



# Summer Term Newsletter

## July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I'd like to thank you all for your ongoing support.

The Trust has grown with two new primary schools joining our partnership. Cobden Primary School and Mountfields Lodge School are based in the Loughborough area and we are looking forward to working together.

Our schools have had another successful year. We have continued to improve our schools through the hard work and determination of our fantastic staff.

We will continue to develop our partnership as we move into the next academic year. We aim to grow our collaborative model with all of our schools working closely on several different projects.

One highlight from this year has been our choir event at De Montfort University. This was attended by over 700 people with over 300 children from across our family of schools performing at the event. Our children and staff were fantastic! Mrs Louise Proudman and Mrs Jess Evans must be congratulated for organising this amazing event!

I hope you have a great summer holiday and a well-earned rest. We are looking forward to the new academic year and all of the exciting opportunities that will be on offer.

Kind regards

*Gareth*

**Gareth Nemes**  
CEO

### Feedback

Have you got any feedback on our newsletter or have any suggestions about what you would like including in the future?  
Please feel free to share your feedback [here](#).

# Volunteering in Bradgate Education Partnership Schools - Local Advisory Boards

**Local Advisory Boards (LABs)** support the Trust Board as sub-committees at school level and are a full and active part of our trust governance structure. They are the trust's ambassadors, engaging with parents and the local community.

Our LABs meet four times a year as well as visiting in school.

LAB members might be parents/carers of pupils or part of the wider local community.

**Volunteering Opportunities** - we currently have vacancies on some of our LABs and would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining one of our Local Advisory Boards - either at your child's school or at another school in our trust. We welcome interest from anyone who would like to volunteer in their local community.

**Already have governing experience?** If you have experience governing in schools and feel ready to become a trustee, please talk to us about vacancies on the Trust Board. For further information or an informal conversation please scan the QR code below and complete the short form.



# Seagrave Primary School



As another academic year comes to an end, we would like to congratulate and thank the children of Seagrave for their continued hard work, good behaviour and sense of fun.

They have really shown our values:

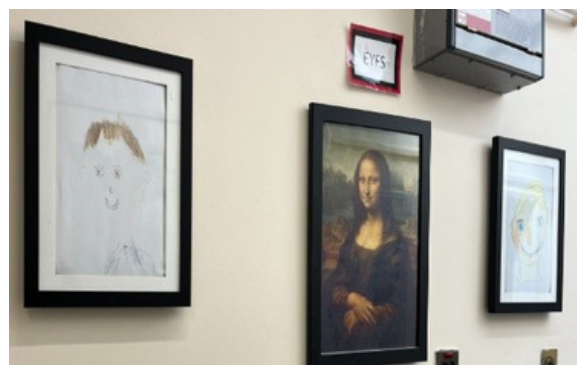
- Friendly
- Involved
- Resilient

This describes every child in our school.



Mrs Chafer has been working hard all year (with the help of the school council and the anti-bullying ambassadors) to achieve Gold Standard for the Beyond Bullying accreditation. We were awarded this on Friday the 28th June and are now a Beyond Bullying School for the next three years.

This term, the local library van has been visiting Seagrave and groups of children have had the opportunity to browse through the library and choose sets of books to share in their classroom. They are swapped every 2 weeks.



On Friday 14th June, Miss Penman organised a Self Portrait Day.

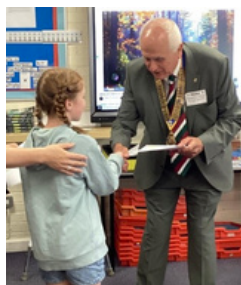
This involved every child across the school to create a self portrait. It was lovely to look at the progression in skills from our youngest children in EYFS up to our Year 6 leavers.

Miss Penman then organised an Art Exhibition to showcase some of the super art and craft work that has been going on across the school. Thank you to all who attended.

We have had a variety of different visitors in school this half term. We had a special assembly about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide in the home and the dangers to home owners.

The year 2 and 3 children then took part in a workshop and were given Carbon monoxide alarms to take home.

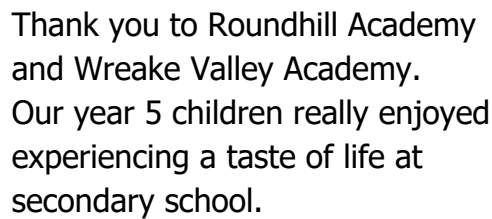
We also had an assembly about staying safe around water. The children's swimming instructors took the assembly and it induced lots of discussions back in the classroom.



