



ENHANCE ACADEMY TRUST

NEWSLETTER

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CEO'S MESSAGE

As we approach the summer holidays, I wanted to thank you all for your dedication and commitment throughout this year.

It has been an extremely busy year across the Trust with three Ofsted inspections and one SIAMS inspection; all very positive! Congratulations again to colleagues at Sandal Magna, St. Helen's, Horbury Bridge and Overthorpe.

We end the year celebrating the achievements of our Year 6 children. 63% of our Year 6 children met the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths, this has increased from 58% in 2022! The national average for this year is 59%. Some of the progress they have made from their individual starting points at the end of Year 2 has been exceptional, to say the least! Well done to all of our Year 6 children and thank you to those colleagues who have worked with them at any point on their primary journey. Good luck to them all as they move to their secondary schools in September.

We also celebrate the achievements of our students at CAPA College and wish them luck as they wait for their A-Level results in August. We look forward to hearing about their future successes and the difference they will make to the world of performing arts.

As you will know, we welcomed Horbury Bridge Academy into the Trust on 1st June, and we look forward to welcoming Highburton CE First and Batley Parish J&I into the Trust from 1st September. We will then have 13 primary schools along with CAPA College in the Trust.

Thank you again for all you have done this year, whatever your role in school is. Our schools are the beating heart of our communities and are so much more than places where children and young people are educated. Every day you all make a real and vital difference to the children and young people in your care in so many ways.

It is now time to rest, relax, recharge and enjoy time with your family and friends. I wish you all a wonderful Summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

With best wishes

Mark Randall

PS: I hope that you now enjoy reading about some of the amazing things happening in schools across the Trust!

ALL SAINTS: AN INSPIRATIONAL FORMER ALL SAINTS PUPIL



Libby started her football journey in Year 6, on our very own playground in 2016. She began kicking about at break times, represented the school football team throughout that year and joined a local grassroots football team – Featherstone Academical FC.

Within 6 months of playing grassroots football, she was scouted by Leeds United Girls Academy and played in their shadow team for three seasons.

During this time, she also continued to play with local grassroots mixed teams and was captain up until U15s.

Eventually, at U16 level she earned a place in the Leeds United Girls Academy first team, giving her the opportunity to play against other Premier League teams.



DIAMOND WOOD: MAYOR VISIT

The Mayor of Kirklees visited Diamond Wood to speak to the School Ambassadors about his role as the Mayor.

On his visit he also surprised Mandy Farrar, our Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officer, with The Mayor's Award for her dedication to supporting the Diamond Wood families and local community.

Congratulations Mandy!



ST GILES: HINDUISM WORKSHOP

This week in Lower Key Stage Two we enjoyed a brilliant workshop carried out by the Hinduism Educational Services.

During the workshop we explored many aspects of the Hindu religion, children enjoyed being able to dress in traditional Hindu costumes and dance to traditional Indian dance music.



ST MICHAELS: SUMMER TERM

We made a fantastic start to our Summer Term at St Michael's. We have enjoyed our learning, which has been helped by some remarkably pleasant weather.

Despite having national tests to contend with during the hot weather, our children have shown great resilience and perseverance and we know that they have done very well. We were extremely pleased with our Year 6 children, whose writing was recently moderated by the Local Education Authority, and they have produced some super writing outcomes.

Children in our EYFS have been learning about new life since the Spring Term. This all came to a climax with the birth of several chicks from eggs that they had been incubating for some time. The excitement at watching the new birth unfold and the sheer joy of meeting and playing with the chicks was lovely to see.



ST GILES: END OF YEAR TREAT FOR YEAR 6

Our amazing Year 6 children attended Alton Towers as an end of year treat for all their hard work and determination in the lead up to SATs.

We have never seen such an enthusiastic (and brave) bunch of children! We managed to get on lots of rides together; have a spot of lunch and just have a generally great time before they move on to pastures new.

We are so proud of you Year 6 - thank you for such a great day.

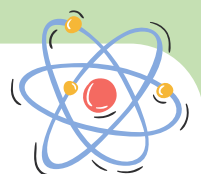


ALL SAINTS: SCIENCE FAIR

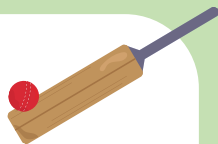
It was great to see so many projects at the Science Fair, which was again very well attended.

