



In line with our core values, this term has offered a wide range of opportunities

Our schools have worked collaboratively together, the purpose being to explore new projects and to share great practice and learn new skills.

Many of our newly qualified teachers have been visiting other schools, our leaders have met with external trainers to keep abreast of national changes, our office team have supported new staff and trained together on new areas of work. Our headteachers and heads of school have met to develop our work on attendance and safeguarding and I as CEO have completed quality assurance work in all schools on areas of focus for them.

All staff across the Trust have been invited to complete a well-being questionnaire this term with staff telling us that 100% find the training/MAT collaboration useful, informative, up to date, relevant and that it enables them to do their job effectively. Responses have been overwhelming positive and recent recruitment of new staff is indicating that we are now an employer of choice.

I wish to take the opportunity to thank all of our staff for their continued commitment to provide an enriched, happy and safe place for our children to learn- going that extra mile on a frequent basis. Many thanks for taking the time to read our Spring 2024 Newsletter and I hope you all have a great Easter holiday.

Mrs Abigail Rourke

CEO of the Children First Learning Partnership



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CFLP new website and Facebook page launch

We are now moving away from Twitter to Facebook from 15th April.

To keep up to date with the latest news about what is going on in our Trust please like and follow our new Facebook page and also check out our new website. Being part of such a collaborative family is certainly central to the current stability and success of our schools and the website has lots on there to inform, share and celebrate. To see our new website please visit <https://www.cflptrust.co.uk>

f Please like and follow us on our new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ChildrenFirstLP>

CFLP Pupil Forum meet for the Spring Term catch up

Pupils from all our schools met at Springhead Primary School.

The Pupil Forum met for the second time this academic year and had the chance to talk about their ideas for lunchtimes bringing ideas from their own schools.

They discussed the current menu choices with catering provider, Edwards and Ward. They tasted samples with company chef from the current menu including chicken curry, golden vegetable rice and mac and cheese. The Pupil Forum was then asked to give ideas for the new menu coming in Summer Term.

Mrs. Fowell retires after 20 years of service at The Reginald Mitchell Primary School

We wish you all the best for the future.

In February, we said goodbye to Mrs. Fowell, who has now retired. She has given 20 years' service to The Reginald Mitchell Primary School, always going above and beyond for pupils both past and present. We want to thank Mrs. Fowell for her service and wish her all the best for the future. We know you will be missed by your Reginald Mitchell family.



The Switch from Child/Working Tax Credit to Universal Credit

You may soon get a "migration notice" from DWP giving you a deadline to switch to Universal Credit.

You can find out more from the local Citizens' Advice Potteries Gold project, who have examples and leaflets about this and other benefits issues on their Facebook and Twitter/X feeds.

<https://www.facebook.com/PotteriesGold>



Castlechurch Community hub going from strength to strength

This week over 40 people have walked through the doors to access groups from mother and baby to stay and play toddler groups.

Castlechurch have welcomed Family Action into the hub to support families. The health visitors are weighing around 15 babies a week and supporting new mums on their journey.

The local Housing association will do drop in sessions for tenants starting in March and they have teamed up with the Life Church Community Grocery, who now have over 50 families registered. Castlechurch's Friday food surplus table is soon empty and parents are loving the tasty treats they pick up for free.

For more information: www.castlechurchprimary.co.uk/community-hub

KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

**Bringing the curriculum to life both inside the school and beyond.**

This term, pupils have had a number of very exciting wider curriculum events taking place both inside the school and beyond. Knypersley First School have identified key, lifelong skills which they believe are integral to the future success of their children as lifelong learners.

Learning through Faith in Focus Week.

Pupils were given opportunities to learn about different religions and visited places of worship such as the City Centre Mosque and St Johns Church. This now more than ever is crucial in order to build tolerance, respect and understanding for other cultures and people.

Extra-curricula opportunities

Year 4 pupils spent three adventure filled days at Standon Bowers. The children returned filled with memories and muddy cases. Key Stage 2 children took part in the annual Young Voice concert at the AO Arena in Manchester.

World Book day celebration

Knypersley First School had a very special visitor, Matt Buckingham an author and illustrator from Stoke-on-Trent. Matt carried out workshops throughout the day and even signed books for the children. The school chose the theme of Bedtime Stories and pupils enjoyed dressing up for this.

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KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

**Amazing Experience at Young Voices 2024.**

Earlier this term, Key Stage 2 children had the opportunity to sing with 8000 other children from across the North West at the AO Arena, Manchester. This was a fantastic opportunity and an amazing experience, not only for our children, but the families that watched in the audience.

Exciting Trips this term.

Trips this term have included trips to Manchester Airport, Peak Wildlife Park and Apple Tree Town. Children also visited the New Vic Theatre to watch the fantastic production of The Nutcracker. This was a fabulous opportunity for children to experience live theatre 'in the round'.

Year 4 at Standon Bowers

Year 4 children had a blast on their recent residential at Standon Bowers. They experienced bouldering, archery and bridge building amongst many other activities. The children have developed many skills such as independence, team work and problem solving and have made memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Celebrating books and reading

Pupils were challenged to dress as a word and be as adventurous as they could be with their word choices. They enjoyed discussing the meaning of the words with each other and using them.

