

March 2023 Newsletter



'Thrive and Achieve Together'

As we come to the end of the spring term, I reflect again on the excellent work that is being done across all of our schools, to ensure we give children the very best start to their education.

The jobs that you all do are challenging and it takes real commitment and hard work to achieve the happy thriving schools that I see. I hope that you do all take time to reflect on the difference that your role, whatever it is, has on the experience of our children.

The sad news in the press about the Headteacher Ruth Perry has made me particularly think about the very rewarding, but very tough, job that our Headteachers do. I would personally like to thank Anna, Antoinette, Caroline, Lisa and Stewart for the difference they make to children's lives and ask that we never forget the pressure under which they work and the competing demands they strive to meet.

I hope that over the next two weeks you all have time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing more of the fantastic work you do in what will no doubt be a busy and rewarding summer term.

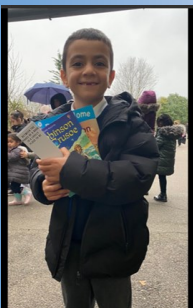
Jane Flynn CEO

Reading

Reading is a priority in all of our schools and it is really pleasing to see the excellent work being done in Reception and Y1 classes to implement the Read, Write Inc programme. Phonics outcomes across the Trust are strong and give our children a good start to their reading journey.

It is, of course, also important that children develop a real love of books and a knowledge of genres and authors. It is therefore lovely to see the effort that everyone put into World Book Day to make sure it is a celebration of all things reading.

You may well have heard me also talk about the importance of reading across the curriculum and I know that your leaders are looking for ways to ensure children are exposed to quality texts in most if not every lesson.



Bikeability at
Raynham



Fleecefield healthy eating
workshop



Wilbury junior
apprentice

Building Improvements

As a Trust, we get our funding for large maintenance and development projects directly from the Government . This year we have been able to have the boilers replaced at Wilbury and keep on top of all general repairs and maintenance. Our buildings are now in a pretty good condition. Next year we will begin a cycle of window replacements, an elevation at a time, starting with those in the worst condition.

After delays at the planning stage, we are very excited that we can now look forward to the improvement work to Raynham's entrance getting started. The planned changes to the entrance and office area, will really enhance the approach and welcome into Raynham. This work is now due to get underway in the Easter holidays.

I am fortunate to be supported with managing sites and finance by Anu, Claire and the central team, they work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure we have the resources that we need to continue and enhance what we do. Thank you to you all.

School Improvement

School improvement , curriculum and pedagogy, is an on-going and exciting part of all our jobs. Sarah and David continue to support leaders to develop their curriculum documents and to be able to support staff back at each school to deliver them effectively.

Sophie and the Early Years teams continue to show case strong practice and great outcomes for our youngest children.

Nick and his expertise with computing means each school is developing a strong IT offer. Nick is also supporting us to recruit a strong IT support company who can make sure that we have excellent technical support and an ambitious plan for future development in this ever changing area.

Altus continues to work with assessment leads to develop effective assessment strategies and plans opportunities to moderate across schools .

We are working to extend collaboration into more areas and Suleen, from Raynham, has begun to convene a SENDCo group which will really support those in the SENDCo role .



It is lovely to see so many of our children enjoying the Great Outdoors



I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and look forward to more great things in the summer term.

