

Monthly Newsletter



A message from Rebecca Meredith

Well, what can I say - another brilliant and busy month has passed by! All our schools have been really busy doing some fantastic stuff. Huge congratulations to the five schools who have had Ofsted Inspections – it's not an easy process to go through, but they all proved themselves. I've really enjoyed being back in schools visiting and meeting lots of our wonderful children. I was really pleased to be able to join some of our Children's Parliament members for lunch in one school recently – I must say the school dinner was delicious, particularly sponge pudding and custard!! I am really looking forward to the upcoming glitter season and seeing all the festive fun and exciting things our schools are up to - I can't wait to hear singing and laughter – roll on the carols!



Stories of the month



Whitegate Primary School

Teachers at Whitegate chose the book **Rama and the Demon King by Jessica Souhami** to learn about Rama and Sita as they are associated with Diwali. Each year group were responsible for how they approached the celebrations and the school now feel as though the children know about Diwali and the meaning behind it in Hinduism.

In Year 1, the pupils acted out the story of Rama and Sita (one of their favourites) with puppets. They did not stop there though, using their creative writing skills they wrote their own adaptation of the story.

The rest of the week saw classes make clay Diya lamps to show Rama and Sita the right way home.

There were so many highlights to the week but it seems everyone thoroughly enjoyed creating Rangoli patterns using coloured salt on the floor as well as using salt and stick back plastic for the Rangoli window patterns. The classrooms looked stunning and very colourful indeed.

Mrs Read would like to say a huge thank you to **Miss Padhair** and **Mrs Kirby** for using their artistic skills to draw beautiful henna tattoos on each child.





Ofsted results

We are delighted to announce that we've been blown away by the incredible work you have all put in during your Ofsted inspections. The above picture was sent in by **Whitegate Primary** (thank you) so we can all celebrate those 'Good' and 'Outstanding' results and shout loud and proud about them.

We want to congratulate the following schools that have received their fantastic Ofsted results so far. You have all worked exceptionally hard to get to this point. It's a wonderful achievement for all of you and you should be proud of what you've accomplished as a team.

A huge well done to:

- **Breadsall Hill Top Primary School - Good**
- **Lawn Primary School - Outstanding**
- **Robert Shaw Primary & Nursery School - Good**
- **William Booth Primary & Nursery School - Good**
- **Whitegate Primary & Nursery School - Good**



Allenton Community Primary School

On Saturday 13th November, some pupils from Allenton Primary took part in the **Derby Lantern Parade**. Everyone involved held their lanterns so graciously - these were handmade as part of a workshop in school with Surtal Art.

Mrs Fowkes and **Miss West** (who went along to support the children) said that the organisers thought the children were so well-behaved and mannered and that they are a huge credit to the school! What a fantastic compliment - congratulations Allenton, you're awesome.



ALSO...

November is about raising awareness of bullying not just in schools but across all sectors. The whole of Allenton joined in with the annual **'Odd Socks Day'** to kick off Anti-Bullying Week. They loved showing how as a school they can all be different but be celebrated at the same time. The day ended with a special merit assembly which focussed on kindness in conjunction with the theme of the week 'One Kind Word'.

The week ended with a brilliant workshop for Year 2 run by DCCT and an assembly for the whole school with lots of discussions about how to make sure bullying doesn't occur.





Parkdale Primary School

We are delighted to share with you that Parkdale's very own girl's football team had a fantastic **5-0 league win** at the start of November. We are all so proud of their dedication to the school and the sport - you girls are really inspiring and have such an infectious attitude. They've been unbeaten so far this year! Well done all.

Pear Tree Community Junior School

A **mini police project** has just been launched at Pear Tree for the remainder of the academic year and what a response it has had so far!

The children will gain experience as officers and become active citizens in their local community. The school has a wide range of activities planned over the course of the year.



The pupils will walk to local parks, receive visits from specialist police departments as well as workshops around road, fire and firework safety, gangs, knife crime, cyber bullying and hate crime.

An Attestation took place on **Wednesday 24th November** with a very special visit from the Assistant Chief Commissioner at Derbyshire Police. The children were presented with their uniform and had their role as mini police officers confirmed!

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Daily Mail - [Primary school asks boys \(and teachers\) to wear skirts to class to 'promote equality'](#)

The Guardian - ['Chronic' lack of investment in UK primary school libraries revealed](#)

Somerset Live - [New Somerset primary school due to open in 2023 will be zero-carbon, council promises](#)

FE News - [Think tank report finds primary school tests are not fair or accurate](#)

BBC News - [Sex education: Children 'learning from violent porn'](#)

The Guardian - [Angels' delight: nativity plays make cautious comeback in UK schools](#)

Wales Online - [Primary schools are now being hit hardest by Covid as overall absence figures fall](#)

TES - [Under 1 in 3 pupils turn to teachers when worries](#)