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OXHEY FIRST SCHOOL NEWS



Wonderful stories explored as part of World Book Day.

The children and staff all dressed in great costumes and spent the day exploring different stories. The whole school joined in. In Early Years, the children had lots of fun reading the story Cinderella and made carriages for Cinderella and painted pumpkins.

What a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day.

In Key Stage 1, the children had a fun day based around the story 'Alice in Wonderland' and made Mad Hatter hats, Drink Me potions and decorated delicious Eat Me biscuits. In KS2 children had a very magical day as they read extracts from Harry Potter, made Harry Potter inspired biscuits and Butter Beer.

Exciting extra-curricular events

KS2 visited Eureka science and discovery museum in Liverpool, KS1 took part in the Change4Life sports festival with all the schools across the town, our choir raised the roof off the AO arena at Young Voices concert in Manchester, the Vicar from St Lawrence attended to conduct a 'wedding' for our early years pupils as part of 'faith in focus' week.

Summer ready with renovations

With the removal of old planters and benches and tarmac re-surface of the top playground, lovely new seating and play equipment on its way and KS2 timber trail re-surfaced with turf.

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THE REGINALD MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Playground area improved to encourage active lunchtimes.

Sports premium funding and some of the money received back from the CFLP has been used to improve the playground area. This will allow children to be more active during lunchtime and playtimes, support the teaching of PE and the seating area will support children with their mindfulness. The idea was shared with the school council, a design was then created and shared with the LAB.

A Pupil at Reginald Mitchell, Harrison L, in Year 5 explains.

'The new basketball hoops and football goals are impressive and we have really enjoyed playing football this week. I also love the new seating area, it is very modern. I am very grateful for the new, amazing equipment and area'.

Faith in focus week

Pupils had the opportunity to experience a diversity of faiths during faith in focus week, this included trips to the local church and a synagogue. Other classes had visitors who shared their knowledge regarding Sikhism, Hinduism and Islam. A spiritual week was had by all.

A fun filled term

Pupils had science week where they had a visit from a science expert, mental health awareness week, number day and world book day. KS2 children joined schools from around the country to sing at one of the biggest choirs at the AO Arena, Manchester.

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CASTLECHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Castlechurch sing up a storm at Gotta Sing.

Castlechurch Primary School have recently performed at Stafford Gatehouse Gotta Sing. The children sang a Miley Cyrus mix of songs and raised the roof with their rendition of 'Wrecking Ball'. Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Cranwell were so proud of the children and their stage presence performing to over 1000 people in the sold-out audience.

Spring Term Residential at Laches wood.

Year 5 and 6 had a fabulous time at Laches Wood. Activities included search and rescue, powerfan, gladiator climb, bush craft (shelter building and fire lighting), archery and axe throwing.

Charity begins at..... school!

Castlechurch sparkles and shines for New life Charity. A local charity that supports disabled children and provides essential resources for them. The children had a very sparkly day which was topped off with a visit from Nugget the dog, the charity's mascot!

History brought to life

Years 3 and 4 had a Roman visitor from the History group Portals to the Past. The children handled artefacts and took part in a workshop where they acted out a Roman battle. The children wore costumes and experienced Roman life in an interactive way.

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SPRINGHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Children enjoy reading.

The Reading Champions went along to another local primary school and trained with Reading Champions from schools in the Newcastle-under-Lyme area. They have since been working with lots of children at Springhead Primary School, working in the library at lunchtime, helping encourage and foster their love and enjoyment of reading.

Celebrating World Book Day.

The children came to school dressed as a book character or in their pyjamas. They enjoyed sharing their favourite books with their classes. Springhead hope the activities will encourage them to continue reading widely at home.

Encouraging healthy relationships

The children in Years 4 and 5 have enjoyed taking part in a series of lessons run by the charity Glow. They have learnt how to recognise and maintain safe and healthy relationships both online and in the real world.

Sporting fun

Each term Springhead Primary School have sports themed activity days, organised by Bee Active. This term the children in all classes took part in wheelchair basketball and learnt circus skills. Pupils enjoyed being active and learning new skills.

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Vacancies

MINIBUS DRIVERS

We are looking for minibus drivers to drive our new minibus to take pupils on events and trips. If you currently work part time for CFLP and would like to find out more information please email: centraloffice@cflptrust.co.uk

All training will be provided and paid for by the CFLP.

To see more vacancies or for more information about any of our current vacancies please check our website: cflptrust.co.uk



Prevent Strategy for schools and parents

All schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

The Prevent Strategy is also about teaching children the British Values: the Rule of Law, Democracy, Individual Liberty, Tolerance and Mutual respect.

As part of the February INSET day staff completed the latest PREVENT training in line with the updated guidance and information from the government. Members of the public who would like to learn more about how to identify behaviours that cause concern may also complete a course.

Course: <http://www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/portal#awareness-course>

News Gallery



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