# CET NEWSLETTER

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### Message from the CEO

As we come to the end of the academic year it is important to look back together on all that has been achieved.

It has been another significant year at Campfire Education Trust during which we have continued to strengthen and improve together across all areas of our work.

The examples shared below from each school demonstrate the extent of the breadth of the curriculum offer across all CET schools, as well as the distinctiveness of each. As we continue to collaborate and support one another, we also recognise the unique strengths that all of our schools add to the greater whole of the Trust as one organisation.

All schools have been working hard to have more ambition for pupils, and their outcomes. This year, pupils' outcomes across CET have improved significantly and we should all feel pride in how far we have come and excited by the strong foundation this learning provides us so that we can build an even stronger future together.

I would like to thank all staff, pupils, parents, carers, governors, trustees and members for their continued support, challenge and hard work this year. Thank you to everyone that completed the surveys this term, your feedback is vital in ensuring that we continually develop and improve how we serve our Trust community.

We wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to working with you next year to continue to secure the very best education for all of our pupils.

Best wishes, Sarah Mitchell

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# BOURTON MEADOW NEWS





### BMA Annual Colour Run Fundraiser

On Friday 12 July, BMA children enjoyed their annual colour run sponsored event. Children sprinted, jogged and walked around the school field and the local park to raise money for the Friends of Bourton Meadow PTA. The climax was KS2 children paint throwing to celebrate all they had achieved. They had so much fun and raised vital funds for the school.



### The Lion King

The end of term performance this year was The Lion King. Children have really enjoyed rehearsing and the show has proved to be a hit from the very first performance! Staff are so proud of all that the pupils have achieved at Bourton Meadow.



#### Mrs Berry's note

It has been a busy and rewarding final term at Bourton Meadow. We have enjoyed residential trips, sports days, assemblies,

performances and exciting curriculum learning. We hope you have enjoyed seeing just some of our highlights.



Literacy in Primary Poetry Award) ceremony in London. The event celebrates outstanding poetry published for children. The pupils had a brilliant day and met a number of famous authors. They had books signed by the Winner Matt Goodfellow for his book 'The Final Year' which they have been studying in school. Pictured: the children with Michael Rosen who also read the children's poems.

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# GEORGE GRENVILLE NEWS



#### Cooking up a storm!

Children have been working on a variety of food technology awards. Reception have completed the Youngest Chef of the Year Award, where they learnt various skills and followed recipes based on The Hungry Caterpillar. Y2 are working on the Younger Chef of the Year Award, which involves learning new skills and preparing a three-course lunch. Y5 have worked on the Young Chef of the Year Award where they planned and prepared a meal within a budget. Y6 have completed a cookery competition where the finalists designed and prepared a three-course menu for the manager of Prego Restaurant in Buckingham who was very impressed with the results!







#### Grenville has a Roar-some Time!



This month, GGA had a surprise; TeachRex visited school with their amazing dinosaur friends and did an assembly and some workshops with the children. The children met 'Jam', a 4-metre dinosaur, who played some games with them and even tried eating the Headteacher! During the day, the children also had a workshop in their class with the baby dinosaurs and they also enjoyed learning about the 'green screen' technique used in films to create some special effects.



All the children in Years 3 and 4 painted a portrait that represented them as an individual. Their art is currently being displayed in the town centre as part of a community art installation celebrating the diversity of the town.



Local schools took part in a Y6 Games Day at The Royal Latin this month. The children did extremely well even after a sleepover in school the night before! Savannah won the individual FAIR PLAY award across all schools. Well done!







The Little Voices after school club had their annual LAMDA exam last month. They learnt a scene and a song from Moana and performed it to an examiner. Other younger pupils from the school took solo LAMDA exams, learning a poem and focussing on expression and confidence. Fingers crossed for results day!

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# **LACE HILL NEWS**



# Sporting Success

LHA is proud of their Y6 cricket team, and now tournament winners.



They showed excellent team work and with amazing resilience they won the tournament. Well done!

Children love music and Computing at LHA and have been combining them by using GarageBand to create loops and remixes.

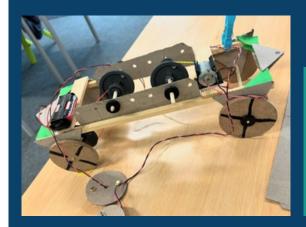


Pupils in Year 4 and 5

solving.

took part in a STEM day exploring STEM careers, coding and problem

### **Young Engineers**



Computing Club have been working on coding in their computing lesson this term and have done their final piece of work – coding the trains to follow a track route!



Lace Hill children took part in the Primary Engineer Programme to create their own motorized vehicles and made vehicles that moved through the creation of their electrical circuit.



Year 5 have been exploring space this term and have created some beautiful space art work using patterns and textures.



