrooke. The



children have continued to

experience a wide ranging curriculum to help improve and enhance their learning further. We've enjoyed educational visits to The Houses of Parliament, Ryton Pools, Beaumanor Hall, The Sea Life Centre, the Warning Zone and the theatre to name a few.

Throughout the year we have welcomed lots of visitors to the school to support the children's learning. These included a Commonwealth athlete and a children's author. We launched our first ever reading Festival which was a great success, continued to expand our British Values and Resilience curriculum and also introduced Times Tables Rock Stars to enhance the children's times tables knowledge.

We have been extremely proud of our sporting achievements this year which included netball and football tournaments, Cross Country triumphs and getting into the final of the rounders' tournament. The introduction of our new PE kit really makes the children stand out when they are competing.

We've enjoyed performances in school such as; Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits, Lights, Camel, Action, our annual KS2 Carol concert, our termly curriculum

sharing assemblies and theatre trips to see George's Marvellous Medicine and Matilda.

As we approach the end of another school year we say goodbye to Miss Scott, Miss Thompson and Mrs Bell. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work during their time at Claybrooke and wish them well for the future.

To everyone who works in our school, the staff, volunteers and all of the parents who support us in so many ways, thank you. Your hard work and support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to the next academic year working together to achieve the best for our children.

Dunton Bassett



The time always seems to fly by and here we are at the end of another packed year. Over the year each class

has had the opportunity to develop their learning through a range of activities to enhance our curriculum. This includes our traditional celebrations; Harvest Festival, Diwali, Christmas and Easter and recently our Maypole /country dancing. All children have had opportunities to perform in our class plays; the KS1 nativity, Time Lord produced by class 3 and Super Stan - our end of year class 4 play. In addition we have had class assemblies and our musicians have also performed several times.

We have had numerous trips out including the annual residential visit for Years 5 and 6, the pantomime, Young Voices, the Warning Zone, Beaumanor Hall, Brooksby Lambing and the Sea Life Centre amongst others. We have also welcomed visitors into school including an author to launch our Magical Reading Week. Ofsted visited us in February and were pleased to be confirmed a Good school, however our favourite visitors were the chicks we hatched in class 1!

We have participated in many local sporting activities and tournaments across the year with determination and we have had some excellent individual success and have been very proud of the sportsmanship displayed by everyone representing the school.

We thank the PTA for their support over the year and look forward to our new trim trail and playground markings that will be completed shortly. We have lots of exciting ideas and plans for next year to continue to develop our curriculum and the school environment and look forward to working with everyone next year.

We are all excited for Mrs Kelsey who will be on maternity leave next year, we can't wait to meet her baby! We welcome Mrs Newman who will be joining the Dunton Team in class 1.

Gilmorton Chandler

Once again it has been a very busy year at Gilmorton Chandler. Our educational experiences this year have included residential trips to York, Beaumanor Hall and Kingswood; with day trips to Birmingham Sea-Life Centre, Loughborough University, theatres, Plantasia, Shearsby Farm, Leicester Botanical Gardens, New Walk Museum, Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre and Lunt Fort among many others. The trips have all helped to deepen understanding for children across the curriculum in addition to providing many memorable moments. There have also been visits to a number of religious places of worship which have helped to give children a greater appreciation of the communities within which we live and are a part of. We have been very fortunate to have Mrs Spadaccini train as a Forest Schools practitioner and with this new qualification she has been able to work with a number of Key Stage 2 children in our woodland area. The work that she and the children are undertaking can be seen around the school grounds. Forest Schools practice ties in with our involvement in the Route to Resilience project. Many other members of staff have also given their time to provide extra-curricular clubs, sporting events and training over the course of the year which have enabled the children to engage in activities that are not normally available during the school day. We are very grateful to our

staff for the giving of their time.

This year our wonderful children have entertained us with performances of The Lonely Donkey, termly class curriculum assemblies and Ye-Ha! A noticeable change this year has been the alterations to the school's entrance. The changes, when



complete, will make getting on and off the school grounds much safer for both pedestrians and vehicles. At the end of the year, as well as saying goodbye to our year 6 pupils, we say farewell to Mrs Hone, Mrs Davis and Miss Horak. They will be missed and we wish them well in their new endeavours.

