

Hi everyone

I am reliably informed that we are nearly at half term. 😊

It has been a very productive one overall, with all schools returning back after the summer to a very settled and focussed start to the year.

Brownlow was the final school of our primaries to receive a visit from Ofsted.

It was a hugely enjoyable(!) experience and the feedback was incredibly strong, reflecting what we know is consistently excellent practice, day in day out. Feedback about Brownlow's support for its community reflected well the wider work of the Trust in this. Again, a moment of real pride and reflection in the journey we are on.

There are some very exciting opportunities to support schools more widely through growth and, with Buckminster Primary School joining us soon, we are quite rightly reviewing our infrastructure to build the capacity to deliver this well when the time comes.

Carl Elder, the Executive Head for Secondaries, joined us in late September and is working closely with Ian Toon, who is the Executive Head

for Primaries, to develop the Schools Improvement offer for the Trust. I am particularly excited about the development of secondary collaboration this year, which is finally possible now that we have two secondaries in the Trust. I am looking forward to taking the learning about collaboration from primaries, as this takes shape.

All of this marks a step change in what we do, creating significantly more capacity to support our excellent schools.

Overall, busy, productive and fun – but ready for half term.

I hope you have a great holiday and get some rest – the next half is always my favourite one!

And finally, some of you may have noticed an exciting new logo appearing on new school signage, letters, websites, etc.

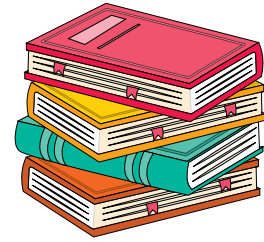
This is the new Mowbray Education Trust logo. Thank you for the very positive feedback received thus far. We thought it was time we tidied ourselves up a little bit – I hope you like it!

Christine Stansfield
Chief Executive Officer
Mowbray Education Trust





READING UPDATE



Our Year 7 students at John Ferneley College attended a book talk session with Jo from Creative Learning Services (CLS), and were very excited to choose some books for the new library from the CLS warehouse! Some students also attended a poetry workshop for National Poetry day.

Our pupils at The Grove Primary school also enjoyed a very lively creative writing workshop with CLS, and showcased their amazing imaginations! One of the students gave the following feedback: "I lovvved this session I so want to come again! Thank you, thank you, thank you! 10/10".



Further, all schools across the Trust have, or are in the process of, completing reading tests. Students at JFC will also have the chance to help a local author bring his new book to life!

Finally, John Ferneley College have also had their new library installed! Keep an eye on their social media pages to see the finished look!

Mrs Neath, Trust Lead for Reading



COMMUNITY UPDATE



Sherard Primary School welcomed Alex and Bev, from the Education Mental Health Support Team, to one of their weekly coffee mornings! They presented a brilliant parent workshop on 'Understanding Anxiety'. It was great to see so many of you there, including some new faces!



Thank you also to everyone for your harvest festival donations, which will be used towards the Christmas Hampers scheme. Your generosity is heart warming and will be appreciated by those who are in need.

Coffee Mornings - Dates & Times



The Grove Primary School

Wednesday fortnightly from 9am until 10am



Sherard Primary School

Every Thursday from 8.40am until 9.30am



Brownlow Primary School

Every Friday from 8.45am until 10.15am

Sandie Hart
SEND/Behaviour Advisor
Mowbray Education Trust



NEWS STORIES

Over the summer, our Year 11 cohort collected their GCSE results!

A huge congratulations to this group who have worked so hard, we are very proud of what you have achieved and can't wait to see what you will do next!

Click [here](#) to read this story in the Melton Times.



We also announced at the start of term the exciting news that our Trust has been selected as the sponsor to support Buckminster Primary School!

You can read the statement from our CEO, Christine Stansfield, [here](#).

We look forward to meeting the pupils, staff and families of Buckminster and working with you all over the coming years.

