

CET NEWSLETTER

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Message from the CEO

We recently sent out our annual stakeholder surveys across CET. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete them. Your feedback is vital as we reflect on this year and carry forward key learnings to help our continued journey of improvement. Here are the key headlines from the Parents' and Carers' surveys across CET schools:

- 87%** feel that senior leaders lead and manage their schools well
- 88%** believe their child is taught well
- 86%** agree the school has high expectations for their child
- 94%** say their child feels safe

Everyone across CET continues to work hard to drive school improvement. This is clear throughout this newsletter, where we continue to showcase the excellent opportunities each of our schools provide through their enriched and unique curriculums. As a result, pupil outcomes in 2025 continue to improve across all key measures. Campfire Education Trust trust-wide averages are now in line with, or above, the national averages for the Reception Good Level of Development, the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, and the number of pupils achieving the Expected Standard in reading/writing/maths combined by the end of Year 6. This reflects a significant shift in expectations that we continue to lead for our pupils – and we truly appreciate everyone's ongoing efforts in support of this.

As one trust community, we continue to collaborate closely. This term, we held our Headteachers' and Chairs' meeting, bringing together leaders, trustees, and chairs of governors to agree on shared priorities and align our plans for the next academic year.

We have also invested time in all of our leadership teams coming together again, for a day in both June and July, to strategically plan our trust-wide improvement priorities and key expectations for the year ahead. Each school community will receive a joint letter from me and the senior leaders at the start of the next academic year outlining expectations and approaches to communication – so please do look out for this.



This term, further embedding our sense of one community, we were delighted to see pupil teams from across our Trust come together for the Outdoor Adventurous Activities Day (OAA) at Spring Lane Primary School. Children from all six schools competed as teams – taking part in teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and navigation challenges. Congratulations to pupils at George Grenville Academy for winning this inaugural trust-wide event!

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and well-deserved summer break.

Sarah Mitchell, CEO

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BOURTON MEADOW NEWS



Curriculum Enrichment

The summer term has been busy, with a wide range of events taking place across the school to enrich the curriculum, spark curiosity, and deepen the children's understanding. Highlights have included a Stay and Play session for Reception parents, a trip to Rookery Farm for Y1, and a visit to Waddesdon Manor for Y2. Y3 pupils gave a fantastic musical performance, showcasing the three instruments they have been learning this year: African drums, ocarina, and violin. Y5 have taken part in a stimulating STEM workshop and completed their Bikeability training, while Y6 have been preparing for the transition to secondary school. They've also been hard at work rehearsing their end-of-year performance of Beauty and the Beast, as well as taking part in Young Enterprise and our annual cooking competition.

May Day Celebration

BMA hosted Buckingham Town's May Day Celebration. This special event brought together children from five local primary schools, including the three Buckingham-based Campfire schools, to showcase a selection of traditional country and maypole dances, performed by pupils from various year groups. The celebration was attended by the Town Crier, members of Buckingham Town Council, parents, governors and members of the local community.



Health & Wellbeing Week

Children and staff took part in BMA's first Health and Wellbeing Week. Throughout the week, children



enjoyed a wide range of carousel activities, including a sports event, orienteering, mindfulness, gratitude journaling, and safety workshops. The fun-filled week concluded with the ever-popular Rainbow Run, organised by the Friends of BMA, and a House picnic on the field. The children had a fantastic time, and it was wonderful to see so many parents and members of the community supporting these events in school!

Spanish Workshop

Y6 children have been exploring the topic 'On Holiday' in Spanish. They took part in an interactive workshop where they practised



ordering food and drinks in a Spanish restaurant, as well as shopping for items in a store. Staff were very impressed with their ability to converse in Spanish!

Mayoral Award

BMA attended the Mayor's Making Ceremony where Lucy Berry proudly accepted the Outstanding Young Person award on behalf of Y6 pupils.



The outgoing Mayor presented the award in recognition of the insightful and mature poetry and artwork the children contributed to the town's Holocaust Memorial Service.

