

Monthly Newsletter



A message from Rebecca Meredith

I always use this time of year as an opportunity to reflect on my 'why' – what keeps me leaping out of bed in the morning and why I come to work. For me, it comes down to living out my core values, both as a person and as a professional. These values are: children, love, trust and belonging, hope, and freedom, and they are each part of everything I do.

This year, I have added another value to this list: 'muchness', defined as "the full-hearted abundance of hope, joy and imagination that each of us has when we come into this world." As I look forward to the upcoming year for Transform Trust, I urge each and every one of you to re-embrace your 'muchness'; it is certainly something that I and all the trust staff will be encouraging in our children.

Stories of the month

PATRON OF READING CREATES A BUZZ AT ABBEY HILL PRIMARY

Abbeyhill Primary was a-buzz with a love of reading this month, as they were visited by the Patron of Reading, author Gareth Baker. Gareth ran an assembly with the whole school, before doing lots of activities in class based around books. It's a fantastic way to get our children engaged with books in a positive way and encourage reading for pleasure. Gareth works with several schools across the Trust – I know the children always get excited about his visits!



LAWN PRIMARY'S LANGUAGES DAY IS A HUGE SUCCESS

Last week Lawn Primary celebrated 'Languages Day' to great success. The day began with a school-wide Spanish singsong, before the children had chance to learn languages from Italian to Catalan to British Sign Language. Year 6 even tried some Bollywood dancing! The day ended with an Around the World cooking competition, complete with a taste test for lucky (blindfolded) staff members. I love to see our children embracing other cultures and learning more about the world around them.



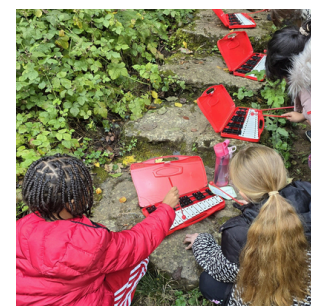
SNEINTON PRIMARY WINS READING FOR PLEASURE ACCREDITATION

A huge congratulations to Sneinton Primary School, which has just been awarded Reading for Pleasure Quality Mark (Platinum) for its enriched and embedded 'reading-for-pleasure culture' which involves the wider community. The reviewers said Sneinton is "at the vanguard of documenting reading for pleasure nationally" - this is wonderful recognition of Sneinton staff's commitment to making reading accessible and enjoyable for our children.



Parkdale Primary School

Parkdale Primary had a sporting victory last week, with the football 'A Team' scoring a fantastic 4-0 against the reigning county champions. These matches are all in aid of local charity [Hope Nottingham](#), which supports local people through much-needed foodbanks. A win for the school and for the wider community!



William Booth Primary & Nursery School

The hills were alive with the sound of music at William Booth, where several children enjoyed music, challenges and fun at Music Camp 2024. Done in partnership with Nottingham Music Hub, William Booth pupils were among 200 children across the city who learned to read music and play two new pieces in just two days.

South Wilford CE Primary School

There's been important work this month at St Wilford's, where parents and carers were invited to an open morning about ensuring internet safety for their children. The session was run by Parent Zone, and was described by one mother as "useful and informative and a real benefit to us parents."



Ravensdale Junior School

Ravensdale is developing a shared Forest School area, an immersive outdoor learning environment where pupils can explore, discover and develop essential skills such as creativity, resilience and environmental awareness. The school is working with the PTFA to raise funds for an outdoor class structure – and they've already raised 20% of their target!

Transform Applied

The excitement is building across the trust for our impressive Inset day line-up this Friday 4th October. It will be an opportunity to come together as a family of school staff and learn from one another, with each other, as well as broadening our learning beyond education.

In the build-up to Friday, do make sure you are following [@TransformTrust2](#) and [@TrnsfrmApplied](#) on X, and [Transform Trust](#) and [Transform Applied](#) on LinkedIn. We'll be learning more about our Inset day contributors, sharing previews of our speakers, and explaining how you will be able to extend your professional development after Friday with our adult learning arm, Transform Applied.



Education news updates

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Times Educational Supplement: [**The Education and Skills Funding Agency will close in 2025**](#)

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