

## Monthly Newsletter



### A message from Rebecca Meredith

December has not been an easy month. This is particularly true for Allenton Primary School. Their Headteacher, Jon Fordham died on Friday 10th December following a sudden illness. Many of you may not have known Jon personally but may know Helen one of our Associate Head's so I am sure you'll join me in acknowledging this is devastating news for Helen, their family, Allenton and Transform. We have spent time lately in Allenton helping to support the staff, children and families come to terms with the loss of their wonderful Head - we will continue to support Helen and the whole school community.



I have been unable to visit as many schools as I had planned to this month but have been keeping up to date with all the wonderful hard work and festive celebrations that have been taking place in our schools. This has given me enormous pride at how schools continue to keep going for the children, despite the ongoing difficulties we face. I wish you all a well-deserved, relaxing, and peaceful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

### Stories of the month

#### Parkdale Primary School

Mrs Troop from Parkdale's pastoral team has completed a **TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health**. Over the last two years, Mrs Troop has spent time building a strong foundation for wellbeing across the school. Her focus has predominately been on what happens inside the classroom and how to support the teachers but this qualification has allowed Mrs Troop to build a stronger understanding around wider factors affecting mental health and a range of common conditions experienced by children and young people.

We would like to say a huge well done to Mrs Troop for completing this course and for everything she does at Parkdale, we know the positive impact this will have on the children and staff so thank you!



#### South Wilford Primary School

Wow! What a fantastic achievement **South Wilford**. The whole Trust is thrilled with your recent win at the Year 5/6 City Sportshall Athletics Championship. Congratulations to every single member of the team, you all excelled yourself and did South Wilford and yourselves proud.

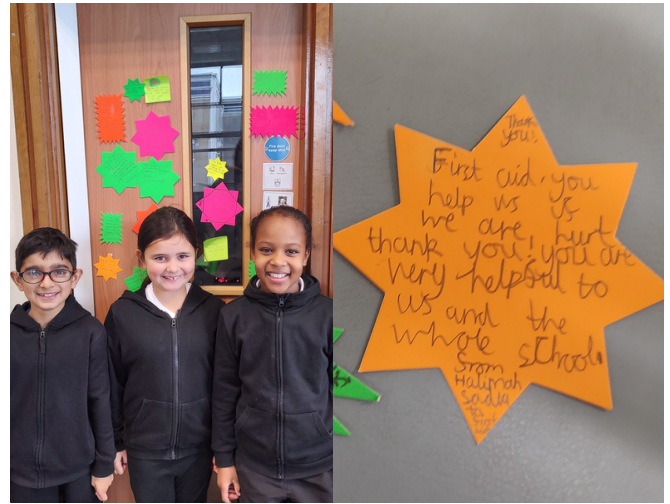
What a way to end the year!

South Wilford would also like to congratulate all of the Transform schools that took part in this competition - you all did an incredible job and you deserve a well earned rest.



## Ravensdale Junior School

Teachers and pupils at Ravensdale have been celebrating the work their support staff do, as part of their **'Stars in our Schools' Day**. Mrs Cannon introduced the idea to the children and compared it to the secret Santa Cadbury advert to show the positive impact these movements have on people. This then inspired the children to walk around school and place messages of gratitude on the walls for all the support staff to read without getting caught. This activity created lots of smiles and a warm, friendly feeling across the school! To top the day off, staff also had a treat waiting for them in the staffroom.



## Lawn Primary School

Olympic swimmer, Joe Roebuck and Olympic gymnast Sam Oldham visited Lawn Primary School to deliver a sponsored fitness session for all of the children. After the session, the children were invited to attend an inspiring assembly about following your dreams.

The children were also fortunate enough to receive a live gymnastics demonstration from Sam - what an incredible performance. Everyone at Lawn would like to say a huge thank you to Joe and Sam for their kindness.

The school has raised almost £6,000 in three weeks, with the total still rising! They are so proud and grateful to have such a generous community.

## Transform Trust HQ

We are delighted to share some incredible news with you! Transform's very own **Phil Herd FCCT** has been recognised by EdTech UK as a **'Ones to Note'** figure. Phil has co-ordinated a tech strategy across all 19 of our schools to ensure that a remote and a hybrid learning model has been utilised throughout the pandemic.

Congratulations Phil, what a fantastic achievement!



## Ashbrook Junior School

Pupils from Years 3 & 4 at Ashbrook have been singing carols at a local care home. They also delivered Christmas cards to the residents.

The pupils at Ashbrook are looking forward to being able to share their final performance with the parents to spread even more festive cheer.



## Christmas Jumper Day - Highbank and Whitegate



### Ashbrook Junior School

Wow you've done an excellent job with your Christmas decorations Ashbrook. Well done to all those involved with the Children's Parliament as they spent the afternoon decorating this stunning tree. **We want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.**



# Education news updates

December's education news.

**GOV UK** - [Education Secretary launches new attendance alliance](#)

**UK Parliament** - [Mental health services for children and young people risk backward slide](#)

**GOV UK** - [Plans to develop world class teachers through high-quality training and support](#)

**Education Foundation** - [Improving literacy in Key Stage 2](#)

**GOV UK** - [Deferring Ofsted inspections](#)

**BBC News** - [Malala's message to an Afghan school girl](#)

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### Bulwell St. Mary's

We'd like to say a huge well done to **Mrs Perkinson** for creating this incredibly magical library space for pupils. We can't wait to see the books flying off the shelves in January. What a perfect fairy tale trail.