GGA Crowned CET OAA Trust Champions!



This term, GGA triumphed in the first ever CET Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA) Day, hosted at Spring Lane in Northampton. Children from each Campfire school came together for a morning full of teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and navigation challenges. It was a day full of fun, learning, and unity — and to top it off perfectly, George Grenville were named as the winners!

Cooking Competition

Children in Y6 have been demonstrating their culinary skills in the annual cooking competition. The final involved cooking a 3 course meal from scratch in the school kitchen and was judged by a professional chef.



Y5 & Y6 Production

The children in Years 5 and 6 have been busy rehearsing their end of term production. This year the children performed Bugsy Malone and were lucky enough to have the head of drama from the Royal Latin School and drama students to run workshops to prepare them. They even helped by loaning school, props from their recent production.



The children in Year 5 attended a Science Fair at The Royal Latin School in May. Here they got to experience working in secondary school science labs and were treated like real scientists!

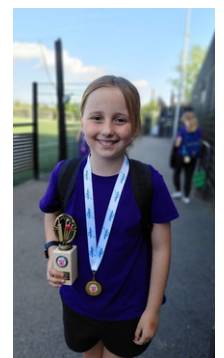
Sports Day 2025 at GGA



GGA sports day was held on 11 July. Even in the heat the children all gave it their best and it was wonderful to see their sporting excellence shine through. All children completed two races and the parents and teachers joined in too.

Y6 Games Success for Grenville

GGA children showed determination and talent coming home with first place in the Boccia and football categories at the recent Y6 Games competition. The children compete with other schools in a variety of sports during this day long annual tournament.



Sports Days at Lace Hill

All of the children have had their own sports days this summer term. They took part in a carousel of stations before competing in obstacle and running races. Staff were so proud of the respect, resilience and integrity the children showed. LHA's sports day couldn't have run without the amazing leadership skills of The Buckingham School Leaders.



Lace Hill held their very first art exhibition last month and it was incredible! Every single child from nursery through to Y6 had artwork on display, and Y6 children were curators for the event. Parents even purchased artwork, with funds going towards future art opportunities.



On Thursday 3 July, Steve Frew (a Commonwealth gold medallist) visited Lace Hill to run a sponsored fitness circuit.

It was a brilliant afternoon and the children were very motivated and inspired by his sporting journey and skills.



Four of Lace Hill's Year 6 children took part in a Primary Maths Team Challenge morning at The Royal Latin. They had to problem solve a variety of maths questions and puzzles. Overall, they placed 3rd which is a fantastic result! Well done to Kaira, Kanish, Abhi and Saanvi.

Year 6 Residential

LHA's Y6 class went on a week residential to Condover Hall. They took part in a range of activities including climbing, raft building, aerial trek, laser tag and tunnelling. The children had a fantastic time and were excellent ambassadors for the school.



LUMBERTUBS NEWS



Lumbertubs children out and about!



Y2 visited Rockingham Castle as part of their History topic. They saw a real Motte and Bailey Castle and listened to lots of stories about William the Conqueror. They also climbed up a very tall tower, and took part in a trail to find a suspect who stole the gold!

Y5 visited Hazard Alley where they took part in a series of realistic learning experiences including road safety, fire safety and dangers in the home. They also took part in workshops highlighting the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



Y3 had a fabulous trip to Stanwick Lakes where they travelled back in time to learn all about the Stone Age and Iron Age. They got to experience spear throwing, fire lighting, cave painting and shelter building.

Reception children visited West Lodge farm for the day where they had a great time on the barrel ride, tractor ride, watching the pig racing, feeding the animals and exploring the rest of the park.



Ark Farm



Nursery children had a visit from Ark Farm. The children had a wonderful time petting and learning about lots of different animals including sheep, ducks, donkeys, a pig and some goats.