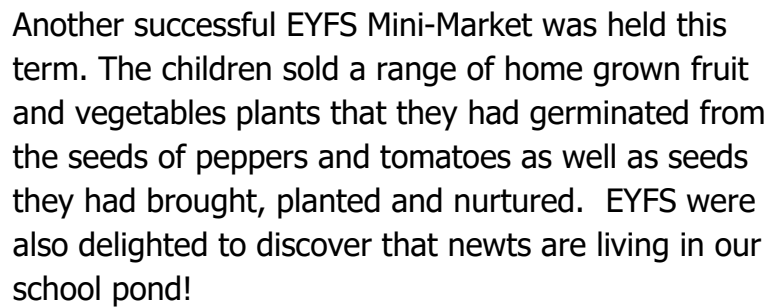
On Friday 28th June, we all attended a Rotary Stars award assembly. One child was chosen from each year group. The children have shown outstanding contribution to school life and their local community. They were awarded a certificate and a £5 gift voucher. Very well done to all of them.

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A group of children are sitting in a circle on a light-colored wooden floor in a gymnasium. They are wearing white t-shirts and dark shorts. Some children are wearing paper masks that look like faces. One child is standing in the background near a large glass door. The room has large windows and a brick wall outside.



A large group of children, mostly girls, are posing for a group photo in a jungle-themed setting. They are wearing red and white uniforms. The background features large, textured tree trunks and lush green foliage. The children are arranged in several rows, some standing and some kneeling or sitting in the front. A white triangular graphic element is visible in the bottom left corner of the image.



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# Wreake Valley Academy

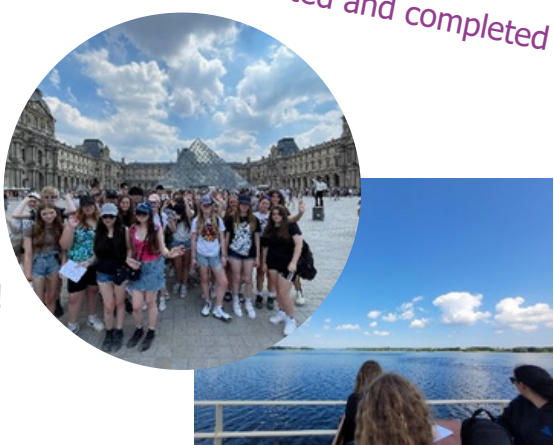


There's certainly been no winding down for summer at Wreake Valley. The summer term sees both our Year 11 and Year 13 at Bradgate Sixth Form sit their formal exams. Our Exams officer Mr Wilson kept the vital stats of this time:

*112 exam sessions completed since 9th May  
325,000 steps (fitbit) completed  
232 km / 145 miles completed  
2,507 exam papers distributed and completed*

A huge thank you to Mr Wilson and his team of invigilators for their work.

Wreake went continental with not one but two trips to France. Our Year 7s enjoyed 24 hours in Northern France whilst Year 9s spent the week in Paris sightseeing and sampling Parisian culture, finishing with a day at the happiest place on earth Disneyland Paris!



A huge amount of work goes into taking children out of school let alone across seas and our thanks go to the Languages and Admin department for their work behind the scenes in getting the trip ready! Other trips included a visit to Rutland water for our Geographers and the Big Bang Fair at the NEC.

We opened our doors to Year 5 pupils offering a range of afterschool taster sessions. These gave a taste of secondary school learning and will help to support pupils as they begin their transition to secondary school. We plan to offer more of these over the next academic year. Please check the website for more information.

Our new Year 7s attended their transition days in early July, giving pupils a chance to meet their new teachers, fellow classmates and prepare them for starting in August.



Our jewel in the crown of our busiest term was our production of Matilda Jr. Our Year 7, 8, 9 students took to the stage directed by our Sixth Form students, it's events like this that really shows the community, our young people are growing within school. Building confidence in our Sixth Formers to take a lead and encourage our younger students but also to bring students together through their shared love of performing. We were also treated to an informal summer concert with musical performances from a range of students including the school choir, again showcasing the amazing talent of our students.

A huge thank you to Mr Harrison for his work with our local primary schools this term with football tournaments and primary sports events taking place at Wreake on our 3G pitch. These again bring the community together and offer opportunities for pupils to have a taste of secondary school life.

Staff and pupils bid a farewell to several members of staff this year including long serving members of the team who all retire. **Dawn Green**, Assistant SENDCo who has been at Wreake for more than 20 years, **Dave Hunt** who has taught at Wreake for a record 33 years along with Head of School **Nicola Morland** who joined Wreake 22 years ago. We wish them all the very best in their retirement and thank them for the dedication to Wreake Valley over their time here.



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# Newtown Linford Primary School



It has been another busy and exciting year at Newtown Linford Primary School, full of adventures and learning. Some of this has come through special days such as World Book Day, theatre trips for both key stages and our colour run (in the rain!).



We love to be outdoors and going on adventures at Newtown Linford Primary School. All children attend Forest School sessions throughout the year at Bradgate Park, a short walk from us.



Old John Class have been to Beaumanor Hall camping and impressed us with their bravery and resilience.

A huge thank you to Mrs Patel who has taken our school garden to the next level this year. Children have grown strawberries, potatoes, carrots, beans and more and they are delicious. Thursday is always a busy gardening day and we cannot wait to see our sunflowers reach full height this year.