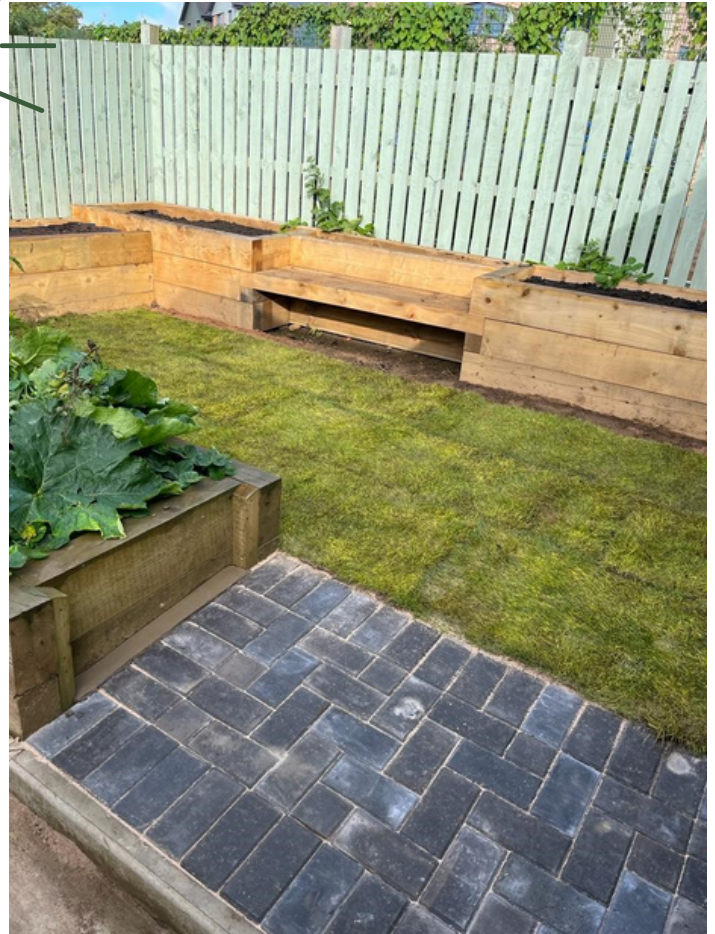


NEWS & UPDATES



We are very pleased to share the new and improved Sensory Garden at Oasis Preschool and Retreat, which was completed earlier this term! We can't wait to see the children planting!

A huge thank you to those who contributed towards the planters and gave your time to help the transformation take place, including the Leicester Tigers Foundation and Wooden Spoon Charity.



Congratulations to Mrs Cheeseman and the team at The Grove Primary School for achieving The Primary Science Quality Mark!

Click [here](#) to see this story in the Melton Times.



At the Grove, we value all curriculum areas and want to ensure that our children are receiving top-quality education in all disciplines. Last year, improving our science provision and receiving an external validation for the quality of our curriculum and teaching of science was a key priority as we continue to strive for excellence after our Good Ofsted rating in January.

Mrs Cheeseman, Head Of School





EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The children at Buckminster Primary School also hosted a wonderful Harvest Festival celebration at St John the Baptist Church.

The Year 6 children led the celebration, and it was wonderful to listen to the children sing, hear their poems, and listen to some thoughtful prayers.

They have also been overwhelmed by the community's generosity with donations to the Grantham Food Bank.



Well done to our amazing singers from Brownlow School Children's Choir! They performed amazingly at the 40s weekend themed 'Last Night of The Proms' show at St Marys Church in Melton Mowbray!





SPORTS NEWS

Well done to all those who took part in the Primary Football Tournament at Mowbray Rangers Football Club.

Our primaries were amazing, with The Grove Primary School winning the DEVELOP tournament and Sherard Primary School being awarded with Spirit of The Games for the EXCEL tournament!

Ab Kettleby Primary School also came third in their group, and there were some fantastic goal scorers from Somerby Primary School!

A further Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Tournament was held at John Ferneley College recently. 18 schools competed, and The Grove Primary School came out as winners! We can't wait to see them represent the school, Trust and Melton and Belvoir at a national event!





SPORTS NEWS



Students at Ab Kettleby Primary School have been busy taking part in various running activities this term in preparation for the Long Field Cross Country event! Well done for all your hard work, it certainly paid off with Max placing 3rd and Josh finishing 6th in the Year 3/4 race!

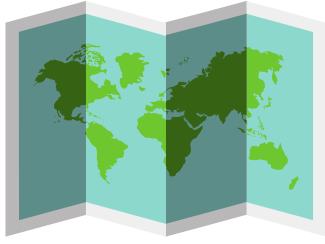
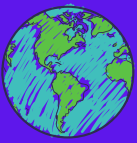


Iveshead have had over 150 students attending their clubs and competitions and boast some strong and committed teams this year. Click [here](#) to see their newsletter and find out more!



The Year 7s at John Ferneley College have done a fantastic job settling in and getting involved with school activities during their first half term with the school. Here is the Year 7 Girls' football team after playing against Belvoir and Longfield last week! You can see the full sporting fixture reports and further updates in their Weekly Bulletins on their website [here](#).





SCHOOL STORIES



The Sand Dunes at Harlech!

Our students from Iveshead School also recently enjoyed a tour of SMB College Group's three campuses!

They learnt about the various courses on offer at each setting and viewed the facilities available. Pictured top right, you can see the students about to enter the Plumbing & Gas Academy at Stepenson Campus! Students also particularly enjoyed looking round the animal care studies at Brooksby campus!

It is wonderful to see our students exploring their options for further education and vocations.

Year 13 students at Iveshead School enjoyed a really successful trip at the start of term to North Wales. The students are now in the process of writing up their reports. They investigated a range of important geographical issues including the impact of tourism on the town of Porthmadog and the formation of sand dunes at Morfa Harlech.





SCHOOL STORIES



Students and staff across the Trust wore yellow on World Mental Health Day and talked about the importance of a healthy mind and body.



Somerby and Ab Kettleby Primary School finished this half term with a trip to Melton Borough Council to meet the Mayor! They were super excited to have been awarded GOLD for the Melton in Bloom Project that they took part in during the summer term.



The children at Ab Kettleby Primary School enjoyed a visit from James at Simmons Optometrists! They learnt about his job and how important it is to look after our eyes. They also had great fun trying on lots of glasses, along with Mrs Brown!

Oasis Preschool & Retreat now have a pet snail! He is a Giant African snail called Gary. The children have had great fun learning all about snails and how to look after them.



HAPPY HALF TERM,
Thank you for reading!

