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A message from Rebecca Meredith



Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the Headlines Newsletter! Can you believe how fast November has passed us by? We are now fully immersed in the folly of the glitter season, a time of such excitement for many of our children.

Earlier this month, I felt a deep sense of pride as our schools respectfully marked Remembrance Day. It's always heart-warming to see children enjoying themselves while raising funds, as they did for Children in Need this month. I also hosted my 'Friday Forum' earlier this month, which is a one-hour Zoom session where any staff member can join to share thoughts, ask questions, or provide suggestions. The next session is coming up, it would be great to see you there. You can find the details on your nearest Trilby screen or contact Sarah at pa.ceo@transformtrust.co.uk for more information.

Thank you to those of you who have invited along to watch Christmas productions and Nativity plays, which I am really looking forward to. Our Winter Performing Arts Festivals are also coming up - these are amongst my favourite events of the year. Hope to see you there. Wishing you all a wonderful December - just three weeks until the holidays!

Stories of the month

BURFORD SCHOOL COMMUNITY OVERJOYED WITH NEW EYFS SPACE

This month, Burford Primary and Nursery School unveiled its brand-new Early Years Foundation Stage space to children, parents and carers. The new learning environment has carefully selected resources and interactive zones reflecting the latest in 'learning through play' best practice. Parents and carers were invited to a special 'stay and play' session so they could be part of the opening celebration and enjoy all the children's reactions as they explored all the wonders their new space had to offer.



CHILDREN ACROSS THE TRUST HONOURED CHILDREN IN NEED

As you no doubt know, Children in Need took place on Friday 15th November, and our schools fully embraced the opportunity! We were extremely proud to see all the wonderful things our children across the trust did to raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves. From danceathons with Pudsey to fancy dress to pulling silly faces, each school went above and beyond, demonstrating incredible kindness to each other and generosity to others. It was also lovely to see parents and carers involved at several schools.



CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES INCLUSION & BELONGING

November saw our Children's Parliament gather at Ashbrook Primary for its second meeting of the academic year. This time, we focused on belonging - why it matters, how it feels, and what we can all do to ensure everyone experiences it. The children had meaningful discussions and shared insights about belonging, from seeing representation in the books they read to respecting and amplifying each other's voices. We can't wait to see how they bring these ideas to life in their school communities!



Highbank Primary & Nursery School

To honour Diwali, which was celebrated trust-wide, Class 1 at Highbank tapped into their creativity by experimenting with traditional rangoli patterns, as well as making their own diya lamps, which are symbolically lit during prayers, rituals, and ceremonies.



Breadsall Hill Top Primary School

Wonderful community engagement at Breadsall, as children made poppy wreaths in honour of Remembrance Day, then donated them to a local care home in honour of ex-serviceman Donald Rose, who will be celebrating his 110th birthday next month.

Abbey Hill Primary

Abbey Hill hosted a Parents/Carers' Evening with a difference: the school chefs prepared sample school meals for children and their families to help increase the uptake in free school meals. Head Adam Jevons-Newman said it was lovely to have the opportunity for informal chats with parents and carers about food and healthy eating.



South Wilford Primary

South Wilford has been working in collaboration with Future Makers UK, an art and design studio in Nottingham that repurposes materials to create pieces of art. Their latest creation? A beautiful wildlife planter made from recycled plastic and reclaimed timber. Well done for this commitment to sustainability!

King Edward Primary

KS1 classes at had a wonderful time taking part in the 'multi-skills festival' in partnership with West Nottingham College. Children used football skills, passing and dribbling with their feet and hands, target games, relay races and balancing skills. Sounds like great physical exercise and lots of fun.



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There have some valuable CPD sessions this month, such as senior leaders gathering for the Senior Leadership Network, and our school heads visiting Bulwell St Marys for 'Heads Together'. The 'SEND in mainstream schools' session was a success, as was the 'Developing Subject Knowledge' session for our D&T leads. Finally the Intro to Coaching session welcomed colleagues onto their coaching journey, while advanced Coaching sessions allowed others to develop their coaching skills.



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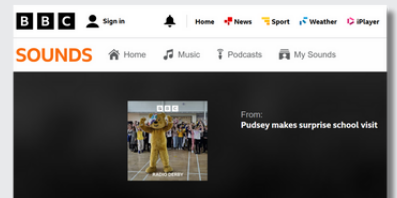
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