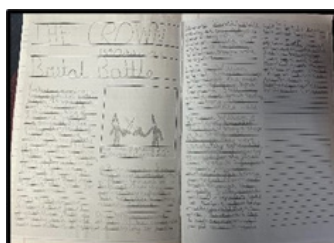


We bring learning alive at Newtown Linford, with regular visitors, sketching outdoors and role play. Children have enjoyed learning about the Olympics and cannot wait to watch the games in Paris.



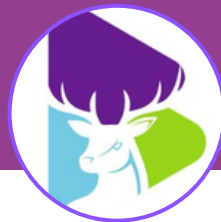
We have once again been proud of our oldest pupils who have been wonderful buddies to the new reception children. The feedback from parents has been fantastic and we know it helps our newest pupils settle in quickly. Buddies run an induction session, write a letter which is sent in the summer break and meet them on their first day and for their first lunch. A big responsibility which they rise to each year.

For the last few weeks of term children move into their new classes. This gives them the opportunity to familiarise themselves with their new teacher, new routines and new seats prior to the summer.



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It's been a very busy summer term at Bradgate Sixth Form!

Our Year 13 students have now completed all of their exams and we wish them the very best for their results in August. We celebrated their fantastic achievements at our Leavers' Ball which was such a lovely evening to recognise everything they have achieved over the last two years.



Year 12 students have also just completed a week of work experience and we are so proud of the references we have received back. Our students really are fantastic role models to others and gained so much from their work placements.

In July, we also welcomed Year 10 students from both The Roundhill Academy and Wreake Valley Academy for a B6 Experience Day.

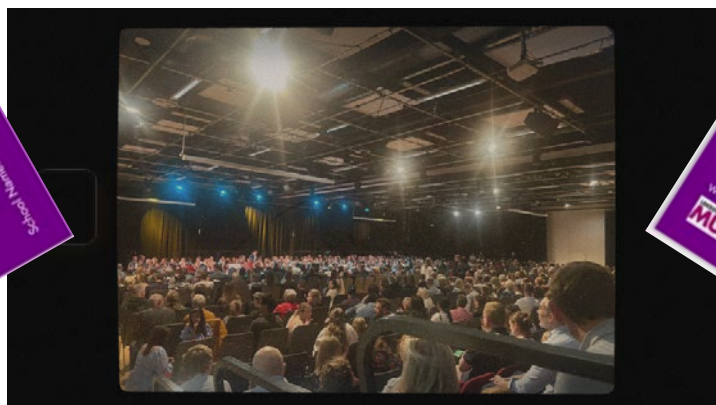
Students had a great day from resuscitating dogs, holding stick insects & hissing cockroaches to learning about DNA, memory and projectile motion!

Students also had talks delivered by The Elephant Group and DMU to really inspire them in their future pathways.





# Choral Spectacular



This term, 310 children from 13 of our Trust Primary schools came together for our first BEP Massed Choir event in conjunction with Leicestershire Music.

After only a few weeks of practicing at school, the children learnt the words and actions of 8 songs with a story book theme.

On Monday 1st July, the children arrived at The Venue at De Montfort University and spent the afternoon rehearsing with the other schools for the first time.

They were later joined by 12 members of the Wreake Valley Academy choir.



In the evening, they put on an absolutely amazing performance for an audience of 720 people. The Primary children introduced each of the 8 songs and sang them all beautifully.

Wreake Valley Choir sang 3 songs, including an outstanding solo. Thank you to everyone who supported the children and came to the event. You should all be very proud of yourselves.



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# Highgate Primary School



The children in all classes have taken part in Art week. They have been inspired by artist such as Kandinsky and Von Gogh.



We have had visitors over the summer term. Severn Trent came in and taught us lots of interesting facts about water. Leicester Tigers ran an amazing rugby tournament with our Y3 and Y4 children. We also had Olympian Joe Ferguson in to teach the children about sprinting.



Lots of the children have been on trips. The Y4's had a wonderful time at Beaumanor: building bridges, taking part in archery and rock climbing. The Y3's went to Warwick Castle and EYFS and Y1 went to the zoo.



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## Support Group for Parents whose children have Special Educational Needs

### Dates for 2024/25 Academic Year

**Friday 20th September - 10am - 12pm**

**Thursday 28th November - 1pm - 2:30pm**

**Friday 31st January - 10am - 12pm**

**Tuesday 25th March - 1pm - 2:30pm**

**Friday 9th May - 10am - 12pm**

**Thursday 26th June - 1pm - 2:30pm**

**At Bradgate Education Partnership we recognise that having a child with SEND can sometimes be a challenging and lonely place.**

**We run these sessions as an opportunity to share advice, experiences, talk or just listen. We also want to provide a space to celebrate yours and your child's successes.**

**Here is a rough agenda for each session -**

**Introduction  
Parent Story  
Visitor  
Tea, coffee and cake**



**If you are able to attend please contact  
Jess Evans on [jevans@bepschools.org](mailto:jevans@bepschools.org)**





We have had a very busy end to the academic year here at Ratby Primary School and we have come to the end of an era with our wonderful headteacher, Mrs Jones, leaving us at the end of this year to take up her role as Deputy Director of Education within the Trust. We will all miss her so much! Thank you for everything, Mrs Jones!



