



A message from Rebecca Meredith

We hope your summer break was restful, filled with laughter and that your first few weeks with us has been an exciting time. In this month's newsletter we have so much to be proud of. Look at all of the incredible work our schools are doing (awards everywhere) and their teachers are going above and beyond to fundraise for charities that mean so much to them. I cannot express my gratitude enough for everyone's dedication to the Trust and I adore that so many of you have taken part in external activities. We've started the term off with some incredible achievements.

Stories of the month



Sneinton St Stephen's CofE Primary School

We are delighted that Sneinton St Stephen's CofE, Primary School is one of only five schools in the UK to achieve World Class status. They have been awarded **World Class Schools Quality Mark (WCSQM)** and proved themselves to be World Class over a period of three years as well as achieving reaccreditation despite the challenging circumstances of the pandemic.

The Awards Ceremony saw Sneinton pupils being awarded with the World Class Character Award - this is an excellent achievement and we are extremely proud of everyone involved.

Rosslyn Park Primary School

Rosslyn Park Primary and Nursery School begins the new academic year with two national awards and we are incredibly proud of what they have achieved. Rosslyn Park has gone the extra mile to ensure their children enjoy a rich and diverse curriculum whilst promoting wellbeing throughout every part of their school life. The resilience needed to achieve these two prestigious awards in the midst of a global pandemic cannot be underestimated. Rosslyn Park has been awarded the **'Wellbeing Award for Schools'** and the **'Silver Quality Mark for History'**. Congratulations to all involved, what an incredible achievement.



Education news updates

September's education news.

The Guardian - [Schools in England forced to cut support for special needs pupils](#)

Tes - [2 in 5 pupils did not hit remote learning target in lockdown](#)

BBC - [Nadhim Zahawi announced as education secretary](#)

Schools Week - [Schools mustn't follow DfE in abandoning vulnerable families](#)

The Telegraph - [New report informs how to successfully develop UK's skills-led education and training](#)

Daily Mail - [Primary school headteacher makes toilets gender-neutral before furious parents force U-turn](#)

The Guardian - [UK teachers and parents: how is the autumn term going so far?](#)

Schools Week - [Reshuffle: Schools minister Nick Gibb sacked](#)

MSN - ['Mental health pandemic looming' for children in the UK, charity warns](#)

Evening Standard - [Taliban ban girls from secondary education in Afghanistan](#)

South Wilford Primary School

To celebrate all of the 26 languages spoken at South Wilford, artist Jo Bell was invited to the school to create a beautiful and inclusive mural. The children will now be able to familiarise themselves with how to say welcome in multiple languages. This is such a fantastic idea SW and a great way to make sure all of your pupils feel comfortable in their learning environment.



More news from South Wilford

Talented teaching assistant Roza Bazrafshan from South Wilford is combining her biggest passions, writing and teaching, to share an important message through her recently self-published children's book.

We are extremely proud of Roza and wish her lots of success with her book. Congratulations!

As a Trust, we can't wait to keep sharing your story with our pupils, we know how passionate you are about children expressing their emotions. To read more about Roza's book read this [article](#).



Whitegate Primary School

On Monday 22nd September, pupils at Whitegate were surprised with energetic dance lessons from Strictly's very own **Robin Windsor**. It was a fantastic day and everyone got involved when it came to practicing the dance routines taught by Robin.

These types of classes are a great way to keep our pupils and staff engaged and feeling enthusiastic about their time at school. We are always promoting the importance of active learning across the Trust.

The school received a special visit from **BBC Radio Nottingham** on Thursday 23rd as they were keen to feature Whitegate in their Strictly show segment on the Friday! Well done to everyone who was interviewed, you all sounded so passionate about the day.

Fundraisers

Allenton Community Primary

Simon Field, SENDco at Allenton has been training extremely hard for the Virtual London Marathon which is taking place on 3rd October. Simon is raising money for [Stormbreak](#), a charity that supports children in schools with mental health issues primarily through physical activity. If you would like to sponsor Simon please visit his Virgin Money page [here](#).

