

Monthly Newsletter



A message from Rebecca Meredith

A very warm welcome, I hope you all had a restful half term break. As you know, in October we held our Annual Trust wide Inset Day at Pride Park and I was delighted to see many of you there. It was great to be back together in large numbers again, I hope you agree that it was a really useful and informative day with many powerful messages and learning we can all take back into our professional and personal life. We will of course review the feedback provided, so thank you for taking the time to participate.

Autumn 2 is always a really busy term for myself and schools, especially in the run up to Christmas and the glitter season! Please continue to share your exciting activities and all the great things you are up to on Twitter. Wishing you a fantastic November.

Stories of the month

South Wilford Early Years Teacher and Reading for Pleasure lead wins prestigious award.

The Open University and Farshore books awarded Amy Greatrex the Experienced Teacher Award for her important work adapting key reading strategies for EYFS children. From Reading Rivers to Book Voting, Amy's dedication to everything reading has made her one of six teachers nationally to be recognised by the Farshore Reading For Pleasure awards. Determined to not stop there, she is developing Writing for Pleasure across her school too. Find out more about the Open University's transformative reading research [here](#).



Allenton Community Primary school SENCO runs the London Marathon

Simon Field, SENDCo at Allenton Primary School ran the London Marathon at the beginning of this month to raise money for Macmillan, to honour their previous Headteacher Jon Fordham.

The Nightingale Macmillan Unit at Derby Royal Hospital provided exceptional care and support for his loved ones and Allenton staff had bereavement counselling as well as training in how best to support the children. On a personal level, Simon lost his father to cancer in 2011 and remembers the Macmillan nurses in Bromley who supported his mum at that time. To support Simon in his fundraising efforts please donate [here](#).



Ravensdale Junior School

Year 4 and Year 5 had an adventurous October! Year 4 were visited by Highline Adventure. They rock climbed, ventured up spider mountain and shot arrows in archery lessons. Year 5 travelled to Manor Adventure in Shropshire. 48 children and 5 staff enjoyed a weekend of activities such as bouldering, archery, zipwire and a night walk. Great fun!



South Wilford C of E Primary School

Luke Milward, Year 4, competed in his first International Go-Karting race. The Tillotson T4 Nations Cup in Valencia, Spain welcomed him as one of their youngest competitors. He not only competed individually but represented Great Britain with a chance of bringing home the Nations Cup. In a new Kart he had never sat in before, he took everything in his stride, up against Children from all over the World aged 8-12 Years old. Well done Luke!



Sneinton St Stephens C of E Primary School

Year 5 had a Victorian-style day at Newstead Abbey recently. They wore traditional Victorian clothing and experienced a Victorian classroom to immerse themselves in this time period. They learned about what life was like for children at this time and created artwork from slate and chalk. Well done Sneinton!



Transform Applied

The next Curriculum Teach Meet takes place at 4pm on Wednesday 30th November via Zoom. This is a great, informal opportunity to listen and share your ideas with other teaching staff. You can book to attend via the Transform Applied [website](#). If you would like to present at the event you can email Kate with your 2-5 minute presentation and brief details on what you would like to share. We look forward to seeing you there!



Education news updates

October's education news.

Girls' Day Schools Trust produced **The Girls' Futures Report** exploring ambition, potential barriers and aspirations of girls aged 9-18

The Global Equality Collective **educational resources** book lists and case studies

National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) latest research on the **2035 Long Run Employment Prospects for the UK**

Office of National Statistics (ONS) latest figures on **household finances, wellbeing and cost of living**.

Parentkind have released their **Mental wellbeing in education** report from a parents perspective

Government announces **£24 million funding boost** for primary schools to boost childrens literacy

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) announce third funding round with a key focus on Early Language and Maths in Early Years and Year 1

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Some highlights from our Transform Trust INSET At our best together: A focus on belonging

