

We have had a busy half term across our lovely schools; take a look at what our teams have been up to!

## Community & Wellbeing

Proudly introducing our Brownlow pupil well-being champions! We have 10 well-being champions who will receive training after Half Term from myself and Alex Tranmer, our Educational Mental Health Practitioner. The pupil well-being champions are in years 5 and 6, and will be supporting the food hub, coffee mornings and fund raising. They will also be involved with supporting pupils on the playground including helping to create a quiet zone.

Sandie Hart, SEND / Behaviour Advisor





## PLMR Update

Take a look at some of the exciting press coverage we have had across the Trust this half term:

- Lunchtime Initiatives across our primary schools - Melton Times
- Young Entrepreneurs Club at John Ferneley College - Melton Times
- Ab Kettleby & Somerby Primary Schools celebrate Good Ofsted Ratings - Melton Times
- The Grove Primary School celebrates its first Good Ofsted Rating - Melton Times



MET Community Safety Event - Schools Week





## Reading Update

At John Ferneley College, year 7 and 8 students are taking part in a county-wide project called "Reading Rampage" through their English lessons. There are 10 books in the scheme, and we have launched a competition between English classes to see who can read the most between now and June.

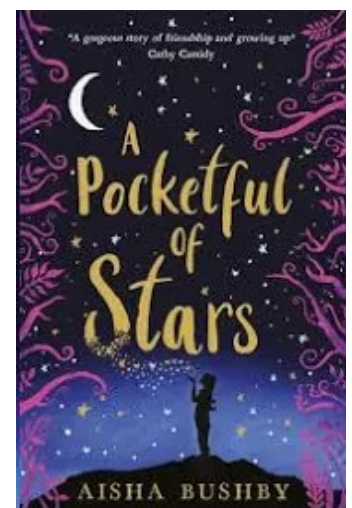
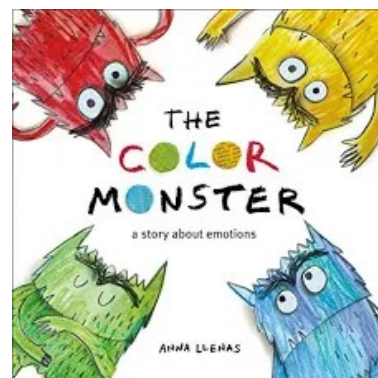
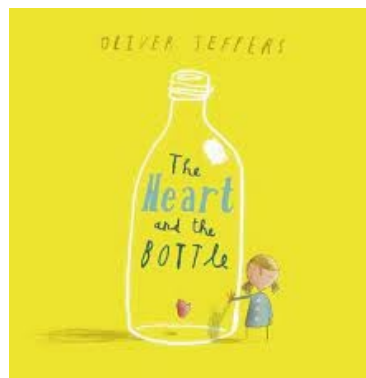
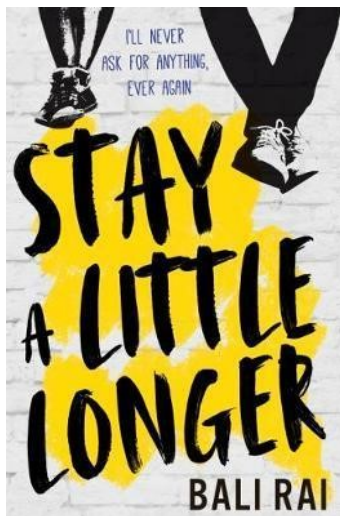
Year 7 reading intervention also began this half term with the first group of 6 students having their initial session of an 8-week programme.

The Reading Ambassadors at JFC are going to be promoting the Reading Rampage in student assemblies along with other mini projects that have taken place this half term, including:

- Paired reading between Year 7 and Year 9/10/11 students
- Book of the week to be promoted on student daily messages and social media
- Who wants to be a Millionaire competition - using the Accelerated Reader online programme to see which students can read 1 million words before the end of the year
- Organised library activities to be completed during break and lunch times which included a 'Where's Wally' competition

Also, as part of Children's Mental Health Week teams across our schools were encouraged to take part in daily reading sessions during the school day. Research from the National Literacy Trust shows that reading for just 10 minutes can help to reduce stress.

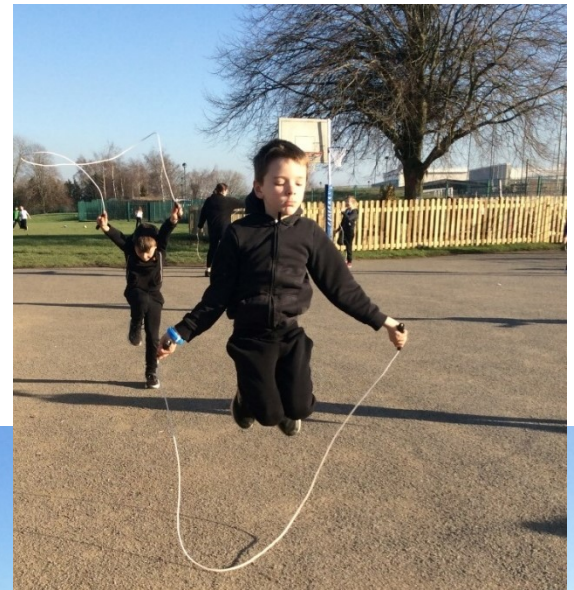
Lucy Neath, Trust Lead for Reading





## Children's Mental Health Week

Pupils at Sherard Primary School enjoyed a jump rope workshop on Monday with Coach Chris from The Jump Rope Company. The day was tailored around inclusion and mental wellbeing in support of Children's Mental Health Week. The children and staff alike had great fun!