Jurassic Dig

Lumbertubs were lucky to be joined by Darren from Giant Journeys who ran Jurassic Dig workshops for all children in Y1-6. The children had the chance to dig in sandboxes to excavate dinosaur fossils and used interactive tablets to identify the fossils they had found. They also had the chance to meet Trixie the baby T-Rex!



Go Team LTP!

Y3/4 children represented the school brilliantly at the local Quad Kids Athletics competition. All children demonstrated Lumbertub's Core Values, particularly 'determination' as they took part in the 50m sprint, 400m long distance run, the long jump, howler throw and 50m relay.

Inspiring Writers

Y5 writers, were celebrated by The Orangutan Foundation for their inspiring poetry about the plight of the orangutan in Asia. The children were very passionate in raising awareness of deforestation. The year group were gifted an Orangutan adoption for a 9 year old Orangutan called Mona who is cared for in Borneo.



MOORLAND NEWS



Hobby Horse Gymkhana

Working with Ride High, a charity in Milton Keynes, all KS1 children took part in making their own hobby horse.

Parents and carers joined in the afternoon for a gymkhana event with dressage and obstacle races.

A few lucky children were even presented with a rosette for winning their category!



Construction

Moorland have added a brand new construction area into their top playground.



It is already a hive of activity for their budding designers and engineers!

Moorland in the News

Moorland recently made it into both the MK Citizen and the Woughton Gazette!



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Education

Moorland Primary School face the Santander Dragons!



The year 6 pupils outside Unity Place ready to pitch their ideas to the 'Dragons'.

The Year 6 pupils of Moorland Primary School faced the daunting prospect of pitching their enterprise ideas to a team of 'Dragons' from Santander in a bid to turn their £10 budget into as much profit as possible by the end of the school year!



Culture Day and Eid Party Celebrations

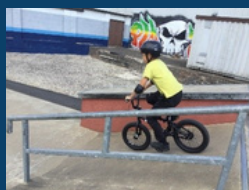
Spring Lane came alive with vibrancy and pride during their recent Culture Day, as children and staff celebrated the diversity of their school. Pupils dressed in traditional clothing during the day and later joined the after-school Eid Party, where families enjoyed delicious food, face painting, and games.



This term, Spring Lane welcomed visitors from the NSPCC, who led workshops about staying safe, speaking out, and being kind. Children engaged thoughtfully and asked mature questions. They also enjoyed a visit from their local library, encouraging pupils to join the six-book summer challenge!

Fit For Life Week at SLP

Fit for Life Week was action packed at Spring Lane, with pupils enjoying dance workshops, karate sessions, swimming galas, and exciting trips to Adrenaline Alley and Soccer Shack. Alongside daily fitness challenges, children also learned about healthy lifestyles, nutrition, and wellbeing. They are particularly proud that as a result of initiatives such as this, Spring Lane Primary have achieved their GOLD school games award.

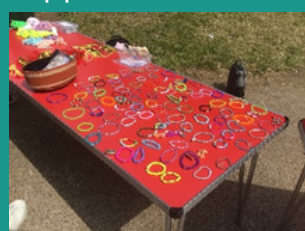


OAA Trust Day *Teamwork in Action*

Selected pupils took part in an Outdoor and Adventurous Activity (OAA) workshop with all trust schools. From problem-solving to team games, they showed brilliant cooperation, resilience, and leadership.

Year 6 Enterprise success

Y6 pupils showed great creativity and teamwork in their enterprise project, designing and selling a range of products for profit. From crafts to sweet treats, they planned, budgeted, and marketed brilliantly. Their stalls were set up during the Eid event, giving families a chance to support them while celebrating together.



Spring Lane Trips and Visits

It's been a busy time for trips at Spring Lane. Year 2 visited a mosque to deepen their understanding of faith. Year 4 explored food journeys at a 'Farm to Fork' visit, and Year 6 enjoyed a residential in Norfolk packed with outdoor adventure. Year 5 joined a STEAM event at the University of Northampton, while Year 3 explored local history at Northampton Museum. Year 1 also took a discovery walk through Spring Boroughs.