



A message from Rebecca Meredith

Hello everyone and hope you've had a fantastic start to 2023! Schools have kicked off the year with some amazing stuff, and I have been delighted to have visited some schools already so far. Our children continue to make me proud with their hard work and huge efforts. Half Term is approaching fast already for Nottingham, and then our Derby schools the following week, but in the meantime keep up the awesome work and hopefully I will see you soon as we head into Spring and brighter mornings! Keep your eyes peeled for members of the Transform Executive Team as we head into schools next half term – we may even be helping out with serving school dinners, do come and say hello.

Stories of the month

Highbank Primary and Nursery School

Highbank did not let the cold weather stop them this month as their Nursery Garden was covered in a light dusting of snow and ice. With lots of layers on and sturdy shoes we can all enjoy the many different kinds of weather that January offers us. It is also an important sensory experience, children learn so much through different sights and textures. Well done Highbank for this lovely photo.



South Wilford CE Primary School



As part of Chinese New Year Celebrations, South Wilford forest school made a beautiful Chinese wishing tree. Originating from a famous, ancient banyan tree in Lam Tsuen in Hong Kong. People travel there and leave their own special wishes. First, they write their wishes on colourful red wishing paper, then they tie them to oranges and throw them up into the tree. If the wishes stick, it is thought that they will come true! Well done South Wilford forest school, we hope your wishes come true!

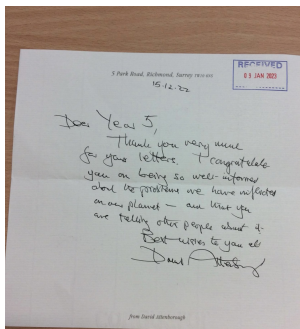
Allenton Community Primary School and Pear Tree Junior School

Midlands based Managed Service Provider and Microsoft Gold Partner Infuse Technology are now sponsoring both Allenton and Pear Tree girls football teams. Allenton girls will be in red and Pear Tree Junior girls will be in blue. Thank you for supporting our future Lionesses and all the best for your matches this year!



Ashbrook Junior School

Y5 learnt about climate change at the start of this term and decided to write persuasive letters to David Attenborough about the impact of global warming on our planet. Students and staff were so excited to read his reply! He was impressed by their knowledge of the issues facing the planet. Well done Ashbrook.



Parkdale Primary and Nursery school

Parkdale had a special visitor this month from Xylem who kindly donated an extra Co2 monitor for their school building. These work by indicating how well-ventilated an area is. All of our schools are committed to ensuring great air quality and we are so grateful to organisations like Xylem who help us with this. Great job Parkdale!



Lawn Primary School

Lawn Primary School choir had a fantastic enrichment opportunity thanks to Young Voices. These huge events involve hundreds of schools from all over the UK and feature live performances from professional musicians. The choirs sing together in large arenas for a truly atmospheric experience. Well done Lawn.



Whitegate Primary and Nursery School

Whitegate Nursery had great fun this month building a rocket for Frankie to fly to the moon! The children and staff agreed that the extra pom poms made it go faster! Well done Whitegate, what a fantastic rocket.



Transform Applied

What a brilliant, busy month we have had! The team at Transform Applied want to say a big thank you for all your hard work so far in 2023 and encourage everyone to take a look at the Transform Applied website to plan ahead and get your 2023 CPD booked in by visiting www.transformapplied.co.uk



Education news updates

January's education news.

UK Parliament: [MPs launch a new inquiry into persistent absence and support for disadvantaged pupils](#)

Institute of fiscal studies (IFS): [What has happened to teacher pay in England?](#)

The Key and Eduario: [Summary of findings from The Pupil Safeguarding Review](#)

GOV UK: [Schools continue to improve since the pandemic](#)

National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER): [Addressing the post-pandemic teacher supply challenge](#)

Transform in the news

Year 6 teacher at William Booth Primary School shares highlights of working with IntoUniversity [University of Nottingham](#)

[Derby Telegraph](#) features Lawn Primary School in their list of Outstanding schools in Derbyshire