

July 2022

Everyone at the trust is delighted that we have had a more normal school year and that educational school visits and our Pioneer Passport activities have been back on the agenda, following the disruption caused by the pandemic. Our staff have worked hard this year, to help support children returning to the classroom and we hope they have enjoyed being back in school as much as we have!

New Schools to TPA

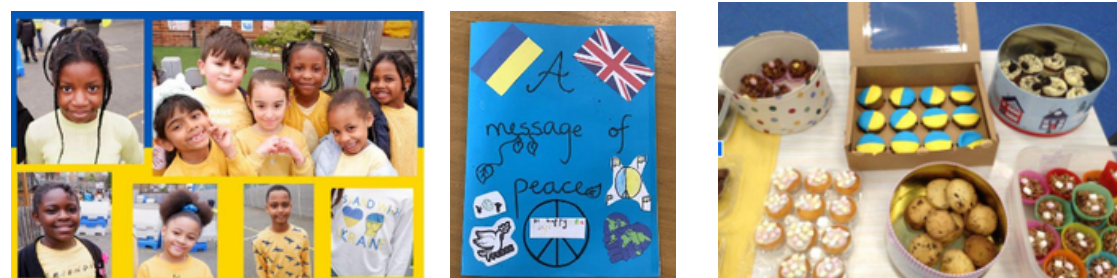
Three more schools have joined our trust this past year. Moulsecomb Primary School in Brighton, Halstead Community Primary School in Kent and Holland Junior School in Surrey, meaning we now include fourteen schools in total. We believe in investing in our schools so every child can have the best education possible.

School Capital Investments

At Moulsecomb and Halstead we are creating new Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor learning environments, along with refurbishing all classrooms. Holland Junior is to undergo renovations at the school entrance as plans are being put in place to replace external fencing and gates and create an avenue of trees at the school entrance. Across the rest of our fantastic schools, other improvement works will be completed during the Summer Holidays. These include:

- I.T infrastructure improvements
- New Computer Suite
- Toilet Refurbishments
- Lighting including upgrading, emergency lighting
- Further classroom refurbishments
- New Sensory Room
- Replacement of boundary fencing and wall
- Roof repairs
- Corridor re-carpeting

As you can see our site teams are going to be very busy getting our schools improved and ready for your children for September 2022.



TPA Schools raised over £17k to help Ukrainians in need

TPA schools raised a massive £17,042 earlier this year to help those in need due to the conflict in Ukraine. Schools raised money in all sorts of different ways from bake sales to blue and yellow clothes days, and the money went towards aid that the TPA CEO Lee Mason-Ellis drove to the Ukraine/Poland border. The rest of the fundraising went to the Unicef Ukraine Emergency; you can read more about his experience [here](#).

A Visit from a Minister

It was great to welcome Baroness Barran MBE to Broadmead School in November. The Baroness is a Government Minister and her position is the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for the School System) at the Department for Education. The Minister's visit to the school had been arranged by the Regional Schools Commissioner to see first-hand how schools have settled back into learning following the Covid closures. During the visit she saw the work of the schools' Nurture provision, the Early Years environment and met with and spoke to Year 6 pupils. The chance to tell the Minister about some of the positive steps we have taken and investments we have made was most welcome.

Easter extravaganza

We hope everyone had fun at the free Easter meals held by schools in partnership with Nourish Contract Catering this Spring and that the children liked their Easter eggs. We believe it's important to invite pupil's extended families into school for such celebrations as, not only does everyone have a good time, but strong links with the local community are also forged. Inclusivity and community are at the heart of everything we do and we are looking forward to bringing everyone together again for a delicious Christmas dinner! Leading online education magazine TES have even written about our festive gatherings and you can read the article [here](#).

Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Our schools went all out with their Platinum Jubilee celebrations, from tea parties and cream teas to picnics and street party style lunches, the half term certainly finished with a bang! We are delighted that the children had the opportunity to take part in this historical event and had such a fun time in the process.



OBE for TPA CEO

Lee Mason-Ellis, the CEO of The Pioneer Academy (TPA) has been made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE.) The decision about who receives an OBE is made by a special committee, the committee's decisions then go to the Prime Minister and finally they are checked by the Queen. Mr Mason-Ellis was awarded the OBE in recognition of his great impact on the education of children.

Pioneer Pupil Passport

Our Pioneer Pupil Passport is one of our proudest achievements and we are so glad that the cultural trips and experiences included in the programme have been able to go ahead this year. We know learning is about more than sitting in a classroom and whether they have visited a farm, beach or castle, gone to a famous London landmark, or taken part in a non curriculum sport this year, we hope your child has loved ticking off the list in their passport. [Teaching Times](#) has also featured an article on the passport this year.

Happy holidays!

Lastly we just want to say that we hope everyone has a fantastic Summer holiday and a big thank you to all our staff who we know put their heart and soul into their work. We will see you all in September!



Yours faithfully



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