



## A message from Rebecca Meredith



Welcome back to an exciting new academic year! I hope you all had a restful and refreshing summer break and have now settled back into school life.

Autumn Term has started well and I am so pleased that I have already been to visit four schools. I continue to be impressed at how you all adapt to change – with the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II this month, the whole nation is united in change. I know we will have a busy and challenging year ahead but together, we are stronger. I am really looking forward to seeing many of you at our 2022 Trust wide Inset Day on Friday 7th October at Pride Park in Derby, with the focus on Belonging, it will be fantastic to be back together again in person.

## Stories of the month

### Highbank Primary School make the Top Three for the Sheriffs Challenge

Highbank Primary School, are one of many Transform Trust schools that took part in the Sheriffs Challenge during the 2021-22 academic year. All schools worked together to run, jog or walk 160,000 miles and schools counted their steps all year long. Highbank made the top three out of all schools!

**LEADER BOARD**

Top performing teams by averages, click a team for details

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**Heathfield Primary and Nursery School**
- 2

**Rise Park Primary School**
- 3

**Highbank Primary and Nursery Academy**

For the 2022-23 academic year, schools have been challenged to run around the world! That's 25,000 miles! You can sign up via the My Challenge app. All Derby and Nottingham schools can take part.



### Allenton Community Primary school and Brocklewood Primary and Nursery School amongst many who celebrated National Teaching Assistants' Day

Allenton decided to bake these delicious cakes and deliver them to their Teaching Assistants as part of the celebrations on Friday 16th September. Each cake had a message of thanks. Well done Allenton!



The team at Brocklewood coordinated these heartfelt, personalised messages for their Teaching Assistants. Students worked hard on hand-written cards to show how much they appreciated their support. Well done Brocklewood!



### **Parkdale Primary School**

The Parkdale team launched into the new academic year with a brand new MUGA pitch! The bright red ribbon was cut by their PE lead Miss Baker and the entire school celebrated together with some basketball and football! Well done Parkdale for a sporty start to the year.

### **Sneinton C of E Primary School**

Children in Year 5 experienced the Tour of Britain this month! They witnessed Stage 5 of the race and had a fantastic time celebrating the cycling event as they zoomed through Nottingham.



### **Bulwell Saint Mary's, South Wilford and Zaytouna Primary School**

The UK collectively mourned Queen Elizabeth II as three of our schools joined together in a special online collective worship. They connected via Zoom to share artwork, poetry and prayers to show their gratitude and respect for Queen Elizabeth II.

### **Transform Applied**

Together we are preparing for our next INSET day where we will be learning more about diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging as we build upon our current learnig journey. We hope you can join us at Pride Park October 7th.



### **Rewarding you for incredible service to our children**

We are recognising and celebrating 17 Trust staff who have reached 25 years' local government service this month. All will receive £150 worth of vouchers in recognition of achieving this milestone. Thank you for all you continue to do for your children and your community.

# **Education news updates**

September's education news.

[Sir Steve Lancashire reflects on leadership lessons and the cost pressures crisis](#) - Forum Strategy

[Governing board recruitment and diversity challenges in England](#) - National Governance Association (NGA)

[Moving forwards, making a difference: A planning guide for schools 2022-23](#) - Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)

[Energy Price Guarantee for families and businesses](#) - GOV.UK

[Attendance drive steps up for the new academic year](#) - GOV.UK

### **Transform in the news**

Sneinton St Stephen's featured on ITV's East Midlands Evening News September 9th as part of Queen Elizabeth II remembrance activities.

Robert Shaw featured on BBC Radio Nottingham as part of Back to School Week September 6th