



17th December 2021

TPA Christmas Newsletter

Christmas Community Meal Cancellation

It was with great sadness that we had to cancel our Christmas Community Meal events, in the majority of our schools. The safety of our children, families and staff has to be our priority, especially during these unprecedented times. However, as already communicated, we intend to reorganise our meal events during the end of the Spring term, as an Easter Egg Extravaganza Community meal.

The Pioneer Pupil Passport ... Cultural Capital for every TPA child

This term our schools have been able to reinstate our “Passport” and enable children to once again participate in memorable school trips, that build not only on their curriculum knowledge and understanding, but also on their cultural capital experiences.



So what is cultural capital? Cultural capital is a “buzz” term that has gained traction in the educational sector in recent months, despite the concept having been around for some time. It is generally defined as the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours and skills that a pupil can draw upon, and which demonstrate their cultural awareness, knowledge and competence. It is considered to be one of the key ingredients a child will draw upon to be successful in society, their career and life. A sound grounding in cultural matters is therefore important, and this is the reason why TPA have invested significantly in our “Pupil Passport” for a number of years.

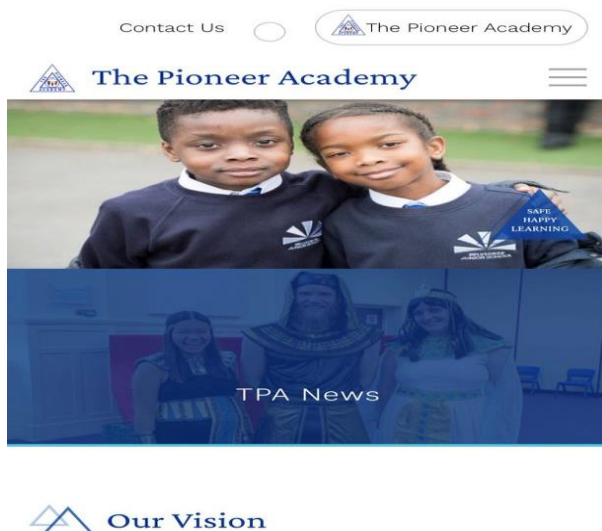
TPA Teacher Conference

At the beginning of this half term, teachers across our Multi Academy Trust came together (remotely) for our annual teacher conference. The day consisted of refocusing on our core values of Safe – Happy – Learning, which included a variety of workshops to improve teaching and learning in every classroom. The day’s highlight was the life story of resilience and diversity from our keynote speaker Gareth Thomas.



Our TPA website

After receiving feedback from a number of parents and stakeholders about our old website, concerning accessibility of retrieving information quickly and easily, we decided to revamp the entire site. Our new website went 'live' in November – please take a look www.thepioneeracademy.co.uk



Future Covid Planning

We continue to follow Public Health England and National guidelines and have recently updated our Contingency Framework Plan (Covid Outbreak Management Plan) in light of recent changes to guidance, along with regularly reviewing our school and trust risk assessments. Keeping your children, your families and our staff safe and well, continues to be our top priority. All our schools have been advised to plan for a possible reinstatement of additional measures, which might include the return to class “bubbles” or the need for remote learning. As always, we will keep you updated if any changes are required.

Moulsecoomb Primary School



On November 1st, our partnership of schools grew to include Moulsecoomb Primary School, a school in Brighton. We are delighted that Moulsecoomb has finally joined our family and we welcome its pupils, family and staff to our organisation.

Happy Christmas

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, happy holiday from school. And as always, if you find yourself in need of support or any further assistance during these testing times, don't hesitate to contact your school for help.



Yours faithfully

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Lee Mason-Ellis
CEO

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Richard Lockyer
Chair of the Trust Board