



A message from Rebecca Meredith



Happy New Year to the Transform Trust family! I can't believe we're almost at the end of January already – time flies! Spring Term has started well for me, I have been into several schools and met some wonderful staff and children. Thank you to those schools for making me welcome as always. You continue to make me very proud with all the brilliant things you get up to – whether in school, going the extra mile or those fantastic extra-curricular activities. Twitter has definitely been buzzing this month with some amazing stories – what a great start to 2022. Don't forget to continue sending your stories into us if you're not on Twitter. I hope to see you soon and when I'm next in your school, please do say hello. Remember, I love an excuse to go into schools, so if you're having an event please invite me along!

Stories of the month



Rosslyn Park Primary & Nursery School

This year Rosslyn has made the decision to work towards **Eco-Schools Green Flag** accreditation. The Eco-Schools programme focuses on empowering young people to lead environmental education and action in their school, local community and beyond. It does this by providing a simple, seven-step framework that turns pupils into forward-thinking, decision-making, planet-protectors.

Rosslyn would like to help make children aware of the challenges we are all facing when it comes to protecting our planet. This subject is a great conversation starter and helps to generate new ideas about how we can be more environmentally friendly. This sounds like a fantastic project Rosslyn, good luck with obtaining your accreditation. We can't wait to hear all about it!

Ravensdale Junior School

Year 6's at Ravensdale have been taking part in the **Let's Talk Leadership** project which was launched in 2021. As part of that they have been learning how to be leaders and researching sustainable development goals. Now, Year 6 are currently undertaking a project to improve their school environment. They are keen to improve the school's pond and increase the level of wildlife in the area.

They have been researching bird and insect houses prior to designing the one they would like to make. All of the children worked extremely well together on this project to create their chosen design.





Whitegate Primary School

PE lead, Miss Noel has introduced **bounce classes to Years 3 and 4** for this half term to help improve their fitness and expose them to different types of exercise. The children really enjoyed their first lesson and are looking forward to improving their fitness levels throughout January and February.

We cannot wait to see more videos on your [Twitter](#) account Whitegate. The children bounced so high! Have lots of fun on your trampolines.

South Wilford

This is one of South Wilford's Year 6 pupils, **Lucy Watson**. Lucy recently came in second place in Nottinghamshire's Primary School Cross Country Championships.

Due to Lucy's fantastic achievement and incredible performance, she has been invited to take part in the county athletics. We are very proud of her.



Rosslyn Park Primary

In December, Rosslyn had a **food bank collection** for the local community. All items were delivered to Himmah. Himmah is a grassroots community-based initiative tackling poverty, mental wellbeing, racism and social exclusion. At Rosslyn, they teach their children the value and importance of helping those in need. This was an excellent opportunity for the children to get involved and play a part in helping during the festive period.

We can confirm that the food donated weighed just over **500kg!** Ms Fazal would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity with this appeal.

Bulwell St. Mary's School

In January, Bulwell's head cook was absent due to Covid. Their two assistant cooks, **Steph** and **Sharon**, ensured all of the children still received a hot meal at lunchtime with a variety of choices. Headteacher, Mrs O'Connor would like to thank them for their outstanding service to the children and for their hard work - not only for the week in question but every day.



Education news updates

January's education news.

GOV UK - [Schools Covid-19 operational guidance for January](#)

Education Hub - [Ventilating classrooms to reduce the spread of Covid-19 doesn't mean pupils need to be cold](#)

GOV UK - [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#)

Sutton Trust - [School disruption January 2022 report](#)

BBC News - [Self-harm guidance to include advice for schools](#)

NFER - [Investigating the changing landscape of pupil disadvantage](#)

GOV UK - [Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus](#)

Transform news

Derby Telegraph - ['We're outstanding!' Derby primary school gets top marks](#)