# CET **NEWSLETTER**

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### Message from the CEO

Welcome back to the new term and we wish you all a wonderful 2025!

We encourage you to take a moment to read below and explore the highlights from each of our CET schools, showcasing the extensive opportunities available to pupils.

In addition to the excellent work within our schools, we continue to prioritise our work together as a group of schools. For example, last term, Trustees and Members came together for a strategy day, and we also met with Headteachers and Chairs of Governors to align on priorities for the year ahead. Furthermore, we continue to work closely as a unified leadership team across the Trust, hosting strategy days for Headteachers and Business Managers to focus on financial objectives. Senior Leadership Teams also meet regularly to establish and advance school improvement priorities and initiatives.

This spirit of teamwork spanning all schools and our central team ensures that we are all living our CET values, working collectively to deliver the best possible outcomes for each school and the communities we serve.

Best wishes, Sarah Mitchell

Event Feedback examples

I enjoyed seeing each school's celebration of their successes and getting a flavour of each school in the trust. Some faces from other schools are becoming familiar and that helps to foster a sense of us all belonging to something bigger than just our individual school. Sir John's talk was inspiring and contained some good nuggets of wisdom.

Sir John Jones was brilliant and very inspiring. It has been great to have the opportunity to meet other schools within

Excellent speaker, really motivational, relevant and engaging. Really valuable chance to liaise with colleagues from other schools.

Sarah Mitchell showed us so clearly the progress we have made with clear direction on next steps. Such a good balance of support and challenge.

The sense of 'team' is very strong - opportunities to work collaboratively excite me!

A reminder of why we do this job and children are at the heart of everything we do.

### **Annual Inspiration Event** a Resounding Success

The highlight of the Autumn Term was our second Inspiration Event, held on Monday 4th November. The reason this is the highlight is because on this day all staff, governors, trustees and also our external partners came together. Our event themes this year were:



Pictured: Sir John Jones

Celebrating Successes, Building on Progress and Including Everyone.

We heard from each of the school teams about their success over the last year, looked ahead in line with our Trust priorities and also discussed our Inclusion Strategy. We then ended the morning with an inspirational talk from Sir John Jones who beautifully pulled each of our conference themes together.

# **BOURTON MEADOW NEWS**



#### **Author Visit**

Pupils in Y1 and Y3 enjoyed a visit from Ruth Quayle: the author of the Magnificent Mabel series. Ruth ran interactive story telling sessions followed by a writing workshop. The children enjoyed being creative, inventing gruesome stories of their own! Joshua brought some of his own stories and illustrations into enjoyed receiving school and expert feedback from Ruth!





# Remembrance Day

Staff, children and parents all came

together for Bourton Meadow's annual Remembrance Service in November. Pupils in Year 6 read a selection of poems and the House Captains lay the wreaths made by all the children during a whole-school house event. Staff were incredibly proud of the respect shown by all of the pupils.



Friends of Bourton Meadow (PTA) treated the whole school to a fantastic performance of Peter Pan by M&M Theatre Productions. The children had a great time!



Reception children enjoyed welcoming their parents/carers into school last term for a variety of events including a 'Stay and Play' session and a Reading Café, held in the new library. The grown-ups seem to have enjoyed it as much as the children and it was lovely welcoming new families into the school community.

### **Great Fire of Buckingham**

A group of Year 6 children along with Mr Hawes, BMA's History Lead, have been working on an exciting project to commemorate the Great Fire of Buckingham, which occurred 300 years ago in March 1725. This collaborative effort with the Buckingham Rotary Club and Men in Sheds has resulted in a scaled model of the town, as it would have appeared 300 years ago, complete with representations of burnt houses.







Congratulations to Y5/6 pupils who won a football festival held at the Royal Latin School, competing against other local primary schools. Staff are very proud of their achievement but also their excellent behaviour and positive and respectful attitudes on and off the pitch.

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# GEORGE GRENVILLE NEWS







#### Hindu Festival Navaratri

YI had a special visitor, Joyti, who told them all about the nine day Hindu festival, Navaratri. Joyti explained why and how Hindu's celebrate Nivaratri. Everyone loved learning a special dance as part of the celebrations. One of the children in the class taught the others how to do a stick dance, which is usually part of Hindu celebrations.

#### **Acts of Kindness**

Kindness Week saw great ideas across school including Y2 who decided to raise money for Childline by holding a bake sale and making cards to send to a local care home. Y4 volunteered to help with the clearing and drying up in the hall after school lunch. Well done everybody!





Nursery children had fun exploring Autumn, using autumnal colours to create art inspired by the leaves and pinecones that they discovered in their nursery garden

Poems were read and songs were sung at the best attended Harvest Festival Assembly for years, led by Y6. Y5 later hand delivered all of the donations to Buckingham Food Bank as part of their citizenship work. It was a wonderful community event.



#### **Y5&6 Residential Trip**

Y5/6 stayed at Condover Hall for their residential. There were lots of activities including abseiling, orienteering, archery, kayaking and zip wiring. They also enjoyed a disco and lots of team building opportunities. Condover staff said they were the most polite school group staying.







GGA were visited by the New Mozart Orchestra. Children enjoyed a wonderful concert and learned about the four instrument families. They also sang along to 'You've Got a Friend in Me.'



Thank you for welcoming both Sarah Harrison and myself into the community at Grenville. We have appreciated the support of parents and children with the recent changes to the behaviour approach at school.

