

PROSPERE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Dear members of our Trust community,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to our new term. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break over the holiday and are feeling refreshed as we step into 2024 and the spring term.

Thank you to our Trust community for your continued support through the Autumn Term and to our staff for their efforts in making the end of the autumn term special for all of our children and young people through the range of celebrations and enrichment experiences that were delivered. The impact of these experiences is significant, and the unwavering commitment of our staff and Trust community is appreciated, especially at such busy times of the year.

Our collective efforts are the driving force behind our achievements. The spring term brings us new opportunities and challenges and we will continue to work together to set ambitious goals for ourselves and our students to achieve another successful term and year. This is a year of transitions for many of our children and young people in the Trust, and our roles in ensuring that our Year 11 students are as successful as possible and that the new admissions into our schools go as smoothly as possible are very important.

Wishing you all a fantastic 2024.

Linda Jones, CEO

Andy Park, Executive Headteacher

Dave Bell, Executive Headteacher

Our year in review Prosper 2023



Manchester Prosper Teacher Training launched, in partnership with Bright Futures



Our schools deliver high quality education to over 5500 children in our Trust community



We exceeded a workforce of 1000 highly skilled and valued employees, great schools thrive because of the great people in them!



100 % of our schools are now Ofsted graded 'good' or 'outstanding'



All our schools have been externally assessed and achieved accreditation for staff wellbeing

TRAINING TO TEACH

Our Trust trainee teachers came together for their final professional studies session of 2023. They spent time revisiting their character strength scores from induction week and discussing how they have used these strengths to support their progress so far. They reflected on the autumn term of their PGCE, identifying achievements and areas they will focus on for the final stage of their placement A.

They then celebrated successfully getting to the end of term by sharing Secret Santa gifts and having a lovely buffet. The Dominos pizza was first to be cleared but the Charcuterie board won for effort!



Thinking of training to teach? Our school centred teacher training programme is led by outstanding teaching professionals working across the Prospere Learning Trust and our accredited provider Bright Futures SCITT offering PGCE with QTS. Find out more about our offer [here](#).

Applications now open. Provider code 3D2.



Our primary SEN trainee teachers had a superb visit to Prospect House where they toured the school and visited classes. Trainees were bowled over by the incredibly innovative and creative offer available to pupils, we had to drag some of them away!

All trainees have now successfully completed their beginning phase placements in which they taught in mainstream primaries across Manchester.

The Programme Lead has observed all trainees and met with mentors to complete quality assurance visits. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and trainees are excited to start their SEND placements after Christmas. Currently the programme is open on for September 2024 applicants and interviews have commenced already. Get your applications in!

Interested in training to teach students with special educational needs? We also offer PGCE Primary Education: Inclusion with SEND (5-11) with QTS from the University of Cumbria. Find out more about our primary route [here](#).

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NEWS FROM PROSPERE SCHOOLS



PROSPECT HOUSE



Prospect House have had a wonderful time celebrating winter festivals. The children have learnt lots about **cultural** winter festivals from around the world, including, Kwanza, Eid and Hannukah and they put on a wonderful end of year assembly for parents and carers. Some of the older children even visited the Byrons nursing home to bring some festive cheer to the elderly residents with their beautiful carol singing. Staff and children also really enjoyed coming together for a traditional Christmas dinner and disco!

Work is now underway to develop a Disability Football Team at Piper Hill. Helping with team development is local football coaching academy, Elite FC who are based in Cheadle. They are providing direct support, coaching and organisation of the new league. In conjunction with Elite FC, there is also going to be support from the English FA who will be providing advice, experience and resources on how to set up disability teams and leagues. The team will be coached by our very own TA Melissa Stubbs, who has been asked to be their first disability officer. The Piper Hill team is to be the first team formed in the area and it is hoped that success in establishing the team will **inspire** other schools and organisations to set up similar teams. The goal is to grow and develop a competitive disability league made up of teams from in and around Manchester.

PIPER HILL



CHS SOUTH



Roald Dahl's iconic tale comes to life in the Tony Award-winning musical, "Matilda Jr.," enchanting audiences with a heart-warming story following a remarkable five-year-old prodigy blessed with telekinesis, navigating a harsh home life and a tyrannical school headmistress while finding solace in her nurturing teacher, Miss Honey. The narrative unfolds with Matilda dreaming of a better life and inspiring a cohort of "revolting children" to challenge the status quo. The exceptional cast, tirelessly rehearsing since September, displayed professionalism during weekend rehearsals, resulting in four outstanding performances. An additional matinee brought the magic of "Matilda JR." to local **community** primary schools.

Elevated by high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, "Matilda Jr." captivated audiences of all ages. The production stands as a testament to the dedication, talent, and collaborative spirit of CHS South's theatrical community.

GRANGE



Grange has added to its collection of animals with Critter Corner. The selection of insects includes millipedes, Giant African Snails, Madagascan Hissing Cockroaches, Hermit Crabs, Stick Insects, a praying mantis and a Tailless Whip Scorpion.

Critter Corner was created as insects provide **diverse** sensory **experiences** for our students through touch, sight, and sound. They offer a tangible and engaging way to introduce basic concepts of biology, ecology, and life cycles as well as introducing student to the daily responsibilities such as feeding, observing, and maintaining their habitat.



In the theatrical roots of our school production, students blossomed from their smallest ambition to a magnificent festive performance of "Little Shop of Horrors".

The journey from October to December fostered a wonderful and vibrant community. New friendships bloomed and challenges overcome, with students mastering creativity and leadership alongside their educational pursuits. For many, it marked a debut amid the largest cast on record, pushing beyond their comfort zones for a truly transformative experience.

Resilience and dedication really paid off. Students not only enhanced their own talents but also collaborated across Year groups to produce an energetic and enthusiastic production, which was on, on audience opinion, 'one of the best ever!'.



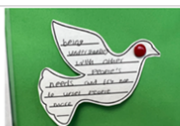
MEA strive to **celebrate the successes** of all students at every opportunity. Students receive positive points for:

- Displaying the MEA values for a whole lesson.
- Being the star of the lesson
- 100% attendance for a week
- Department star of the month
- Attending and being successful at an MEA Xtra.

Points are monitored throughout the year and students celebrated at the end of each half term at a celebration event where those attending receive a badge recognising their achievement. With each half term that students are successful, the badge will be changed. On 15 December a celebration event took place for 100 students who received their badges and awards from a member of the senior leadership team. The event finished with 3 games of stand-up bingo where three £10 vouchers were won.

PIONEER HOUSE

Class Charters across KS3, KS4 and KS5



The Pioneer House Eco Committee have been working hard with everyone in the school to achieve the **Rights Respecting Schools Silver award**.

On the 1st November the school achieved silver and the banner for silver is proudly displayed outside the school. The award acknowledges the achievement of pupils and staff putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond. The award also recognises that **pupil voice** is valued and respected at Pioneer. Support for Soccer aid back in July and whole school community work of litter picking, volunteering at charity shops and planting at Sale circle were mentioned as significant achievements during the award process.

MEA Central's annual winter celebration on December 7th saw every year group enjoy a special trip to **celebrate students' accomplishments** and behaviour from the term. Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a festive cinema outing, Year 9 visited Flip Out, Year 10 experienced Jump Heaven, and Year 11 engaged in a bowling excursion. Students had a fantastic time, showcasing MEA Central's excellence. One venue even declared it the 'best school visit ever.' The event not only celebrated achievements but also reinforced the school's positive reputation through the students' exemplary conduct.



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