There were some amazing projects on show.

Again, it was almost impossible to pick winners from each year group due to the quality of the entries.



ST MICHAELS: CRICKET TEAM



We are really proud of our Boys' Cricket Team who were runners up in a local Pyramid Cricket Competition. They narrowly missed out in the final but played amazingly well – demonstrating a huge range of skills and strategies learned through our Physical Education programme.



ST BOTOLPHS: BAKE OFF COMPETITION

In celebration of the King's Coronation, St Botolph's held the great 'Bake Off' competition. The theme of the bake off was the coronation and children from across school wowed us with their inspirational designs. Who knew we had such talented bakers!

It was very hard for us to judge a winner. After the competition, we held a bake sale (where everyone bought back the cakes they had baked!) and raised a phenomenal £475.



ALL SAINTS: SCIENCE WEEK

Early in the summer term, we had our Science Week.

During the week, the children had some amazing learning experiences, which included a visit from Lion Learners.

The week culminated with a Science Fair.



ST GILES: LIQUORICE FESTIVAL

Class 5 were asked to produce a canvas for the Pontefract Civic Hall to display at the Pontefract Liquorice Festival.

We have been studying street art and thought it would be fun to tie it in with this.

I am sure you will all agree that they have done a fab job and done us proud.



LEPTON: NIGERIAN CULTURAL DAY

We recently celebrated all things Nigerian as part of a special cultural day.

We have been very lucky to have several families join us from Nigeria over the past 18 months, so we decided to get to know the culture better. Families were invited in to share their experiences and knowledge with each class.

We all enjoyed learning about Nigeria, creating artwork, playing drums, dancing and much more.



SANDAL MAGNA: KINGSWOOD VISIT

This term, Sandal Magna has been extremely busy. We have enjoyed the sunshine with visits to the seaside, the residential to Kingswood and transitions to high school.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 children visited Kingswood Centre in June. All the children had a brilliant time and pushed themselves to try something new and overcome any challenges.

Thank you so much to our staff (Mrs Mullock, Miss Dwyer, Miss Bell and Mrs Pratt) who gave up their free time to make this happen.



SANDAL MAGNA: POETRY WEEK



As part of our Trust poetry week, we have investigated the theme of 'identity'.

Years 1 - 6 used Joseph Coelho's poems and MC Grammar's raps as inspiration to create their entries. Well done to Year 2, who won our school competition.

Your poem was based upon what we think we know about 'The Big Bad Wolf' and how we shouldn't always judge a book by its cover.



ALL SAINTS: 'FEV FEST' FEATHERSTONE PYRAMID MUSIC FESTIVAL

A number of children took part in a local music festival. Pupils from across different Featherstone schools sang a number of songs and performed with musical instruments. All Saints children performed amazingly.

In addition to this, a group of older pupils, supported William (Year 6) playing the piano, with their fabulous singing. They performed Hey Jude by The Beatles.

It was a great evening showcasing the musical talent in the Featherstone area.



HORBURY BRIDGE: FANFARE FOR KING

Despite its best efforts, the weather was just about perfect for our Coronation Picnic on 5th May and was equalled with a sunshine spread, party music and 120 dancing children... perfect!

Prior to the picnic, we held a short service in Church, led by Fr Daniel, during which the Horbury Bridge Academy Band made their debut to rapturous applause.

Following weeks of rehearsing, it was wonderful to hear their rich tones echo around the Church as they played a fitting fanfare for His Majesty.

Once the service was over, the children excitedly gathered their picnic and sat with their friends to enjoy the newly arrived sunshine.

It was a true celebration of community spirit and togetherness... and certainly fit for a King!



ST BOTOLPHS: OPAL

This term we have been working on developing our outside area. We have had a donation of picnic benches from a local company – Enfinium.

We have also created a digging area as part of our OPAL project. The children are really enjoying our new outside provision.



ST MICHAELS: YEAR 1 TRIP TO FILEY

Children in our Year 1 classes have been learning all about the coast and coastal features.

This all culminated with a trip to Filey to see the coast up close. For some of our children, this was their first ever visit to the seaside.