We have many exciting learning opportunities planned for the term ahead for our children.

Lucy Berry

Interim Executive Headteacher

03/07

# **LACE HILL NEWS**





### **LHA Pupil Parliament**

Here are the representatives for LHA's Pupil Parliament this year. Already, they have led fundraising for the Poppy Appeal and Children in Need, with many other ideas planned for the Spring term.

### **Author Visit to School**



Lace Hill's Year 5 class took part in an interactive workshop with the New Mozart Orchestra.

Children in Y1-6 took part in some exciting coding workshops. The workshops focused on the fundamentals of coding and programming with pupils using their computational thinking skills to become problem solvers.



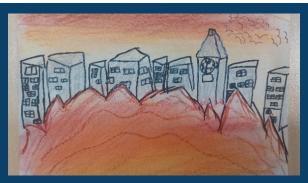
Jon Harvey visited school and shared his book, The Mayor's Bear with staff and children. The book is dedicated to the children of Lace Hill Academy following on from Jon opening the school library when he was Mayor!



Pupils across school have been taking part in projects to commemorate 300 years since the Great Fire of Buckingham. One of these includes a scale model of the town.



Many children have represented LHA at local sports festivals last term, including netball, tag rugby and football.



Y3 and Y4 took part in the BAFA Art competition inspired by fire. Here is one of the LHA finalists' entries.

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# **LUMBERTUBS NEWS**





Y3 took part in 9 weeks of recorder lessons with a teacher from the Northamptonshire

Music and Performing Arts Trust. On Wednesday, 27 November Y3 parents and carers were invited to a Recorder Concert so the children could demonstrate what they had been learning. They did a brilliant job.

Year 3 . Recorder Concert



### Maths Mania





In November Lumbertubs held their first Maths Mania day of the year. All classes had the opportunity to design and create Christmas maths games. Snap games, bingo or classic board games were designed and, in the afternoon, classes got together and shared the games they had made.

### **Reading Challenge**

Over October half term children (and staff) took part in an extreme reading challenge. They were challenged to find the strangest places they could to enjoy reading. We had lots of entries with children reading in the bath, on top of a fridge, at pumpkin patches and even with the Royal Family!



On 13 November, 9 children from Y4, Y5 and Y6 took part in the KS2 Fun Run at Abington Park. They were challenged to run at least 4 laps of 2 football pitches. All the children demonstrated resilience, self-belief and determination! The staff felt very proud.



Last month Lumbertubs took part in the School Games National Santa Dash which is all about having fun whilst being active. All the children wore Christmas or Santa hats and ran laps of the playground. There were lots of smiles and everyone felt very festive!

### **MOORLAND NEWS**





### **Courage and Kindness at MPS**

Last term, Moorland launched their Anti Bullying week with a visit from OpenView Theatre who put on a performance and then ran workshops for the children based around the themes of Courage and Kindness.

#### Parents attend Story Café

80% of Reception parents attended a Story café and got involved in a huge range of story themed activities. The staff, parents and children thoroughly enjoyed the morning.



#### Remembrance Parade

MPS felt privileged to once again be asked to participate in the Woughton Remembrance Parade. The School council represented the school and showed great respect and humility as they laid the wreath on behalf of school.





**Moorland** 

**Parent Survey** 

October 24

### **Snow White Production for MPS**

M&M Productions were invited back into MPS for their much anticipated and fun annual performance. This time it was Snow White. The sound of laughter echoed throughout Moorland as the children and engaged and entertained all afternoon!



My child knows who to talk to if they are

**100**%

100%

feels safe

at school.

The Headlines

unhappy or upset.

Behaviour at

the school is

98º/o

well managed. My child enjoys being at school most days.

96%

The school has a clear behaviour system.

**100**% I know who to

talk to if I have a concern

100º/o

I feel part

community

of the

school

**98**%

i would recommend the school to another parent

Moorland's Parent survey results are in! An overwhelmingly positive response with feedback that shows how valued the school is within the community.

Moorland Primary School have been busy supporting charities and raising awareness for important causes throughout the Autumn Term. They took part in the MacMillan coffee morning, Hello Yellow (Children's mental health) and Odd socks day (celebrating differences).



#### **MPS Pupil** Charity work and **Awareness** Raising





# **SPRING LANE NEWS**







### Celebrating a Special Birthday at Spring Lane

Last Term, Spring Lane marked a very special milestone in the life of their school — its 150th birthday! The celebrations kicked off with a wonderful whole-school assembly in the hall, with over 400 of the school community.

SLP's youngest FS2 children were attending their first assembly, joining together to honour the rich history of Spring Lane. They explored fascinating historical facts about school, sang a celebration song, and finished with a heartfelt rendition of 'Happy Birthday' for Spring Lane.

A photographer attended to take a very special '150' aerial picture that was formed by every child in the school.

There were many cakes made which represented 15 decades — staff needed help from lots of children to blow out all the candles!

Throughout the day, pupils took part in themed lessons, from creating special birthday cards for the school to drawing detailed pictures of their historic school building. Some classrooms even recreated Victorian schoolrooms, giving the children a glimpse into what school life might have been like 150 years ago.

As the day drew to a close, all classes sang the Spring Lane celebration song, and each child received a Spring Lane cupcake as a sweet memento, prepared by SLP's fantastic catering team.

