



This term has seen two significant developments from the perspective of the Directors of the Trust. Firstly, the external independent reviews of all four schools showed us that our internal self- evaluation was accurate. Wickford continues to maintain its Outstanding rating, which is often harder than getting it in the first place. Briscoe and Stambridge are solidly Good with some outstanding elements and Waterman has made some tremendous improvements since this time last year and will be solidly Good during the next academic year. We are quite confident that our next Ofsted inspection cycle will be a very positive experience. Our staff are the biggest contributor to this. The second major development is the fact that we are well along the way to bringing two more schools into the Trust, which will double our student numbers and give us a scale that will allow us to progress to the next stage of our strategic ambitions. More information on these two schools will be given to you soon, however we are proud that we have a new group of excellent staff and children to boost the Hearts footprint in the local area. By the time you read this we will hopefully have the early results of the Year 6 SATs which will be a testament to the hard work that the staff have put in to the current academic year. We have already received up to date EY and KS1 data which is very positive. Fingers crossed the attainment and progress numbers are in line with our expectations. We will also have enjoyed our Awards night when this newsletter gets sent out to you, so we hope you all enjoyed a fun night out with your work friends. We hope you all have a lovely summer break and look forward to another strong year in 2017/18.

Dave Faulkner

On behalf of the Directors and Governors at HEARTS Academy Trust

Highlights and proud moments from our four schools.....

Wickford CofE School



In Holy Space, the children have been looking at the Big Question - What can we learn from stories? They have been listening to the story of the Good Samaritan and acted out an exercise called Conscience Alley. After walking the line of two opinions, 'help' and 'not help', and listening to the arguments, the 'traveller' on his way to Jericho, decided that the right thing to do was help the injured man.

Casper enjoying Sports Day in the park. Chilling and cheering with his friends!!!



We went to Chafford Gorge and would highly recommend it! We did pond dipping, den building, games, chalk hunting, animal identification. It was fantastic!

Stambridge Primary School

Our year 6 pupils joined Waterman Primary school for a long weekend away at Kingswood. They had a lot of fun and completed activities they never thought they could.



Our year 2 pupils went to Thriftwood with Wickford CofE and Waterman Primary school and enjoyed a night and day of fun activities.

Our whole school visited the caveman experience at Briscoe Primary school. The children came back to school very excited by the experience and learnt lots about Cavemen.



Following on from our Tesco bid, we now have our trim trail installed and the children are having lots of fun playing on it.

Some of our KS2 pupils attended the Junior Music Festival, where they performed to a packed Cliffs Pavillion. A big well done to all of them, they did Stambridge proud.

Waterman Primary School

As a starting point for our Enterprise work, pupils have worked with visitor from MoneySense in collaboration with Natwest bank. Pupils enjoyed the party planning and budgeting activities.



Years 1-4 were treated to a morning of music and fun thanks to the company that organises both the Infant and Junior Music Festivals. They learned about instruments, old and new, thanks to 'Travelling Tuba'.



Acorn class making treasure maps



Sports Day at Waterman Primary School

Briscoe Primary School



Year 5 visit to The Snow Dome. The children had an excellent day and their brilliant behaviour was commented on by the Snow Centre staff. They all had a go at Skiing, snow-boarding and sledging with rings and generally had a fabulous time.



The Year 6 Briscoe Car Wash last Saturday was a great success. The pupils worked tirelessly and managed to raise £300 which will be put towards funding school trips. A big 'thank you' to Mrs Herring (who organised the event), the staff and pupils who attended and the parents and passers-by who brought their cars to be cleaned.



Focus on our Nurture Provision - Paddington House



We continue to work with Sunflower Cottage to deliver presentations to NQTs and other schools who are interested in starting up a Nurture Group in their setting. The feedback from these continues to be positive.

The children in Paddington House have had a fun packed year. We planted tomato and sunflower seeds alongside some beautiful flowers and watched them flourish, learning what they require for healthy growth.

Our children enjoy taking an active part in the life of the school and enthusiastically attend assemblies, music, Artis and art classes alongside the C of E children.

We have also welcomed some visiting staff members for breakfast to spread the nurture message and they have recorded their comments in our visitor's book.

One person said, 'It is like they are one big family' and another visitor said, 'that it was a pleasure to spend time with such friendly and polite children.'



Thank you all for a great year. We all recognise the great commitment and strength shown by all of our staff during these times of uncertainty and change and we look forward to that strength, resilience and determination growing further as our schools become even stronger in the coming years. Thank you to all of our directors of learning and lead practitioners and headteachers / leadership teams who have done so much this year to improve outcomes for pupils and improve their schools.

Have a great holiday everyone and enjoy the summer.

Debbie

