## CET NEWSLETTER

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#### Message from the CEO

This academic year seems to be flying by and we are already into the first half of the summer term! This is an important term for all pupils as they consolidate the learning they have completed this academic year and prepare for the transition in to their next year group. It is therefore vital that we continue to work together to ensure that the attendance of all pupils is the best it can be. We know that school leaders are working closely with you all to ensure that attendance continues to improve for all pupils – we thank you for your support and engagement endeavour.

We have had a productive term together as a group of schools. School leaders have been collaborating across the Trust in a number of priority areas such as: assessment of pupil progress, writing moderation, safeguarding and attendance. We are clear that we are stronger together and the opportunity to work in this way and share best practice improves all of our schools.

Some exciting news – the CET Central Team was nominated for the Multi-Academy Trust Team of the Year at the National MAT Awards. We are very clear that everyone in the Trust has contributed towards the strengthening and improvement of CET over the past few years and so it was fabulous that CET was recognised in this way. The awards ceremony took place on 7th March.

We were delighted to be shortlisted in this category, to attend the ceremony and send our congratulations to the winning trust, The Learning Partnership.

The Central Team along with our Chair of Trustees, Liam Harrison, pictured at the awards ceremony



Please keep a look out for our annual survey that will be coming out this term. Your views and feedback about the impact of our work with pupils and the communities we serve is vital to our continued improvement, and to our planning for next year.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer term. Sarah Mitchell

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## BOURTON MEADOW NEWS





#### **Cooking Competition**



Every year, Y6 children have chance to participate in the BMA Cooking Competition. Last term saw round 2 of the competition, bread. Children made a variety of breads, dips and butters. Staff were impressed by skills shown and the variety of flavours.

#### **Sporting Success**



Children competed in the netball and Y3 and 4 football tournaments at the Royal Latin school last term and were crowned winners in both competitions! The children enjoyed competing against other local schools and worked as a team to achieve success.

#### **Music at BMA**

In February, 38 children from Bourton Meadow performed in the Young Voices concert at Resort World Arena in Birmingham. Having prepared for months, children (and staff) the enjoyed performing a variety of numbers from musicals, Korean folk songs, pop medleys and original songs. The concert was attended by thousands of parents. It was made even more special with a shout out for BMA and an offer to visit school by the Musical Director after the show. BMA's Music Lead, Mr Brody, and some of the children were even interviewed camera for the promotional video! In school, they have introduced a new sound to Friday singing assemblies. Accompanied by Mr Brody on the piano and guitar, they have been singing numbers by Adele, Ed Sheeran and Taylor Swift. The children's favourite seems to be a rousing rendition of Mama Mia!



#### Year 5 Residential

In the last week of the Spring Term, Year 5 children enjoyed a two-night residential trip to Ashbourne in the Peak District. The children took part in hiking and walking around the beautiful scenery, created environmental art and worked together in team building activities.

## GEORGE GRENVILLE NEWS



# Town's Holocaust Memorial Service



Year 6 were invited to take part in Buckingham's Holocaust Memorial Service on Friday 26 January. The children adorned leaves with names of Holocaust victims, which were then handed to attendees to cast into the river during a moment of reflection.



Children across the school have been learning about life cycles. They have carefully observed the process from egg to chick and the youngest children in Nursery have even written diaries and shared them with older pupils in Year 3.

#### **WOW (week of walks)**

Nursery and Reception children enjoyed spotting the signs of Spring by going on a Spring walk. The Reception class looked for minibeasts and collected moss and leaves for their bug hotels. They loved having parents with them, helping to make the bug hotels and carefully cutting elder branches and digging out their centers to make wooden bead necklaces.







George Grenville School are proud of the Year 3 and 4 football team who took part in the North Bucks tournament in February. The children all played very well where the school values of 'teamwork' and 'respect' were consistently demonstrated.



#### **Young Voices**

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic experience early in the Spring term, when they visited Birmingham Arena to take part in the world's largest children's choir. It was so exciting and the children were amazing!

#### **World Book Day**



staff and children celebrated World Book Day with lots of activities. The day started with 'Breakfast with a Book', where children and their enjoyed a mixture of pastries whilst listening to stories being read. Children dressed up and took part in decorating a 'Book in a Bottle'. The highlight was visiting the local library and University Book Shop where every child was able to come away with a book!