We'd like to wish you good luck on your marathon Simon. It's a very challenging event to sign yourself up to. You've got all of the Transform team around you for support!



Team effort

On Sunday 5th September, Claire Smith Operational Safeguarding Lead from head office, Jayne Allen midday supervisor at Highbank and Susan Wheatley cleaner at Whitegate took part in a 28-mile walk to raise money for Church Farm at Cotgrave.

Claire's dad was sadly diagnosed with a rare form of dementia seven years ago and in April they had to make the difficult decision to move him into a nursing home full time.

Claire was determined to set herself a personal challenge during the summer and decided to raise money to buy sensory items and pay for events for all the Church Farm family to enjoy.

We are extremely proud of all of you for taking part and we cannot wait to see photos of Claire's dad enjoying the new sensory items. Well done to all of you and thank you to everyone who has donated so far. If you'd like to donate to this wonderful walking cause, please click [here](#) and you'll be taken to the JustGiving page. Help them get to £3000!

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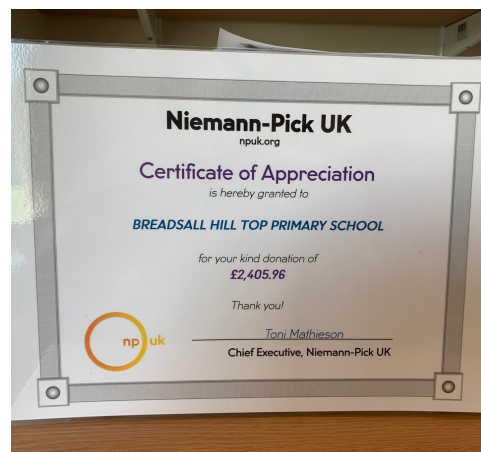
Mrs Arnold from Whitegate Primary took part in the annual Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk. This event is quite an emotional walk to take part in because many of us have been impacted in some way by Alzheimer's or dementia so it's great to keep fundraising and raising awareness. During Mrs Arnold's 6km walk, she bumped into a very famous East Midlander, Vicky McClure!

Congratulations on your walk Mrs Arnold, what a fantastic achievement and thank you for sharing your story with us. View more photos from the walk [here](#).



Breadsall Hill Top Primary School

Back in July you may have seen that we featured **Amera's** story in our newsletter. Breadsall Hill Top Primary School raised a fantastic £2,405 for Niemann-Pick Disease with further fundraising challenges upon the horizon. The school has received a personalised certificate from NP UK which has been shared with Amera's family. We are extremely proud of everyone at BHTP, well done for all of your incredible achievements and thank you for providing continuous support to your pupils, Amera and her family.



Headteacher, Matt Lawrence completed the Robin Hood Half Marathon on Sunday 26th September to raise even more funds for Niemann-Pick Disease. If you would like to sponsor Matt, please visit his JustGiving page [here](#).

We are so proud of everything you have achieved as a school.



Liz Barratt, Lead Associate Headteacher

Hi, we'd like to welcome you **all** to **Transform Applied**: the adult learning and development service for all Transform staff. We design and deliver live and recorded learning experiences to upskill you across **leadership**, **classroom teaching and learning** and **adult learning and development**.

We care about supporting you and your colleagues to be **at your best** in your current or aspiring role so that together we can provide excellent provision for all the children across our schools.

You might have seen the short video at the INSET and we are meeting with your Heads and Deputies to discuss the CPD that will be most appropriate to each school, but we also want to encourage **YOU** to know and engage with the materials and sessions on the website. They are available to you to freely browse and access as an individual or a team.

To access all materials, please click [here](#). This [video](#) shows you how to sign up to Transform Applied.

We warmly welcome you to get involved and we look forward to learning with and from you as we work together to build a connected learning community of awesome children and adults.



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