Year 4 have been busily preparing and rehearsing their songs ready for their end of year Ukulele performance! Their chosen songs include Count on Me by Bruno Mars and I love it by Icona Pop! They have loved learning this instrument this year and it has been great to watch them develop in confidence and ability

Our Year 5 pupils ventured to Drayton Manor Theme Park as part of their 'Scream Machine' topic. After arriving at the park, they made the most of a few spare minutes to go on a couple of rides. From here, one class went along to their Interactive Forces Workshop which involved discussions and investigations exploring how forces are used in Theme Park rides.



The children explored mass and weight along with acceleration and velocity to find the optimum speed for a loop the loop! They also considered how air resistance, gravity and friction can be used to speed up and slow rides down! Whilst one class were learning, the other explored the zoo which included some fascinating reptiles and a very exuberant parrot which they all enjoyed singing and dancing with!

After lunch, the children had plenty of time to experience the thrilling rides on offer! Some particular favourites included Thor and Maelstrom - a few pupils looked a little green as they walked away from that one! The pupils who chose to ride on Storm Force 10 got completely drenched and a few even got stuck on the ride, causing us to nearly miss our coach home! Oh the drama! One of our pupils said "This trip was extraordinary and I loved it as it was not only very fun but also educational!"



Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed our Summer term 'Land Ahoy' topic, where they have learnt all about pirates. They recently went on a treasure hunt around the school grounds and worked together to solve riddles and look for clues. The children worked very well to answer all riddles successfully and found a treasure chest hidden in the woods, filled with sparkly jewels, gold coins and a mysterious message in a bottle!

The children were super excited to read the message and were very intrigued to learn about a mysterious sea monster guarding an island in the Pacific Ocean rumoured to hold hidden treasure.

Year 2 were then tasked with writing their own warning letters to warn other pirates of the scary sea monster that lurks in the middle of the ocean. They all did an incredible job and shared some very creative ideas in their letters. What a fantastic end to their time in year 2.

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# Caterlink Awards



On Monday 8th July, Caterlink presented awards to Bradgate Education Partnership schools at an event that took place at Wreake Valley Academy.

*"Great team player who always fully supports her team and always has a smile"*

**Louise Crane**  
Eastfield Primary School



*"Has a great relationship with the school and is never off sick."*

**Lynne Hill**  
Gaddesby Primary School



**Lorraine Hunt**  
Church Hill Infant School



**Gemma Beeton**  
The Roundhill Academy



**Alison Beeston**  
Stafford Leys Primary School



**Kath Tuckwood**  
Mountfields Lodge Primary School



**Beverley Fotheringham**  
Swallowdale Primary School



*"Always willing to help out no matter what is requested of her and often at a minutes notice"*

*"Not one moan always willing to help out to the best of her ability and whilst being short staffed."*

*"Takes pride in her food she prepares and has on offer."*

*"Has great ideas which she shares with other Chef managers"*

*"She works hard and is very committed in her role. She has a great sense of humour and doesn't let anything fluster her. I found it remarkable she knows every single pupil at the school by name! This shows she has a fabulous relationship with the pupils and school."*







We've had an incredible summer term at Stafford Leys! EYFS have enjoyed their first sports day and are getting ready to go into year 1.

In **year 1**, the children have been impressing everyone with their writing and have even received a letter from Julia Donaldson! **Year 2** had an amazing time on their school sleepover and at the seaside. In **year 3**, the children had a brilliant time bringing their learning to life at the King Richard III visitor centre. **Year 4** have been celebrating their phenomenal results in the recent multiplication checks - over 70% of the children achieved 25 out of 25. To put their achievement into context, last year nationally 29% of children achieved this score. The children in **year 5** have been learning about Ancient Greece and recently enjoyed a Greek day. Finally, our **year 6** children have been getting ready to move to secondary school and enjoying their last weeks at primary school.

The PFA colour rush was an incredible success - the pictures speak for themselves! We had a great time getting covered in coloured paint, running through the bubbles and navigating the obstacle course.

We all want to say a massive thank you to the school PFA for organising a series of fantastic events for our school community this year and raising lots of money for the school. We can't wait for your special events next year.



