



Children's News

Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of our children's newsletter! It has been a great start to the new academic year for all Transform Schools. A big hello to all of the new children and a big welcome back to current children. We hope that you have all had a fun half term and you are looking forward to another exciting term ahead.

What's going on: Sport and Parliament

Children's Parliament

Last term we welcomed our new Yr 6 Parliament Members. They have already been hard at work putting together ideas for more Trust wide collaborative projects, sharing best practice as well as undertaking a fantastic new leadership programme! You will be hearing more from them very soon. Say hello to them in your schools and let them know what you think about your school and Transform, or please share with them any great ideas on how you think we can make Transform even better!



Transform Sport

Our Transform schools took part in the annual Go For Gold Fun Run at Harvey Haddon Sports Village on Wednesday 26th September. It was a fantastic morning with lots of running, lots of smiles and some brilliant team spirit. We were delighted to welcome Mr and Mrs. Magpie from Notts County FC and Rammie from Derby County FC who not only came along to support but also completed some laps themselves!



Nine Transform schools came together to compete in the Transform Sports Hall Athletics Championship for Yrs. 5/6. It was a great event with the levels of support reaching an unprecedented level – they could probably hear us in Liverpool! There were some incredible performances from individuals and some remarkable demonstrations of teamwork and it was a very closely fought competition. Congratulations to winners Brocklewood Primary School on their success for a second year running. Also a huge well done to South Wilford Endowed C of E Primary School who

placed second. Both schools will go through to the semi-finals of the Nottingham Schools Sports Hall Athletics Championships. We wish them lots of luck!!

Sports Leaders

The new Yr 5 Sports Leaders have been selected in all of our schools and have received, or due to receive, their induction training very soon. They will be working with you all to share the message why keeping active and healthy is so important and running some exciting sports clubs and Transform competitions. Look out for updates in your schools!

What's going on in: Highbank

Schools Focus

Each half term, we will be focusing on what is going on in our Transform schools and have asked our Parliament members to put together snippets and insights into their schools. Let's take a look back at what Parkdale Primary School and Highbank Primary School got up to last term in their own words...

Highbank



At Highbank, we think that two of the brilliant things about the school are 'Stay and Play', which is run by Mr Mayfield and the Big Book Café that Mrs Martin runs.

The Big BookCafe'

This is a fantastic way to share a final written unit of work with younger children. Our Yr. 6 classes invited Yr. 2 children to come and listen to our pieces of work and to stories. This is a great celebration and we also get tea and biscuits! It was really lovely to have the younger children in our class.

Stay and Play

This is really fun and is an opportunity for Parents and Grown Ups to see their children learning and what they do at school. We invited the parents of F2 children into school for half an hour. The children did phonics work, reading to their parents and played games with them.

Thank you to Lexi-Mae and Blake for their contribution to the newsletter this term.



What's going on in: Parkdale



We love Parkdale because we welcome all different religions and races to the school. We love the range of clubs on offer right across the school, which encourages our social skills, team work, fitness and entertainment. We have lots of clubs in our school – before school, at lunchtime and after school.

Rewards

In our school we are rewarded with many different awards for many different reasons and we would like to tell you about some. Every month we have a Star Writer; this is a child who has exceeded in their neatness and quality of their writing. They are then rewarded with a small trophy and their super work is put on display outside the Head's office, for all to see and read. Our school has 4 houses, these are: Newstead, Clumber, Rufford and Wollaton. Whenever a pupil does something kind, or have exceedingly improved in their work, they will get a house point. Each term, the house with the most house points gets a non-school uniform day. At the end of the year the house with the overall most points gets a trip to the cinema in school time. Every week, one child from each class is chosen for reasons picked by their teacher, they are then rewarded with a certificate which contains their name and what they have done really well that week, they are the Star of the Week. Also in our assembly we have the Kindness box which is a box full of smiley faces. The smiley faces are only given to the children who have been kind to one-another, the box is then shaken and the Teacher doing the assembly picks out a face and the kindness winner is chosen.

Mindfulness

We encourage all children to be mindful and we have many apps we are allowed to go on to calm ourselves down; one of these is called Go Noodle. One of our methods is breathing, not normally, but slowly in, slowly out.

The news for Reception - Year 2

Reception

We are pleased that all of the children in Reception have loved their first few weeks of Parkdale and are making good friends very quickly. They are starting a new subject called 'People who help us' which is about people in our community. Some important people visit the Reception children and they then tell them about their job. One year the Fire Brigade came in!

Year 1

Year 1 are... Just amazing! They are big on reading through being a detective in their reading books. Year 1 also love sharing their homework in creative ways. Year 1's topic is Mini Beasts; and as a treat, at one point they go out of school to a wood. They are then set a task to locate Mini Beasts and then bring them to the nearest teacher to have a look.

Year 2

At the start of Year 2 their topic is 'The Great Fire of London'. Year 2 are then set a task to write a report about 'The Fire' they then record it into their books. They also get very excited for their day trip to Skegness in the summer... Ice-cream, donkey rides and the beach all day... Woohoo! In Year 2 their second term topic is Victorians and at one point they go on a trip to Manor Hall and all of them dress up as Victorian children, what fun!

The news for Year 3 - Year 6

Year 3

Our Year 3's are learning about Ancient Egypt and Greek Myths. They made Egyptian masks. I enjoyed this when I was in Year 3! Recently, they had a Greek day where they tried olives, "red wine" and put on some Greek clothes!

Year 4

As the Teachers are eager to get us into reading, they are setting up a reading for planets game, where each amount of books read added together gets you to a new planet; a virtual space travel. Last year, the Year 4's visited Sherwood Forest to see the Mighty Major Oak.

Year 5

On the 24th of September the excited Year 5's went to Youlgrave where they explored villages and farmland! They stayed in a youth hostel for a full three days and nights of fun! At the end of the year, they will visit the National Space Centre, fitting in with the reading challenge.

Year 6

We are already working hard in preparation for our SAT's, attending lots of clubs at break times, lunch time, after school and Saturdays, yes Saturdays! After SAT's we go on a residential, playing funny games and enjoying fire-cooked food. A whole week away from home is always a bonus. We have started our exciting topic of WW2, creating our own David Bent artwork. Our class book is currently The Boy in Striped Pyjamas and Wonder, relating to our topic.