



Trust Newsletter

March 2019

Welcome to the second Trust newsletter. Easter is nearly here and the updates from each of the academies show that the children and staff have had a very busy term! There have been lots of exciting activities, visits and learning opportunities for all.....which we would like to take the opportunity to share with you.

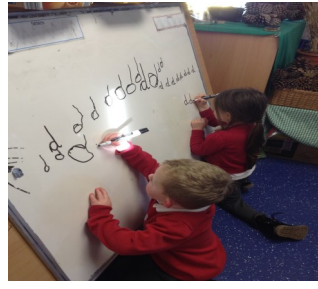


However, it has also been a term in which children, staff and their families have come together to support one another through really difficult and tragic circumstances. Sadly, Mr Ranson: teacher, colleague and friend passed away unexpectedly last month. Mr Ranson taught at Pennyman for 22 years and had a huge impact on the academy and community of East Middlesbrough. He was an excellent teacher who motivated the children in his care to be the best they could be and, most of all, was kind and caring to everyone around him. He has made a difference to the lives of so many. His legacy and all of the memories we have, will live on as part of the academy, wider trust and community.



Pennyman Primary Academy

It has been a busy half term at Pennyman and the children have been trying hard to be the best Pennyman Citizens and Learners they can be. They are all working hard to make progress in their core skills and have enjoyed a range of experiences and trips as part of their exciting topic work and wider opportunities. Here are some pictures of Reception, Y2 at Beamish, Y3 visiting Durham University, our choir trip to Young Voices and our Basketball team at their latest competition.



Brambles Primary Academy



Following the recent monitoring visit by Ofsted on Wednesday 27th February, Brambles received confirmation that they were still an 'Outstanding' provider, in all areas. The children's amazing efforts were praised when it was noted that 'pupils' behaviour is exemplary.....they listen carefully to instructions and concentrate on their work.

As you can imagine, the staff are also immensely proud of this judgement. It is a fantastic achievement and highlights the remarkable work that is done on a daily basis - by the children, staff, parents, governors, and all of the wider community who help to make Brambles Academy the wonderful school that it is!



'Brambles Got Talent' last week was a huge success. It gave all of the contestants the opportunity to shine and showcase a wide range of talents. It also gave the staff an opportunity to appreciate the children's talents, as individuals. It was held on Comic Relief day, which allowed us to consider those less fortunate. The day was a huge success and £350 was raised as part of the fun and excitement.

Middlesbrough schools' Royal Navy design an aircraft competition

Pupils from Brambles Primary Academy with Middlesbrough Achievement Partnership, have been taking part in a special competition to design and name a future aircraft for the Royal Navy!

Warrant Officer Glenn Gowling, with the Royal Navy, said: "We were blown away by the standard of the designs submitted by the students—it was incredibly high, and they are all fully deserving of their prizes."

"The students were also a credit to themselves and their schools. During the event we held a 'Questions and Answers' session; the questions were very thoughtful and interesting—some pushing us to the very limit."

The partnership between the Royal Navy and Middlesbrough Achievement Partnership aims to link schools to employers to raise awareness of careers opportunities in the area along with raising aspiration and the development of key employability skills needed to achieve the best life chances.



Discovery Special Academy

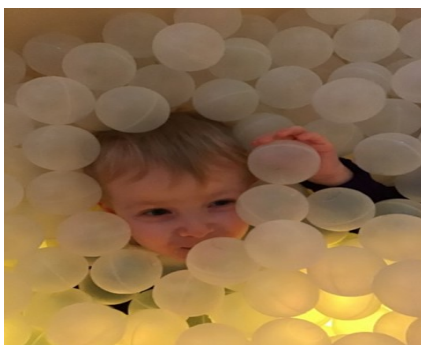


Both Mrs Hill and Mr Shield's classes enjoyed a trip to Coulby Newham Leisure Farm as they have been learning about life on a farm. The children enjoyed seeing and feeding the animals and they had lots of fun on the tractors too.



'Earthbeat' came in to work with us on our singing, dancing and drama skills. Children from Pennyman and Discovery worked together.

Miss Kirk's class had a wonderful time visiting Pendragon, a multi-sensory centre in Northallerton. It was such a calming experience and fun too! The children loved exploring the sensory areas and enjoyed going down the very fast slide! Their favourite areas were the interactive mats, the ball pool and slide.



Dormanstown Primary Academy



It has been a busy spring term at Dormanstown. Children have been on a range of visits including Egyptian workshops at the Dorman Museum, as well as the Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum to support their Mighty Metals project.

Our Nursery children extended their links with Westfield Farm to undertake Valentine's Day craft activities.

The Y1/2 classes were lucky to have a visit from the 'Queen' to support their Bright Lights, Big City project, and a delicious tea party was shared by all.

Look out for our Iron Man and dinosaur models hiding around the academy; a handmade story chair made as part of our Arts Project as well as some amazing fairy tale and London landmarks homework projects!