## **LACE HILL NEWS**





#### **World Book Day**

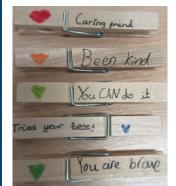
Lace Hill enjoyed World Book Day last month. Children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters, studied Oliver Twist and even got to see Oliver Twist come to life in a special World Book Day production!



#### Lace Hill's Choir



Lace Hill have their very own choir. The school community are proud of their achievements and look forward to their performances. A definite highlight for the children was singing at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham in February.



Lace Hill look after each other and introduced these positive pegs as part of Mental Health week. Mental Mind Champions give them out to different people each week to celebrate every child's vital contribution.



Children have been working hard on developing their computing skills at coding



club. Many children take part and are creating some impressive films using their ever improving skills and knowledge.





Children at Lace Hill were delighted to be presented with their very own branded sports kit. Pupils wear this with pride at the many sports festivals they take part in. Thank you so much to Workwear Trade Centre.

#### **LHA Entrepreneurs**





Lace Hill children welcomed Nigel Adams from Buckingham University to school last term. He visited to talk to pupils about the 'Make £5 grow challenge'. Children who took part demonstrated that Lace Hill entrepreneur skills are amazing!

## **LUMBERTUBS NEWS**





#### World Book Day 2024

Children went to school dressed as their favourite book character or as a word of their choice and had a day filled with books and smiles, celebrating everything they love about reading. Jasmyne from Weston Favell Library visited to talk about



all of the books they have for people to borrow - 28,000 of them! There was a real 'buzz' around school in the afternoon, when parents were invited into the classrooms to read with their children. Thank you, and well done to the whole school community for creating a successful day.

#### **Year 6 Residential**

Just before half term the whole of Y6 went on their residential to Whitemoor Lakes in Staffordshire. They had an amazing time and showed all of the Lumbertubs School core values, particularly determination. Here's what they said: -

I really enjoyed the challenge activity because it helped us develop great teamwork

It was fun and I would love to do it again.

The abseiling was really challenging but I'm really glad that I tried my hardest and I did it.



Lumbertubs' history and I'm glad I did it.
The staff there were funny and helpful.
I really enjoyed the opportunity to do the different activities.
They were scary but fun and they really challenged me.

It was the best trip in



Lumbertubs did something funny for money and went to school with Crazy Hair for Comic Relief. A huge thank you to all children and parents for their support - £160 was raised!

### Basketball Tournament Success



A number of children who attend Hotshots Basketball After School Club took part in a local basketball tournament. The team played well and demonstrated great team work. They were delighted to secure the win and will now progress to play in the County finals.

Congratulaions to Anais in Y4 who finished 1st, taking the gold medal, in a trampolining competition in Nottingham. What an amazing performance!



## **MOORLAND NEWS**







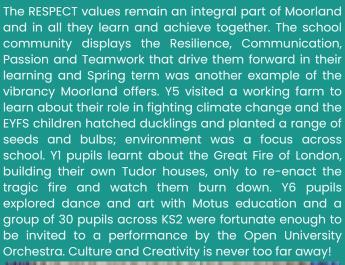




















## **SPRING LANE NEWS**



#### **Pedalling into Summer at Spring Lane**

Thanks to Mr Chard, SLP have won 6 high-quality bikes that children will be able to use as they learn to cycle. The Frog pedal bikes will be used to expand the delivery of cycling to KS1 children in the summer terms. These bikes will support the progression of non-riding children from balance bikes to their first pedal cycles and hopefully will encourage all children to become riding proficient before reaching Yr 5 and taking Bikeability courses available through the PE sessions as 'Spring Riders'. Great job Mr Chard!



#### **World Book Day at SLP**

The whole school celebrated World Book Day on 7 March. It was wonderful to see the children dressed up as words and book characters and there was a huge buzz around reading. Teachers across the school encouraged the children to take part in a variety of different reading themed activities including quizzes, book hunts and storybook charades.





## Body and Feeling Detectives



Pupils in Y2 to Y5 had a special visit from Coram Life Education and took part in an engaging PSHE workshop, meeting 'Healthy Harold' the giraffe and friends. They became body and feeling detectives by having discussions and watching films to learn about how to keep their body and mind healthy, about friendships and their influence, and also about how choices and behaviours can affect their health and learning outcomes.

#### **SLP PE and Sport in Focus**

Last term, Spring Lane took part in an array of sporting events ranging from Boccia to cycling.