They had the opportunity to see and talk about how the coastline of our country is being rapidly shaped by erosion, and perhaps more importantly, they got to paddle in the sea and eat sandwiches together on the beach.



CHRIST CHURCH: AWARD WINNERS



In front of a packed gallery at Huddersfield Town Hall, three Christ Church pupils were proudly presented with awards from Leeds Rhino legend Jamie Jones-Buchanan.

In association with Pennine Sports Partnership, Jaedon, John-Michael and Ava-Hope received awards for their contributions to school sport. Jaedon received an excellence in sport award, John-Michael was celebrated for endeavour and Ava-Hope for showing leadership through sport across school.

They were all delighted with their awards and vow to carry on being positive role-models through sport.



SANDAL MAGNA: FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

We have had a run of success in our local sports tournaments.

Our Year 5 and 6 football team have won the last four games in a row and our girls' football team came 2nd in their first-ever football tournament.

Well done to all our players!



ST HELENS: ST HELEN'S DAY

St Helen's Day on May 26th will hopefully remain a day to remember for staff, children and families alike and was a huge success for the school community.

We first visited church in the morning, where we had Bishop Tony and Canon Wildey alongside Fr Robert, provide a fantastic start to our day where each class made a banner and we led a procession through Hemsworth! Alongside this, as part of our vision and being the 'stable rock', each class had a competition where a child designed a rock and this was brought to celebrate in church.

Then in the afternoon, we had our 'Party in the Park' celebration where the whole school community joined in a range of activities from face-painting, petting zoo, circus skills, inflatable slide, drums. We were blessed with fantastic weather!

The feedback from parents and family members has been brilliant with many individually messaging staff saying it was the best day ever and a great way to mark our recent Ofsted inspection and what makes our school so special.

Thank you to all who were able to make it and join in our celebrations!



HORBURY BRIDGE: WELLBEING WEEK

Wellbeing Week '23 at Horbury Bridge Academy was a triumph! Over the course of a week, the pupils took part in a staggering 18 different activities - with the theme being mental and physical wellbeing. We mobilised the HBA train twice for whole-school visits to Coxley Woods and Slazenger Sports Club... and we're not even including the sports days on the previous Thursday and Friday.

From kickboxing to yoga, Makaton to rugby, zen gardens to orienteering, hockey to football, wellbeing workshops to dam building, teeth health to crown green bowling, and morning boogies to racing bikes... and on top of that, each class became experts in an area of wellbeing which they shared with each other in a special 'Celebration of Wellbeing' assembly.

Foundation Stage highlighted the importance of healthy teeth; Class 1 presented information about the importance of exercise; Class 2 promoted the '5 Ways to Wellbeing,' and Class 3's presentation was simply titled 'Paying it Forward - The Power of Kindness.'

Everyone from the various clubs and organisations that gave their time did so at no cost to provide great experiences for all our pupils, and it is very much appreciated by everyone at the academy.

While it was a brilliant week for all involved, wellbeing is far more than one week in the year, so we hope all our pupils will take the experiences they had and put them into practice as we head towards the summer break. In September, we will be launching our Wellbeing Warriors - a pupil leadership group that will take the lead in promoting and supporting wellbeing for our pupils.

First job on their agenda? Planning Wellbeing Week '24!



ST GILES: VISIT TO ST GILES CHURCH

KS1 at St Giles visited St Giles Church this half term as part of our RE work linked to the topic 'what makes places sacred?'.

The children went on a scavenger hunt around the church led by Father Sam looking for and learning about sacred artefacts that are used by the Christian faith during worship and special parts of the church.

They all enjoyed their visit.



SOCIAL MEDIA ACROSS THE TRUST



Earlier in the year, we were thrilled to discover that 4 of our children were winners in the @screenyourstory competition. One of the children went to the presentation event in London. They were presented with a beautiful book with all our winner's stories published in it. WOW!



We have had such an incredible day at the seaside today. We enjoyed playing on the beach, paddling in the sea and even using the splash pool. All the children were so well behaved and it was lovely to see them having so much fun! 🌞🌊



Sports Day 2023! A brilliant day enjoyed by everyone. Here are some of our KS2 children. Fantastic effort from everyone involved 🏆

