

July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

What a year it has been! Let me share our news with you.

TPA End of Year Data 2024

It has been another year of success for our Year 6 pupils and staff across our schools. All our children have worked extremely hard to achieve outcomes they can all be proud of.

The collaborative effort across our Multi-Academy Trust has ensured that our combined outcomes for reading, writing and maths are once again above National. Particular highlights this year were three schools that significantly improved their KS2 outcomes compared to the previous year:

Halstead Community Primary School	100% (RWM combined)
Downe Primary School	92% (RWM combined)
Belvedere Junior School	75% (RWM combined)

(National 2024 for RWM combined is 61%)

Ofsted Inspections

Four of our schools have been formally inspected by Ofsted this academic year.

At the beginning of November 2023, Broadmead Primary School in Croydon was inspected and received a 'Good' report. This was a brilliant achievement for the school and its community, especially when considering that this is potentially the first time the school has ever received an Ofsted 'Good' judgement. My two favourite statements in the report are:



"Pupils and their families feel welcome here."

"The school is committed to broadening pupils' horizons and aspirations."



Towards the end of November 2023, Belvedere Infant and Nursery School in Bexley was inspected for the first time since joining our family of schools. I'm really pleased to share with you the school maintained its 'Good' grade. My favourite couple of statements from the report are:

"This is a happy and harmonious school."

"They (pupils) behave well in lessons because they have been taught how to conduct themselves and because adults have high expectations of them."

We had to wait until June for our next inspection and that came at Burnt Oak Junior School in Sidcup, Bexley. I'm delighted to inform you that the judgement was that Burnt Oak Junior remained an 'Outstanding' school. The inspection report states:



"Pupils are happy and proud to attend this welcoming, aspirational school."

"Leaders and staff have the highest expectations for pupils' behaviour and achievement."

And finally, last week, The Crescent Primary School in Croydon was inspected. Unfortunately, the Ofsted report will not be published until next academic year (September 2024) and until then the outcomes of this inspection cannot be shared, but the school are very much looking forward to next term and sharing this report with its wonderful community.



The Pioneer Pupil Passport



Seven years ago, The Pioneer Academy developed 'The Pioneer Pupil Passport' programme, following extensive consultation with children, staff and senior leaders in all our schools. Since then, the trust has been investing heavily in this to enable every child experience these cultural capital experiences. TPA has invested in the region of £120,000 every year.

Enjoyable visits and inspiring visitors are an entitlement of every child within our family of schools, and we actively encourage creativity and innovation. We have seen first-hand how curiosity is sparked within children when they are given the chance to experience new places and situations. The whole trust is extremely proud that our Pioneer Pupil Passports provide children with memorable opportunities and experiences they may not otherwise have had.

TPA have therefore started a crowdfunding project to raise funds for this very worthwhile cause and further details can be found here - <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/pioneer-pupil-passport>. If you are able to support and would like your donation to come directly to your school, please indicate this when you donate.

New Schools to TPA

I am delighted to inform you that Ightham Primary School in Sevenoaks, an 'Outstanding' primary school, will be joining our partnership of schools next term.

We are also in the final stages of consultation with a small rural school in Sevenoaks that is Ofsted graded as 'Good'.

Capital (building) investment in our schools

As I state every year, our estates team have been exceptionally busy making our schools the very best environments for your children. This academic year we have invested £1,000,000 in upgrading our school sites and infrastructure. These include new EYFS and enhanced learning provision outdoor learning environments, pupil toilet refurbishments, sensory rooms, new windows, new pupil furniture, new classroom and corridor carpets, and finally, boiler and roofing works.



Final Thought

I would like to thank all our parents, carers and staff who have all been committed to ensuring every single one of our pupils have been provided the very best education once again this year. Without you, all our schools would not be the Safe, Happy, Learning environments they are. Thank you.

Yours faithfully



Lee Mason-Ellis
CEO, The Pioneer Academy

Vision and Expectations

Vision

We put children first, pioneering excellence and championing each and every child.

Expectations

Safe:

- Schools are safe and secure
- Safeguarding culture is effective and robust
- Similarities and differences are celebrated; everyone thrives and flourishes

Happy:

- Pupils and staff are positive and succeed in a supportive environment
- Wellbeing for all
- High standards of attendance and enjoyment are outcomes of an inclusive TPA school

Learning:

- Learning is achieved by the successful sequencing of memorable experiences
- Learners are engaged, resilient and enthusiastic
- Learning outcomes are ambitious due to knowledgeable and effective teaching



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The Pioneer Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our pupils and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment