

Dear Create Staff, Trustees, Governors and Members,

13th February - Trust Day

Despite the rain pouring down outside, the warmth and energy inside Greet were unmistakable as 300 of our wonderful colleagues came together for our February Trust Day.

The Greet team truly lived up to their name and greeted us brilliantly. They went above and beyond, providing delicious fruit platters, endless tea, coffee, water and biscuits, and of course the traditional Valentine's Day balloons that added a lovely touch to the day.

Every part of the Create family was represented, with Finance, HR and Office staff holding their meetings, while our Site teams enjoyed hands-on training and also supported Greet's site throughout the day.

Our Teachers and Learning Support staff received inspiring training from Laura Bailey at Pobble, focused on Writing—ensuring we continue to deliver high-quality CPD aligned with our Key Priorities for the year.

Bringing the whole family together—sharing expertise, smiles and joy—was the perfect way to launch everyone into a well-deserved half term break.

Chris Dyson
Interim CEO



Hodge Hill

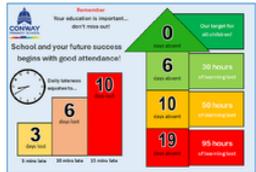
The Hodge Hill Formula 1 Team, Apex Predators, travelled to Aston University to take part in the STEM Racing Competition last month. The team had a fantastic day showcasing the result of all their hard work. They were named in the top three for the Portfolio Award and top three for the Pit Display Award. The children won the Best Engineered Car Award and were named Regional Winners for the West Midlands!

Well done Apex Predators, we are all immensely proud. Good luck in the National Finals in Rotherham this month!



Conway

Year 4 visited the local scrapyards as part of their Iron Man unit of work. The children had a truly memorable visit to a local scrapyards, where they explored materials first-hand and imagined what the Iron Man from their class text might choose to eat! Seeing real-life examples brought their learning to life and sparked lots of thoughtful discussion.



The special days out for attendance award winners are continuing to improve overall attendance figures at Conway. School attendance this year so far is now 95.2% (above national) and persistent absence is down to 12% (better than national).



Brookfields



Brookfields is getting ready to host the Regional Improvement, Standards, and Excellence (RISE) Open Day for the DfE. The two open days being held in March will see 40 schools from across the West Midlands visit Brookfields Primary to learn how Brookfields staff tackle attendance and behaviour so they can improve on these areas back in their own schools.

The Brookfields ducks were treated to a brand new duck pen with pond last month, courtesy of Mark the Site Manager.

Greet



Greet celebrated a very successful Number Day with children across the school embracing the joy of maths through fun, creative activities. The children designed t-shirts for the teachers and enjoyed a competitive game of guess the numbers in the dice jar.

The School Council worked with The Birmingham Tree People to plant two Alder trees in Percy Road Park last month. The aim is to teach children about the positive environmental impact of planting trees as well as part of reducing the flooding risk of the River Cole.