John Wycliffe, Lutterworth

The Kingswood residential and trips to Cadbury World, Enchanted Woodland Walk, Ice Skating, Snowdome, Journey through Christmas at Lutterworth Methodist Church, Internet Safety Play, Twycross Zoo, Stanford Hall Potato Planting and Tropical Bird Land are just a few of the experiences our children have participated in outside of school this academic year.

Inside school we have had a performance of The Hobbit, visits from The Owl Man, Zoolab (and a snake!) and Scientists from the University of Leicester. Each class has prepared a Wycliffe's Got Talent showcase with magic tricks, sporting skills, dancing, singing, artwork and even show-jumping presented. We really are a talented bunch!

We have participated in a wide-range of sporting activities and tournaments, including meeting Brownlee



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Brothers at a

triathlon. We are always proud of the way that our children represent the school in the sporting arena, balancing positive competition with resilience and sportsmanship.

To strengthen our partnership with parents, we have delivered Parent Drop-in Sessions on: Raising Standards, End of Year Expectations, Family Phonics Week, SATs Information sessions and Grammar, along with our Maths video tutorials uploaded to our website.

We bid farewell to Mrs Bailey, Mrs Shiels and Mr Busko, and welcome Miss Clarke, Miss Wragg and Mrs Todd. We also wish our Year 6 leavers every success as they move on to pastures new.

Sharnford



Once again we have worked hard to offer the children in our small school a wide range of opportunities. Our Thursday swap over day at

All Saints has allowed the majority of our key stage 2 children to take part in a number of musical projects including playing ukulele or brass instruments and singing with Diosing. As a result our children featured

on radio Leicester's Advent calendar and have sang as part of massed choirs at the cathedral.

Children have enjoyed varied topics such as Darwin's delights, Moon Zoom, I am warrior, New York road trip and Toys. These have been supported by many visits and visitors including a toy box session, fire and rescue presentation, Visit from a world war one soldier, the life education caravan and Meet the Creature. We also had a traveling pantomime who performed Aladdin.

Throughout the year we have continued to work with the local churches visiting both St Helen's and the Methodist church for harvest, Easter and the Leaver services. We have also enjoyed our 'Open the Book' sessions and taking part in assemblies.

We have entertained parents with performances of the 'A Little Nativity' by our younger children and 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' by key stage 2. These have been performed on our brand new stage which has been provided from fundraising carried out by our hardworking PTA who have worked hard to organise discos, craft sessions, coffee mornings and a quiz night.

Many of these activities have been carried out alongside our All Saints friends including our three day residential to Beaumanor. Throughout the year our hardworking staff have worked with colleagues from All Saints overseen by our joint governing body and we would like to thank them plus our volunteers and parents for helping to make this a very successful year.

St Margaret's, Stoke Golding

It's been a busy year at St. Margaret's! This year we've relocated and refurbished our library and included a 100 book challenge – 100 books to read by the time you leave St. Margaret's. A number of children have been enjoying reading to a therapy dog called Dumbledore. Times Tables Rockstars has been a real hit across the school with lots of healthy competition. The children have been part of lots of sporting competitions where they have shown excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. We were proud to come 4th out of 34 schools at Area Sports in the large



school category, with the Year 5 boys coming first. Lots of trips and visits have taken place which have included Twycross Zoo,

Tamworth Castle, the Holocaust Centre, Warning Zone, Young Voices and a Year 6 pilgrimage from

Watermead Park to Leicester Cathedral. The children have enjoyed starring in Christmas and end of year productions. Highlights for the children have been our Easter trail, a webinar with the Archbishop of Canterbury and our Royal Wedding themed sponsored walk.

St Mary's, Bitteswell

We've had another exciting year where we have seen many trips, sporting moments, new equipment and lots of great music! The outside has been enhanced with a new all-weather perimeter path and climbing equipment – a huge success with the children. Many of our lessons have been based on using the outdoor environment including Forest school - which has proved extremely beneficial and successful. Children have visited farms, theatres and historical buildings, including The Houses of Parliament, an overnight stay at Beaumanor Hall and a week-long residential at Paignton.