In June, a group of children were chosen to represent the school

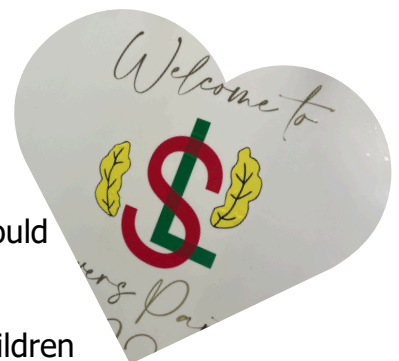
at the Area Athletics competition. All of the children were fantastic and Stafford Leys came second out of all of the schools that took part! Well done to everyone involved.

As this school year draws to a close we are saying goodbye to **Miss Jones**, **Miss Murrell** and **Mrs Fernando** in EYFS. We wish them the best of luck in their new roles. **Mrs Raske** will also be leaving us at the end of the week. I know lots of children have found memories of their time in the Forest School area with Mrs Raske and she will be missed by all of us. **Mr Thorne** is also moving on to teach PE a new school from September. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for all of his hard work with sports competitions and clubs over the years. We wish him all the best for the future.

**Mrs Bowie** and **Mrs Jones** also retire this summer after many years working at Stafford Leys. We hope you join us in wishing them a relaxing and well earned retirement. In other exciting news, **Miss Roberts** and **Mrs Brierley** both started their maternity leave last week. We wish them lots of luck! **Miss Kaur** also has some exciting news as she will be getting married over the summer break!

This time of year is always tinged with sadness as it is time for us to say goodbye to our year 6 children as they set off on their journeys to High School. Our Year 6 pupils have had a fantastic few weeks taking part in a variety of fun activities including bowling, an inflatable fun day and their leavers' disco. We would like to wish them lots of luck at their new schools.

Over the last few weeks the EYFS staff have been busy meeting parents and children who will be joining us in September. We hope they are as excited as we are for their school journey to begin here at Stafford Leys



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## Trips and Residential

This term, children at Swallowdale have taken part in a number of different trips including Burghley House, Belvoir Castle, New Walk museum, Perlethorpe Centre, National Justice Museum, Belvoir Cricket Day, Outdoor Pursuits Centre and of course the BEP Massed Choir to support our learning across the curriculum.

Year 6 have also had the opportunity to attend their residential at Culmington Manor where they took part in a whole range of activities including abseiling, underground maze, using the zip wire and canoeing.



## Artists Visits

We are passionate about Art at Swallowdale and this term has been no exception. Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed working with local artist Deborah Bird. The children used the book 'The Queen's Knickers' to inspire them to create their own artwork and explore different themes and designs using a variety of materials. Both year groups relished this opportunity and produced some superb masterpieces!

Year 4 children enjoyed taking part in an art workshop by local artist Chloe Jean Brown. Chloe's work focusses on communicating her passion for nature by creating hyper realistic oil paintings of plants. Chloe is also inspired by her love of music and in this session the children learnt to use oil pastels to visualise the beat, rhythm and melodies of a variety of songs to create expressive abstract works of art.

## Wrong Trousers Day

Swallowdale School Council organised for us to take part in Wallace and Gromit's 'The Wrong Trousers Day' on Friday 21st June. Children had the opportunity to come to school wearing their wrong trousers- we were delighted to see a range of trousers including some home decorated ones. The council chose this event to help raise money for Children's Hospitals around the country who provide support for sick children and their families.



## Sporting Events

During the summer term, children from Swallowdale have enjoyed participating in a range of sporting events and competitions including KS1 Sports festival, football, netball, Quadkids and athletics. Throughout all the competitions, we have been proud of the children who have modelled the school's values consistently. Well done to everyone!

Our swimming pool arrived on site on Monday 17th June. After a week of setting up, filling and heating we were ready to go!

We then had 2 weeks of swimming lessons which meant that each child in the school received an intensive course of 5 sessions, with some receiving additional booster sessions if required.

With this being a complete change to how we have delivered school swimming before we were nervous for how this would go – but we were so pleased with the outcome. The children thoroughly enjoyed each session and this new experience. We are already looking forward to our sessions next year



We are very proud of our Hockey team who came 3rd in the School Games finals at Loughborough university on Thursday 27th June.

Our Year 6 children have been busy working as a team to prepare the class planters which have recently been built. Each class now has their own planter ready to get growing in the new school year.



Our Summer Fair was super-sized this year as we teamed up with the village for their Feast weekend.

It was a rainy start, but this didn't put off the crowds who came to visit the many stalls and games that were on offer. A huge thank you to the Friends of Great Dalby who organised this fantastic event and raised a record-breaking amount.





# Roundhill Academy



The summer term at secondary school has been a balance of trips and GCSEs!

Our Year 11 students sat their final exams which finished at the end of June, followed by one of the most important dates in the calendar - **Prom!**

We have welcomed our new Year 7 starters for two days transition in July. This has given pupils an opportunity to get used to secondary school before they start in August.

We have welcomed Year 5 & 6 pupil for taster sessions in a range of subjects over the summer term, this has given pupils an opportunity to sample secondary school life ahead of choosing their secondary school on Oct 31st 2024. We look forward to offering more of these sessions over the next academic year. Please see our website for more information.