LHA had a careers day this summer half term and the children were inspired by all the possible careers they

could go on to do when they leave school. They saw how important learning is for the future.

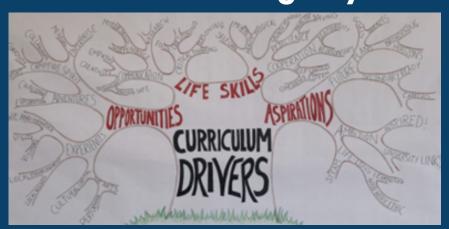


The children at LHA love their book club on a Friday. In one of their sessions they made fabulous character book marks from their favourite book.

# **LUMBERTUBS NEWS**



### Children's Training Day - Resilience



Each term the children at Lumbertubs take part in a Children's Training Day. This is where the children have the opportunity to explore their curriculum drivers of Life Skills, Opportunities and Aspirations. The life skill covered in Term 6 was Resilience.

In Year 5 one of the tasks was to create chatter boxes with no help from an adult. The children had the instructions and they had all the equipment they needed to complete the task. Some children didn't read the instructions and so it went wrong.

They used some taught techniques to cope with the feelings that this failure gave, they then tried ways of solving the problem. They discussed how they felt after showing resilience and were able to finally complete the task.



Year 1 talked about what resilience might look like for us and ways to keep positive with a 'Can Do' attitude. They talked about ways we can be

encouraging to each other to 'Keep Going' and then had a range of challenges to promote resilience and 'peer support'. Year 3 learned about the power of YET, and how we frame our thoughts to be more positive. The children wrote sparkles about themselves to encourage them to be kind themselves and not be despondent and hard on themselves if they don't get it right the first time.



Year 4 introduced the topic by testing the children's resilience. Children were asked to build a tower of cards within on their tables; minutes impossible task! They were asked how they felt when they did not succeed and they expressed a wide range of emotions. children tried again, this building the card towers on the carpet. They were much more successful. This was to show the children that sometimes we have to change how we attempt things order to succeed. discussed what resilience is and ways to help them build resilience.

# **MOORLAND NEWS**



### School Trips: making memories, enriching learning

MPS final half term began with the Year 6 long-awaited Residential trip to Longridge. With Crate Stacking, Laser Tag, Kayaking, Bell Boating and Team Challenges there was no time to relax! The children showed resilience, teamwork and plenty of self-awareness as they challenged themselves physically and mentally. Staff were proud of all the children and had

a fantastic time together.

Y4 Historians visited the Oxford Ashmolean to learn more about the Ancient Egyptians, closely followed by Y3 archaeologists who enjoyed exploring a rich collection of Roman artefacts in the grounds of Wrest Park, a magnificent home and art gallery. Y2 were one of the first



visitors to meet a newly born Giraffe at Whipsnade Zoo which they absolutely loved! Following Victorian school teacher, Miss Hathaway's visit to Moorland to teach Y1 they realised how lucky they are to be in school in 2024! Their learning journey was completed with a trip to Milton Keynes Museum to explore the Victorians even further. What a busy but exciting half term Moorland have had!

As part of their project 'Marvellous Machines' Early Years pupils have loved learning all about the different emergency vehicles. They were delighted to welcome a paramedic into school.



Their learning moved on with a visit to Thrift Farm to see the marvellous tractors and very cute farm animals. With two Story cafés in Summer term children

invited their families into school to share their love of reading. Their stories focused on Friendship (Sharing a Shell) and Transition (A huge bag of worries) and gave the families quality time learning with their children and the staff team.



#### **Aladdin Trouble**

There was a fantastic turn out from the families and local community to watch the Y3 and Y4 show stopper 'Aladdin trouble' in May. What a truly outstanding performance!



Y3/4 boys played in a local interschools tournament and proudly showcased the MPS RESPECT values throughout their games earlier this term.

# **SPRING LANE NEWS**





Year 4 have been looking at Farm to Fork and how food makes its way to us, as well as the impact of growing cities on the countryside.

Year 5 went on a great trip to Brixworth Country Park and the children were able to take part in exciting activities such as pond dipping and grass sweeping.





F2 have been learning the Three Billy Goats Gruff and loved visiting the farm and spotting the goats!



Year 2 have been making bird scarers to protect their newly planted vegetables.

In geography, Year 1 have been looking at their local area using ordinance survey maps and looking closely at map symbols.





Spring Lane have the Bronze Healthy Schools Award, and are working hard towards the Silver Award. In Healthy Eating Week 2024, Year 5 and 6 have been growing their own ingredients and used them in a cooking project.

The Spring Lane
Nursery children loved
watching their very
own caterpillars
transform into
butterflies.



















Spring Lane children did brilliantly on their sports days. They cheered each other on and got fully involved in all the sporting activities.