



Mowbray

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Firstly, I'd like to thank you for your support this term, it has been incredibly positive and we are so proud of the progress that has been made.

Our focus on supporting the most vulnerable in our community has brought us to feel as one very aligned team. The impact of this is apparent with the funds we have raised for Children in Need, the donations to help provide hampers for families in need in Melton, contributions to

storehouse collections, and the delivery of Christmas cards and presents to the elderly, with the support of Age UK. We are so proud of our community and the sense of belonging we all feel.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas, and look forward to working with you in the New Year.

**Christine Stansfield
Chief Executive Officer
Mowbray Education Trust**





Reading Update

In a recent blog from the Confederation of School Trusts, Chris Ratcliffe, Head of Education at Scholastic, outlined the two-year study launched by Scholastic UK.

Our Trust Reading Lead, Lucy Neath, provided valuable practical insight into this new study and how taking part has helped us to develop trust-wide improvements to reading.

New CST Blog

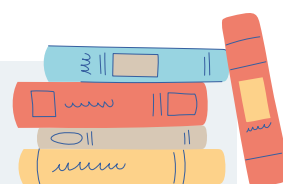
Developing trust-wide improvements to reading



Chris Ratcliffe
Head of Education
Scholastic



Lucy Neath
Trust Reading Lead
Mowbray Education Trust



As part of this study, all of our primary schools undertook the Scholastic Reading Audit during the Autumn term. Brownlow, Sherard, Ab Kettleby and Somerby Primary Schools achieved the Reading Charter certificate, and all of our settings are in the process of using the audit to work on the highlighted development areas.

You can read the blog to find out more [here](#).





Community Update

Christmas Hampers

This is the fourth year that the Christmas Hamper effort has been co-ordinated, with thanks to Sharon Butcher, licensee at The Grapes Pub, and Mrs Hart, from Brownlow Wellbeing Hub.

Staff from across the Trust will be coming together again this year on Friday 22nd December to help pack and distribute the hampers, and are expecting to deliver nearly 300!

Members of the community, along with staff and pupils from across our settings, have contributed towards the fundraising efforts and donations for the Christmas Hampers this year, and are a heart-warming example of everyone coming together to help those in need.



Donations

Students from Iveshead School took part in the reverse advent initiative this year, in support of Shepshed Food Bank.

John Ferneley College staff and students also filled boxes for Storehouse donations. They also donated gifts for Age UK, and visited members of the community in need.





News and Updates

Brownlow Primary School secures a Good Ofsted Report! You can view the full report on their website [here](#).

“Ofsted: *Brownlow Primary is a school where ‘children come first’. Staff care for pupils in a safe, nurturing and inclusive learning environment. They model kindness and respect.*”

Staff and students from across the Trust came together to commemorate Remembrance Day, click [here](#) to find out more.

The official opening of the Sensory Room and Garden at Oasis Preschool and Retreat took place on Tuesday 21st November! Click [here](#) to read the full story in the Melton Times, or [here](#) in Love Business East Midlands.

Pupils from Somerby and Ab Kettleby Primary Schools engaged with the topic of World War II, and explored local wartime links. Read the full story in the Melton Times [here](#).



Our CEO was featured in Schools Week on the topic of belonging and its importance within the profession, and what it means for our pupils.

Click [here](#) to read this feature.



Fundraising Initiatives

Our schools have been involved in further fundraising efforts this term to help raise funds and awareness for some very important causes, including Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need.

Staff and pupils participated in various activities to mark these occasions, from hosting guest speakers during assemblies, to organising various creative 'beat the teacher' challenges!

John Ferneley College raised £1339.05 for Children in Need!

Click [here](#) to see how our settings commemorated Remembrance Day.



Iveshead School raised £443 for Young Minds!

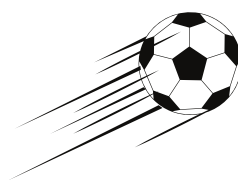
Ab Kettleby Primary School pupils wore odd socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying week, and show that it's okay to be different.





Sports Updates

Our schools have been involved in a number of sporting events this Autumn term, including Cross Country, Football Festivals, Rugby Competitions and Tennis Tournaments!



Well done to our Year 6 boys at Brownlow Primary School, who won the cup at the Cross Country Championships just before the first half term!



Well done!

Max and Josh from Ab Kettleby Primary School took part in the Alton Towers Junior Run!