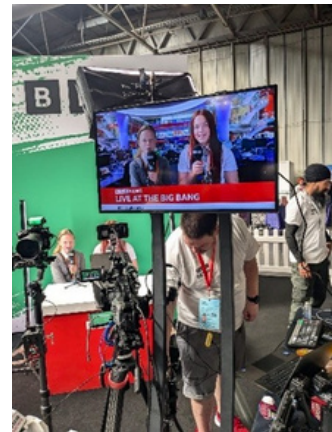


Students from all years have experienced learning outside the classroom with a variety of trips.

Year 8s sampled life at the Black Country Museum, Year 9's learnt more about the Holocaust. Our budding scientists and engineers enjoyed at day at the NEC for the Big Bang Fair. With a focus on careers and Further Education, our Year 10 students enjoyed trips to Lincoln University, Brooksby College and our own Bradgate Sixth Form.

These gave valuable insight into life after Roundhill and the options available.

Year 10 Geographers explored Burbage Brook learning more about Distinctive Landscapes, investigating how a river changed from source to mouth.



Our final few days have seen sports day and end of year reward trips to both Alton Towers and Drayton Manor theme park.

Former pupil Esapa Osong joined us on our sports day, bringing with him as a gift one of his debut shirts for Nottingham Forest.

Esapa is currently training with the first team at Nottingham Forest and we look forward to seeing his progression over the next season and beyond.



Over the summer, work will continue to take place across our site which includes continuation of our redecoration plan throughout school and we hope to have a revamp to our entrance at the front to our school! Watch this space!

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# Mercenfeld Primary School



Year 2 and Year 3 have taken part in a national schools linking project.

We were partnered with two Year 2 classes from King Richard III school in Leicester. The Linking Network vision is to help schools develop a positive, cohesive ethos by helping children to explore identity and celebrate diversity. During the school year, both schools had regular contact through a video call, sending artwork and 'all about me' fact files.

The year ended with the children and staff from King Richard's school spending the day with us at Mercenfeld.



Sky Arts Week was in June and children took up the challenge. The theme this year was 'Connection' - helping pupils to explore how they can connect to themselves, each other and the world around them, through art.

At Art club, the children were inspired by the artist Mr Doodle to create their own landscape doodle picture. The children produced some great pieces of art using their own doodling skills. These are just some of the amazing pieces produced.

We had an incredible Sports Day this year and the weather was unbelievable.

All of the children had a superb time and enjoyed racing for their houses. It was so much fun to see some parents taking part as well. We were all very impressed by the dedication and determination shown by all participants. Well done to Centaur who were the victorious house in Sports Day and across all of the Interhouse competitions!



Our Year 5/6 boys football team ended their year with their finals at Wreake Valley in the Bradgate Education Partnership football league. This involved the best 4 teams across the trust. The boys managed to achieve third place overall.

The Girls football team have had many fixtures in the last few weeks and won majority of their games, but we are just awaiting the final league tables. We anticipate the girls will have finished inside the top 3 of the league!

This term, Year 6 pupils went on their residential. This year, we travelled to a PGL site in Newby Wiske in North Yorkshire for the week. The children stunned us with the amount of resilience and determination shown when taking on daring challenges such as abseiling, free jump and Jacob's ladder.



On Monday 17th June, Year 2 were lucky enough to visit Tamworth Castle. What an action-packed day they had! They visited the armoury room and dressed up in chain mail and looked at the different weapons that would have been used in battles. They visited the dungeon, met Lady Ferrars who taught them how to set the table ready for a banquet and took part in the 'Squire's Academy Workshop'. What an amazing day!



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It is hard to believe that we are in the final week of the academic year – it has flown by and there have been so many wonderful moments that our wonderful Church Hill family have shared!

## **Year 1 Visit to Stonehurst Farm**

The children go to bring their science learning to life by seeing the farm animals, learning how to look after them and understanding what they eat. It was a perfect time of year to visit as the children also got to see some young animals that had recently been born and they were very cute. A popular part of the day was when the children got to ride in the trailer and had a tour of the farm seeing the sheep, chickens and a noisy turkey on their way! Time playing on the hay bales was the perfect end to a wonderful day.



## **Foundation Stage Visit to Manor Farm**

A trip to East Leake helped the children identify and name many farm yard animals and also get to stroke some of them such as a rabbit, Guinea pig and a tortoise.

A highlight of the day was getting to see the different birds and we were lucky enough to have one of the staff give us a talk and an up close look at an owl and a vulture. It was a beautiful day to go exploring through the paddocks to see donkeys, sheep, goats and even some alpacas! One of the highlights of the day would have been the play barn and the big slide – even Mrs Elliott had a go!