Children attended the Christmas service at Leicester Cathedral and we have had monthly visits from Open the Book and Reverend Charlie.

Developing our character muscles we've focused on being the 'best version of ourselves'.

Families and local residents have been entertained with musical concerts; choirs, strings, brass and guitar, and performances of 'Nativity' and 'Sleeping Beauty'.

Sporting events and clubs have ranged from archery, kickboxing, and "Mad" science to swimming, where we were very pleased to bring home the trophy.

Maypole Dancing on the village green brought in good crowds with parents and families joining in too – a great spectacle for passers-by!

At the end of the year we will be saying goodbye to a number of staff who are moving out of the area or into a new vocation – we wish them all the very best. We will of course be saying goodbye to our year 6's too who will be venturing into pastures new. Good luck!

Ullesthorpe

This year we have improved our outdoor learning environment with a canopied area for our Reception children and the development of a new garden area with raised beds, bird hide, clay oven and reading tepee. Our forest school provision has been incorporated into our curriculum. We've enjoyed

educational experiences at Kingswood, Beaumanor, Young Voices, Foxton Locks, the Warning Zone, Mini Meadows Farm, the Space Centre to name a few. In school we've welcomed visitors to support with learning about Holi, Anglo Saxons and to create glass decorations. Our sporting successes have been



numerous – from basketball to gymnastics – and the sportsmanship on display has been exemplary. We've enjoyed performances of 'Born in a Barn' and

'The boy king – the legend of Tutankhamun' in addition to wonderful curriculum sharing assemblies. Our PTA has provided discos, a Christmas fayre and summer fete to raise funds to enrich educational experiences at our school. We would like to say a huge thank you to our fabulous children, staff, parents and governors for their endeavours and support this year. We say goodbye to Mrs Cross and Mrs Sandford and look forward to welcoming Mrs Oliver and Miss Prokipczuk to our school. We wish our Year leavers every success as they move on to the next phase of their education.

Moving forwards...

As we move forward we are excited by the future opportunities which working together creates and, at a time when budget cuts threaten many schools, our working together gives us strength and different ways of fulfilling our overarching vision – to develop independent, lifelong learners in partnership with the communities we serve.

To everyone who works in our schools, to every volunteer, to all those parents who support our schools in so many ways, thank you so much for everything you do. Your hard work and support is truly valued. We look forward to working with you all as we continue our 'learning journey'.

With best wishes for an enjoyable summer break.

Marie Sandford

CEO Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust



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INSPIRING PRIMARIES ACADEMY TRUST

Term Dates

Academic Year 2018-19

Autumn Term

Thursday 30th August to Friday 12th October 2018

Monday 22nd October to Friday 21st December 2018

Spring Term

Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February 2019

Monday 25th February to Thursday 11th April 2019

Summer Term

Monday 29th April to Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 3rd June to Friday 12th July 2019

Closed for May Day on Monday 6th May 2019

Academic Year 2019-20

Autumn Term

Thursday 29th August to Friday 11th October 2019

Monday 21st October to Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term

Tuesday 7th January to Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 17th February to Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term

Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May 2020

Monday 1st June to Friday 10th July 2020

Closed for May Day on Monday 4th May 2020

Academic Year 2020-21

Autumn Term

Wednesday 26th August to Friday 16th October 2020

Monday 26th October to Friday 18th December 2020

Closed for August Bank Holiday on Monday 31st August 2020

Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January to Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 22nd February to Friday 26th March 2021

Summer Term

Monday 12th April to Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 7th June to Friday 9th July 2021

Closed for May Day on Monday 3rd May 2021

Academic Year 2021-22

Autumn Term

Wednesday 25th August to Friday 15th October 2021

Monday 25th October to Friday 17th December 2021

Closed for August Bank Holiday on Monday 30th August 2021

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 11th February 2022

Monday 21st February to Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term

Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May 2022

Monday 6th June to Friday 8th July 2022

Closed for May Day on Monday 2nd May 2022

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