Wilton Primary Academy

Early Years celebrated Chinese New Year in February and learnt all about why it is the 'Year of the Pig'. The children explored the Chinese culture through trying different types of food, looking at their language, dressing up and they even made their own Chinese dragon and danced around the school!



As part of the 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' topic, Years 3&4 have been using their senses to explore a range of foods. They tasted foods which they hadn't tried before, and made sweet potato and butternut squash fries as well as fruit smoothies. Delicious.....and healthy too!

In Years 5&6 this half term, the children have been learning all about the Victorians. They experienced a Victorian school afternoon, investigated jobs that children in Victorian times may have completed and sampled some Victorian cookery (homemade by some of the pupils for their homework project).



World Book Day

World Book Day allowed everybody in the Trust to have fun, and celebrate our focus on reading, with all of the children and adults displaying a range of fantastic costumes! Favourite books and authors were discussed. Please share your favourite book and thank you for listening to your child read because lots of children across the Trust have achieved 100 reads at home.



International Women's Day

Mrs Coupe – Trust Improvement and Development Leader, Mrs Fawcett – Trust Lead Practitioner for Teaching and Learning and Mrs Pinchin—teacher and music lead at Pennyman Primary Academy attended International Women's Day at Teesside University to present a workshop on 'Discovering your voice'.

Around 100 girls from local schools and colleges were invited to the University of Teesside to mark International Women's Day on Friday 8 March.

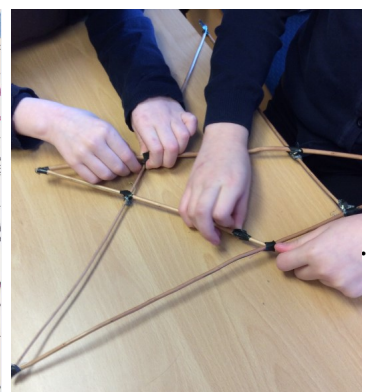
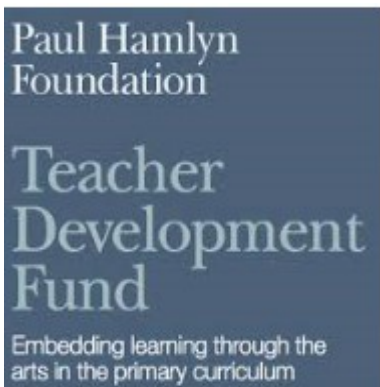
The event aimed to provide girls with an opportunity to develop skills and experience a range of employment opportunities and improve their confidence so that they felt positive and enthused about their potential.



Paul Hamlyn Teacher Development Fund

The Paul Hamlyn Teacher Development Fund is an initiative that supports the delivery of effective arts-based teaching and learning opportunities in the primary classroom. It encourages learning through all of the arts in the curriculum.





All academies within our Trust learn through the arts. With the addition of this project we can enthuse and inspire our children, support their educational outcomes and develop skills that prepare them for the next phase of their lives. Although we are still only in the early stages, we have made huge advances and the children and staff are experiencing some new and exciting art forms. In time, we look forward to sharing the work through exhibitions, parents afternoons and school galleries.





Diamond Standards Awards

The Tees Valley Education Diamond Standards Awards are a recognition of brilliance in one of our four core areas:

-  [Commitment: To achieve, succeed and create the best life and future.](#)
-  [Curiosity: Be inquisitive, be brave and learn.](#)
-  [Courage: To face our challenges and the unknown.](#)
-  [Care: For ourselves, each other and our communities.](#)

The award winners, who come from all areas of our school communities including staff, parents and children, represent these values and are excellent role models both within their academy and across the Trust. We are incredibly proud to work with such amazing people who make it a great place to learn, grow and succeed. At the end of the year there will be a celebration event which all award winners and their families will be invited to.

Autumn 2018 winners:

Brambles Primary Academy: Ruth Hunter, Dionysios Dhramis, Stuart Mayle, Martin Verill

Discovery Primary Academy: Chris Shields, Hanna Kirk, Sofie Kalayova

Dormanstown Primary Academy: Julie Smuk, Leon Hunter, Hollie-Mae Hibberd, Nichola Ransome

Pennyman Primary Academy: Francis Bell, Harry Pennick, Holly Shaw, Alice Materna

Wilton: Leo Fernandez, Ruben Aulsberry, Jamie Darby-Ward, Isabelle Jack

This term's winners will receive their awards in their academy assemblies so we await with great excitement, to see who they are...

The activities, events and work over the last term, shown in this newsletter, continue to demonstrate the remarkable difference that being part of a caring, supportive and truly inspirational community makes to the life chances and experiences of our children. We shall look forward to the summer term and to continuing to work with you all, but in the meanwhile, we wish you a peaceful and Happy Easter.

Miss K Morley

CEO of the Trust

Mr J Brine

Chair of the Trust