## **Amazing Achievements**

- Year 1 pupils were amazing during their phonics screening – you were all fabulous and wowed us with your determination
- Foundation Stage Pupils have worked together so wonderfully in these last few weeks – they have truly shown our school values of kindness and teamwork and they have made their teachers very proud
- Year 2 have coped well with their transition days to the Junior School (alongside practicing for the Leavers concert)
- Change can be daunting but they have been so resilient and calm
- Church Hill Infants has been selected to be part of the Energy Sparks scheme for free again next year and we will continue to find ways to reduce energy costs and make small changes to help the planet.

## **Year 2 – time to say Goodbye**

A whole calendar of activities has marked the final week of our Year 2 pupil's journey. There have been movies, a Luau Disco, Leavers Concert, awards, an ice cream van and lots of time spent together remembering their amazing 3 year journey.

We would like to wish all our Year 2 pupils the best of luck as they continue their learning journey – you have made us very proud this year – keep being the best you can be!



# Eastfield Primary School and Bradgate Preschool



We have had a busy summer term filled with numerous events and activities that enriched our students' learning experiences. It has been a fantastic celebration of community, togetherness, learning and opportunity.

## Year 2 Seaside Adventure

Year 2 students have been diving deep into their seaside studies, and what better way to enrich their learning than with an actual trip to the coast?

Our Year 2 explorers visited Sheringham, where they stayed at the YHA and had a whirlwind of activities. They learned about sea rescue at the RNLI, explored local history at the Sheringham Museum, enjoyed some delicious ice cream, and spent quality time playing and learning on the beach.



## Holi Festival Celebration

We brought the vibrant festival of Holi to life with a fantastic colour dash! Our students and staff enjoyed a day filled with colour, joy, and cultural celebration, making unforgettable memories and learning about the significance of this festival.



## Bradgate Preschool Open Day

Bradgate Preschool welcomed numerous visitors during their open day. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to explore the setting, meet the staff, and see first-hand the enriching environment we provide for our youngest learners.

## Year 4 Survival and Extreme Earth

Year 4 students have been immersed in their studies on survival skills and extreme earth. To culminate this exciting unit, they experienced an unforgettable camping adventure right here at school. The day was filled with activities and they concluded the evening with a cosy fire, sharing stories and experiences next to the fire.



## Year 6 Girls Football Team

Our Year 6 girls' football team has shown tremendous spirit and teamwork this term. They have trained hard and played with passion. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements on the field.



This term has been a wonderful demonstration of our school community coming together to create rich learning opportunities. We look forward to more exciting activities and events in the future!

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What a fantastic term Year 6 have had! After working extremely hard in their SATs they got stuck into some real life lessons with their Enterprise work.

After working in groups to decide what they would buy and sell, they set up an incredibly successful stall after school selling all sorts of goods - from key chains to lucky dips, pick and mix to fidget toys and a penalty shoot out.

Their creativity was amazing and they raised a massive £307.90! It was a fantastic event and a great way to end their time here at Gaddesby.

Well done Year 6 - we have some future business men and women in our midst!



Years 5 & 6 enjoyed a visit from the Leicestershire Air Quality Theatre Project, learning about how to maintain a healthy environment.



Our years 3,4,5 & 6 team had a fantastic time at the recent QuadKids events. After winning the South Charnwood Area games they went on to represent South Charnwood in the county finals.

A brilliant achievement and congratulations to our year 3/4 team who also won the Spirit of the Games award.





In June the whole school took part in World Music Day. Children and staff dressed up as famous musicians – we even had our own staff Spice Girls! Throughout the day there were Stop...Drop...Music sessions – we all stopped what we were doing and listened to different types of music. Children who played instruments had the opportunity to perform to classes and we were fortunate to have a Brass Quartet play to the school.



The Summer Term is always busy with Sporting Events and Sports Days. We had 56 children take part in the Loughborough Town Sports with great success in the 200m and throwing events.

In the North Charnwood Quad Kids there were medal wins for our Y3/4 and Y5/6 team.



We have had a wonderful day making the most of our beautiful school grounds! We took time to appreciate nature and each class have painted rocks after being inspired by the wildlife that surrounds us.

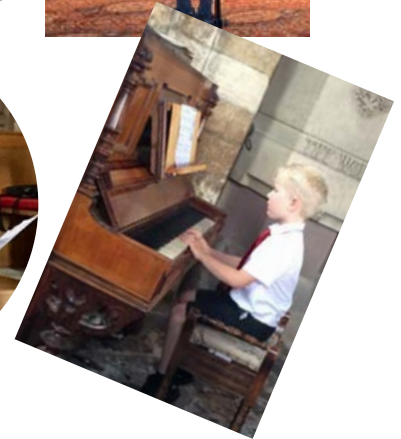
The dry weather meant that we could spend the whole day outside and enjoy lots of different activities, such as tree measuring, sketching, acting as squirrels and observing wildlife.