Leicestershire and Rutland Cross Country League (Mallory Park)



Lewis, from John Ferneley College, has been selected to train with Leicester Tigers Junior Academy! He passed two assessments to gain his place and there were 140 children attending tryouts from rugby clubs and schools across Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire! Well done, Lewis!



The Year 7-8 team at Iveshead School took their first ever Rugby teams to a competition! They were fantastic and won all of their games by a large margin. The Year 9-10 team also put in some strong performances against some tough opposition.

Iveshead School students have also enjoyed great successes with their football teams. Namely the Year 8 boys team who, after a tense season, finally played Rawlins in a head to head game. Although they lost on penalties, they can be proud that they have gone undefeated in open play for two seasons! Read more [here](#).





Let's Get Moving Melton Awards 2023



The Let's Get Moving Melton Awards 2023 took place towards the end of this term, and the results are testament to the hard work and dedication that our school teams have put into their sports provision and extra-curricular activities! We are so proud of our staff and students and their commitment to sports.

Click [here](#) to see the full results.



Ab Kettleby Primary School were awarded School of the Year!

John Ferneley College were runners up in the Secondary School Team of the Year Awards!



Some of our students were also runners up in individual categories!



Brownlow Primary School's Year 5/6 Swimming Team were awarded Primary School Team of the Year!





SCHOOL STORIES

Hyett Education visited our Year 4 and 5 pupils at The Grove Primary School last week! They took part in some science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) activities.

Hyett Education provided a fun and educational experience which focused on teamwork, problem-solving, creative thinking and coding/cyber skills. The children had the best day!

Click [here](#) to see the story featured in the Melton Times!



The Scholastic Half Price Book fair took place at John Ferneley College. It created a real excitement around books and reading, with a range of new titles on offer. The total sales were £877.60, and they earned books to the value of £87.50 for the school library. Thank you everyone for supporting this great event!





Ab Kettleby Primary School and Somerby Primary School pupils took part in the Take One Picture week earlier this term! They enjoyed a creative week full of varied ideas surrounding the painting 'The Courtyard of a House in Delft', by Pieter de Hooch.



Their creations are on display in the school corridors, and they look amazing!



Some of our Year 7s at John Ferneley College wrote letters to their Iveshead School pen pals!



The Grove Primary School enjoyed a staff Art CPD session on how to get the most from the artworks they have on loan from Creative Learning Services, which included a presentation and an art activity.



The activity using inks to paint a landscape was possibly the highlight of the evening but it also demonstrated the benefits of borrowing real artworks to inspire creativity.

Staff commented that they found it a therapeutic release at the end of the day too!



Christmas Across the Trust

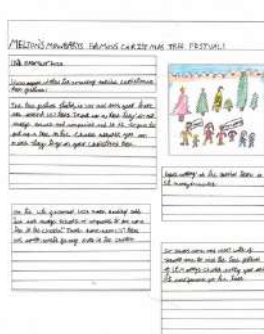
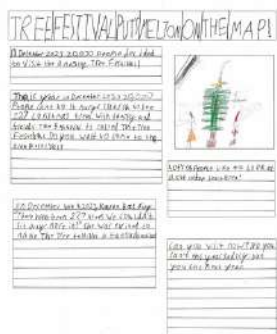
Several of our schools began the Christmas festivities by taking part in the annual Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church in Melton!

Among the exhibitions were John Ferneley College's 'A Handmade Christmas' window display, Oasis Preschool and Retreat's 'O Come Let Us Adore Him' tree and The Grove Primary School's 'Dickensian Christmas' themed tree.



The Post 16 Interact Group at Iveshead School took part in the Rotary Club Christmas Tree Festival. They created a tree for peace, raising awareness of the ongoing conflicts around the world. Their tree placed third!

After looking round the Christmas Tree Festival, our Year 3 pupils from Sherard Primary School produced some amazing newspaper reports! You can find out more [here](#).





Our staff and pupils have also participated in and hosted an array of Christmas events and activities, from decorations, nativities and shows, to carol concerts and services!

Mrs Watson directed the performance of 'Frozen' at Iveshead School, which was performed to three sold out audiences, as well as a theatre full of excited St. Botolph pupils!



The Grove Primary School Choir spread festive cheer throughout the town!



Framland Residential Home welcomed Ab Kettleby Primary School's Choir.



Sherard Primary School took part in the Mayor's Carol Service at St Mary's Church, and they sang with such enthusiasm.

We are so proud of all of our children and the kindness and generosity they have demonstrated within the community.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS,

Thank you for reading!

