



# LEARNING ACADEMIES TRUST

## LAT Parent Newsletter – Spring term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed the last few weeks of the spring term and as I write this latest newsletter, I am optimistically hoping for some lovely spring weather to arrive, just in time for us all to enjoy over the forthcoming Easter holidays.

It's been another very busy but exciting term in the Learning Academies Trust, as we all get used to working together as a family of 18 primary schools.

One example of what we've all been up to over the last few weeks is illustrated in the middle of this newsletter. I hope you enjoy finding your child's school in this newsletter as well as having a look at what the rest of the LAT's schools have been up to.

As mentioned in our first LAT newsletter last term, we are now by far the largest primary multi academy trust in Plymouth with over a quarter of the city's primary children within our care. We have 18 schools, over 5,500 children, 1,000 staff and a budget of well over £30 million pounds and even though we are now part of a large collaborative family, each of our 18 schools is unique and committed to serving the needs of their own individual communities.

Our collective ambition for our children can be best summed up in our strapline, 'Believe you can. Together we will.' We are absolutely committed to providing your children with the best possible education and we will do everything we can to achieve that aim.

Our mission, vision and values are once again printed on the back page of this newsletter and I'd really love you to take a moment to look at them before you put this newsletter down.

I hope you enjoy looking through this newsletter, but for more up-to-date news on our 18 school's recent activities, you can look at their websites and follow me on twitter @learningatceo. If you'd like to get in touch directly, email me at [simon.spry@learningat.uk](mailto:simon.spry@learningat.uk)

Simon Spry - CEO – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024



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This year, we organised a trip to Birmingham for our pupils to be part of the Young Voices concert. We also invited Widewell and Elburton children to join us on our venture. We would welcome other LAT schools joining us next year as it was a truly incredible experience!



The Elburton boys football team became Plymouth champions this term. Following this, they represented Plymouth Argyle at Southampton Football Club in the south of England finals. A huge achievement, well done to all involved!



At Prince Rock, we run over 20 different extra curricular clubs including singing, board games, table tennis, running and drama clubs. One of our very popular clubs is Eco Club. Here are some of the Eco Club children planting vegetables that we hope to use in our summer cooking project!



Pupils have been extending our art topic and meeting a variety of artists. Here's a local artist who inspired our art council with her work with textiles and tea leaves



Mount Wise's Field Gun Crew had visits from our sponsor. We love our new Field Gun Crew uniform! We're all looking forward to the competition in the Summer term!



Woodfield's School Champions have been working with two artists to create a design for a new outdoor sculpture



On our Year 6 trip to Nethercott Farm, a highlight for the children (and staff) was a reading from Micheal Morpurgo of his book 'My heart was a tree'. It was a magical experience to have a story read by such a wonderful author and something they will always remember.



It has been a busy term at Widewell Primary, and despite the weather, we have been making an effort to utilise our outdoor areas to the fullest. Year 2 is pictured here, baking bread over a fire, just like Thomas Farriner did in 17th-century London. This activity is part of their history curriculum, in which they are learning about The Great Fire of London.



We celebrated World Book day with a celebration of words, with many dressed as adjectives, and were fortunate enough to have Alex and Barbara from Kier Construction visit the school to read to the Reception and Key Stage 1 children. Alongside this, the children engaged with online author sessions and created a whole school story with an ocean-based theme which they shared in an assembly at the end of the day.





Shakespeare Parliament members taking in the London landmarks on their annual trip to Parliament



Hosting numerous parents who generously shared their time to illuminate the various career paths and professional landscapes has been a sheer joy and incredibly beneficial, especially for our children's curiosity. The diverse array of job sectors presented has not only sparked a remarkable wave of enthusiasm but has also deeply fostered a sense of inquisitiveness within the children. This experience has been invaluable in expanding their understanding and perspectives on potential career trajectories. Our heartfelt gratitude extends to every parent who offered their wisdom and insights. Your involvement has significantly enriched our Careers Week, providing meaningful learning experiences that have broadened our pupils' horizons. We are immensely grateful for your precious contributions, which have played a crucial role in inspiring and motivating our future leaders.



It has been great to welcome Wilson to the High View School team this year, as our school dog. The children, staff and parents across the school community love having him around, and Wilson has been having a fabulous time too



Look at these aspiring writers hard at work! This week our Year 1 and 2 children have stepped back in time and are writing letters to their family to tell them about the horrors of the Great Fire of London.'



At Ford, we celebrated World Book Day. Everyone had to choose a word and then dress up as this word. From *fragile* to *pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis* - we had it all.



Reception children enjoying the new music wall in the foundation garden



Foundation had a wonderful week celebrating Chinese New Year! Throughout the week the tasted Chinese food, learnt about China and even made their own fortune cookies and wrote little messages to go inside them.



At Pomphlett, we emphasise the importance of reading, and particularly reading for pleasure, above almost anything else. Every child in our school is read to every day, with each class having the latest inspiring and high-quality books read by their class teacher. World Book Day was a wonderful celebration of reading, with the children being excited to dress up as their favourite characters. Seeing all the children dressed up was absolutely fantastic and the school was abuzz with excitement for the whole day. Thank you to all of our Pomphlett parents (and anyone else who helped!) with sorting or creating outfits. We understand how fun and simple that particular task can be...





# LEARNING

## ACADEMIES TRUST

*'Believe you can. Together we will.'*

### OUR MISSION

Together we will... work with our children, families and communities to provide exceptional learning opportunities for all children.

### OUR VISION

Together we will... be a family of schools ensuring excellence in primary education.

### OUR VALUES

#### ASPIRATION

Together we will... not let disadvantage be an obstacle to success.

#### COLLABORATION

Together we will... work to harness the collective power of all.

#### KINDNESS

Together we will... be caring and thoughtful in everything we do.

#### EXCELLENCE

Together we will... achieve the best outcomes for all.

#### INCLUSIVITY

Together we will... celebrate the unique nature of our diverse school communities.

#### RESPECT

Together we will... act with integrity and honesty.

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