## Magnificent Musical Evening!

I am delighted to share with you the wonderful success of our recent musical evening. It was an evening filled with remarkable performances that showcased the incredible talents of our students. We had 43 children participating, each demonstrating their growing skills and passion for music. The event featured outstanding individual performances, as well as delightful group presentations from our guitar and ukulele ensembles. The school choir also delivered a splendid performance, adding to the evening's charm.



## Charity Giving Days

Class 5 organised an auction of activities, and the students enthusiastically participated by offering their skills in various areas. They helped in preschool class with yoga sessions and conducted an engaging art lesson for Class 4. Their dedication and creativity were truly commendable. Class 3 hosted a carnival of activities and an ice pop sale. The event was a huge success, with students enjoying the fun-filled afternoon.



The enthusiasm and hard work of Class 3 students were evident in every aspect of the event, making it a memorable experience for everyone. Class 1 and Class 2 are gearing up for their sponsored walk on Wednesday 10th July. We are confident that this event will be just as successful, and we are excited to see our youngest students contributing to our charity efforts.

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This year has raced by and we have had such a positive year at school. There have been many changes to the building with more to come over the summer! We are excited about the new classroom due late August-September. Our children have all had the chance to go on school trips and take part in clubs after school. The teachers have worked hard to improve the curriculum that our children are learning. Lunchtimes are now full of activities and fun for our children.

Andy Kitchen is leaving to return to his school after the summer holiday. He has really enjoyed working with the staff, children and parents at Cobden over the last 18 months and will really miss you all. He was originally only helping for a few months and he is so glad that he got to be there for so long.

## Year 5

In year 5, our highlights would include the trip to the Black Country Living Museum and our recent Ancient Greek day - the children loved trying on the armour and tasting some Greek food. But there were some more unexpected highlights too, such as making poo during a science lesson about the digestive system! Both classes thoroughly enjoyed sports day and tossing the caber as part of the Scotland topic. Scottish food also went down well. It seems year 5 have quite a cosmopolitan food palate.

## Year 2

Our Year 2s had a fabulous trip to Bradgate Park. We enjoyed the wildlife, the scenery and having fun with our friends and teachers!

## Year 1

Our trip to the zoo was fantastic. We loved seeing all of the animals. The monkeys were our favourite.

## Sport

A very busy last few weeks in PE and a big thank you for coming to join in with our Sports Day in June. The children were amazing and should be really proud of themselves. We've had a few visits out this month as well as taking part in some Rugby matches at Welford Road, home of the Leicester Tigers and also taking our KS2 sports leaders up to Charnwood College to celebrate all the hard work over this past year. We've had lots of visitors to the school this year such as, Leicestershire County Cricket and Aston Villa coaches adding sport specific knowledge to our PE lessons.

A big thank you to Mr Hull for all of his work here!

## Year 3

We have loved Year 3 and especially our end of term trip to Twinlakes....even if we were a little late back!





# Broomfield Primary School



We love learning at Broomfield and enjoy all the wide variety of experiences that come our way. Here are a few highlights from the Summer Term!

Year 3 visiting our linking school – Sandfield Close. We completed science experiments and enjoyed being in their school for the day



Representing South Charnwood and meeting the Mayor of Charnwood and Rutland



Year 1 enjoying their music lessons



Year 5/6 having a great time at the Tigers ground playing rugby

Everybody enjoyed a PE session with Olympic long jumper Rey Banigo



A pirate day for Foundation Stage



Year 5 Space centre visit



Year 6 enjoying an outdoor fish and chip lunch



Year 2 Twycross Zoo visit

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## New Head Teachers

In the Autumn Term, we have a number of new Head Teachers starting in our Trust schools.

- Patrick Betts will be the Head Teacher at The Merton Primary School
- Hettie Culling will be the Head Teacher at Seagrave Primary School
- Mel Evans will be the Head Teacher at The Pochin Primary School
- Anne Perry will be the Head Teacher at Ratby Primary School
- Ben Rackley will be the Head Teacher at Wreake Valley Academy

## Our Sporty Staff!

Mrs Collins, one of our Directors of Education, successfully completed The Dambuster Triathlon on 23rd June 2024 at Rutland Water. Well done Mrs Collins!

Mrs Teece completed the London Marathon in an impressive time in April-another great role model for our young people!

Mrs Gray, our HR Director, recently completed the Derby half marathon-medals galore!



## Work Experience at Bradgate Education Partnership

Seb, a Year 12 Student from a Leicestershire College recently completed a work experience placement within the Central Team. Here's some feedback from him:

*"My work experience placement within the Bradgate Educational Partnership was a really positive experience.*

*In my time there, I shadowed within the finance and IT departments which helped me increase my knowledge around two fields I am interested in pursuing in the future.*

*Being within a professional environment helped me to understand how the working world operates and I benefitted from learning from how others act in these environments.*

*I feel my time at the BEP helped me become more prepared for entering a professional job in the future and I am grateful for the opportunity I was given."*

Seb , Year 12 Student.

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