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**HEADLINE NEWS** 



Monthly Newsletter





## A message from Rebecca Meredith

Welcome to Headline News for September, and a very warm welcome back! The start of a new year is the perfect time to review and reflect. As CEO, I have set myself time at the end of each week to reimagine, refocus and restart. As always, children will continue to be the heart of everything we do at Transform  $\heartsuit$ 

It's been a busy start to the new academic year with lots of exciting things happening across the Trust. I'm delighted to have been out and about into several schools so far this term - looking around new and exciting school environments, and celebrating some fantastic school achievements. We have our Transform whole school Trust Inset Day coming up soon, and am delighted that this year things will be a little different. The day will enable us to come together to learn, share and collaborate around the theme of Architecture of Environment – thank you to those schools who are hosting. The Transform Central Team will be joining in too across our schools - I hope everyone has a great day.

# Mrs Mayat making us proud with her Apple Distinguished Educator Award

Mrs Mayat, from Pear Tree Community Junior school, received her Apple Distinguished Educator award earlier this month. She tweeted out saying, "It is a reminder of perseverance, self-worth, my knowledge and experience is worth sharing, and a huge reminder that I am good enough! ADE was life changing!" We are incredibly proud of the effort Mrs Mayat has displayed.



#### Stories of the month

# Three Nottinghamshire schools awarded the Green Flag Award

Children South Wilford of Endowed C of E Primary, Sneinton St. Stephens C of E Primary, and Parkdale Primary were awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Awards. The Eco-Committees have worked tirelessly and passionately to their schools make more sustainable and renewable. The children showed initiative. utilising staff and the wider community to guide their ecochoices. Well done to everyone !



# Sneinton St Stephen's CofE Primary School's children embrace reading

Julie Doyle, Assistant Head Teacher, has introduced Reading for Pleasure to the children of Sneinton CofE Primary. The new Harper novels were introduced during the school's reading assembly. The readers have the opportunity to review the stories and share their opinions with the wider school community. Bringing a love of reading to the school is integral to aid with improving everybody's literacy skills.





#### **Highbank Primary and Nursery School**

This month, Highbank children have begun their Reading Buddies project. Children in the older year groups are going into their younger peers classrooms and making reading fun for them. This project allows our children to build relationships as well as helping each other to read.

#### **Robert Shaw Primary and Nursery School**

KS1 and KS2 were excited to welcome author Tom Palmer to their school. He delivered two assemblies for both key stages and explained his work and answered all of their questions. 15 lucky children had the opportunity to speak with Tom and thoroughly enjoyed it.





#### **Ashbrook Junior School**

Parents and carers were invited to join the children at Ashbrook Juniors to celebrate their recent Ofsted inspection. The assembly ended with some parents feeling very emotional and grateful - especially when they watched a video from a school in Kenya that the children worked with. The children were clearly proud and loved going to their school.

#### Lawn Primary School

Forest School is being launched this year at Lawn Primary and the staff are incredibly excited for this. To get everybody ready for the year to come, the newly qualified teachers ran a forest school session for the rest of the staff body. This included them making faces in trees, and learning about our surroundings.





#### Whitegate Primary School

KS1 children at Whitegate celebrated a big birthday this September. Mrs Read had a big surprised when all the children gathered to celebrate her 50th birthday! All the staff and children had an amazing time and shared the delicious cakes they made.

#### Zaytouna Primary School

A huge well one to Zaytouna Primary School for being named as Derby County Community Trust's 'School of the Year'!

The staff and children have worked passionately over that past year ensuring everyone has a chance to visit sports events and competitions. They also provide the children with a variety of clubs to go to with the cost subsidised so everyone can take part.

# **Transform Applied**

The Transform Applied team are happy to welcome everybody back and to all the new members of staff who have joined us this year!

Remember to check our calendar to get your dates ready for next month.





# Education news updates

### **Education news:**

The Education Committee: <u>New inquiry into effects of screen</u> <u>time on education and wellbeing</u>

School Advisory Service: Return to School 2023/24





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#### Transform in the news

South Wilford Green Flag Award Nottinghamshire Live

Zaytouna Primary awarded 'School of the Year' <u>Derby County Community Trust</u>