Congratulations to the newly qualified Mental Health Champions at John Ferneley College. They spent a day in training learning about the skills needed to listen, the 4 stages of wellbeing and how to spot the signs of poor mental health.





## On The Move

Pupils at Ab Kettleby and Somerby primary schools have been keeping active this month with extra-curricular activities as well as morning Daily Boost sessions. These sessions took inspiration from Chinese New Year, iMoves, Toy Robots and Ancient Egyptian Yoga!

### Gymnastics After School Club with Jazz from Little Springers



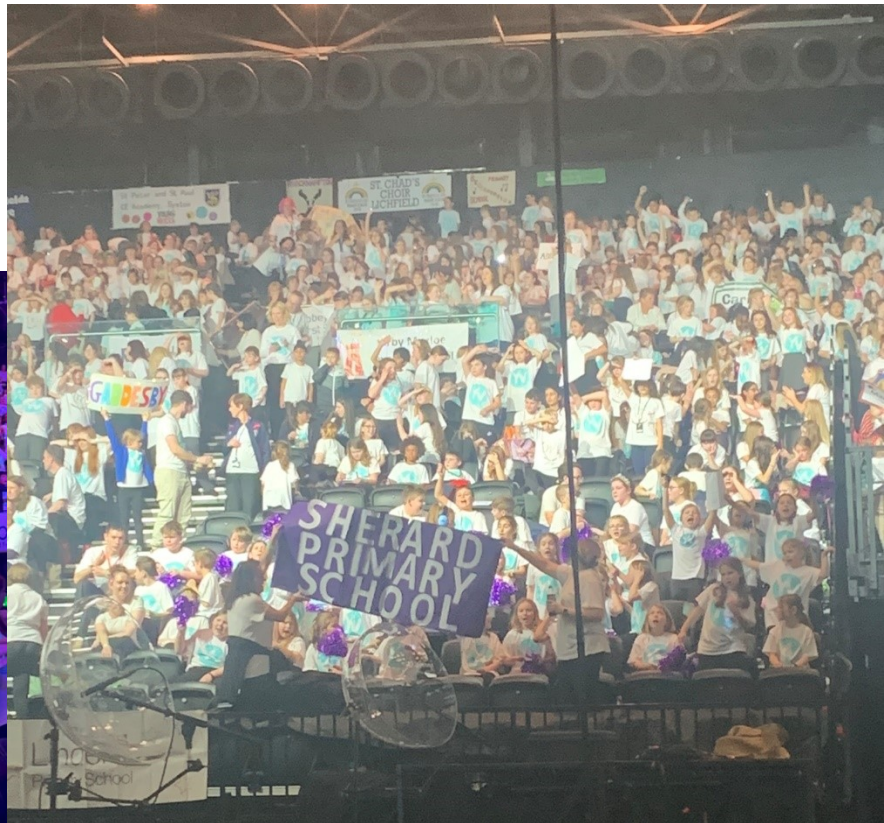
**Cross Country**  
Pupils at Ab Kettleby had a great time representing the school at the Ratcliffe Cross Country Event.





## Performing Arts

Sherard Primary School students had a great time at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham!



## Back to the 80s

We are also so proud of our wonderful students at John Ferneley College who put on an amazing performance.





## Swimming Gala

Ab Kettleby, Brownlow, Sherard and The Grove Primary Schools took part in the Your School Games Swimming Gala at Waterfield Leisure Centre.

Ab Kettleby Primary School were awarded the spirit of the games award and Brownlow Primary School will go on to represent Melton and Belvoir in the County Final.

### Brownlow Primary School




### Ab Kettleby Primary School





## Iveshead School

Iveshead School launch their word of the week this term. Each week a new word will be shared which students should try and use in sentences throughout the week during their lessons.

<p>Week beginning 30th January Iveshead school are proud to present our initiative to develop the literacy and vocabulary of our students through 'Word of the Week'.</p>		<p>Each week students will be introduced to a new word, which they will use (in context) in their written and verbal work during lessons and around the school. Every time they use the word of the week our students will be rewarded with <u>two positive points</u>.</p>		
<p><b>Definition</b></p> <p>Acting or done in the same way over time, especially so as to be fair or accurate.</p>		<p><b>How can the word be used in a sentence</b></p> <p>I need to be more <u>consistent</u> with my presentation when doing work There has been a <u>consistent</u> improvement with the results of the school's sports teams</p>		
<p><b>Persistent</b></p>		<p><b>Constant</b></p>		<p><b>Etymology</b></p> <p>LATIN consistere → consistent standing firm or still, existing</p> <p>LATIN consistent standing firm or still, existing</p> <p>ENGLISH consist → consistent consisting or composed of late 16th century</p>
<p><b>Synonyms</b></p>		<p><b>Always</b></p>		

Word of the week

# Consistent

## Design & Technology

Well done to the Year 7 Students for completing their cam and crank robots!



Year 8 students have also been creative during their 'Taster' sessions.





## Oasis Preschool & Retreat

Pupils from The Grove Primary School and Oasis Preschool and Retreat had a blast learning about rockets and space!



The children from Oasis Preschool and Retreat also had a great time exploring outdoors this half term including trips to Melton Country Park!





## School Trips

Our Year 4 students at The Grove Primary School had a great time at PGL Caythorpe and took part in lots of fun activities including Aero Ball, Zip Wire, Kubota Tractor racing and archery!



## New York

Pupils from John Ferneley College also had a fun-filled five days in New York! As well as visiting tourist attractions and exploring Central Park, the team enjoyed a magical evening at Moulin Rouge on Broadway, which was followed by a performance workshop with stars from the show.

**Thank you for reading,  
Happy Half Term!**

