



Mowbray

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Events**

Hi everyone

I hope you have had a good half term and have some exciting Easter plans (I'm really not going to use the traditional pun here – making reference to it being egg-citing – you are better than that!).

The Spring Term has been so productive, with many improvements being made to central processes, and particularly to Finance and HR – not often badged as the most exciting (going to avoid that pun again) areas, but getting things tidied up and improved has been so important. My thanks to all those involved with this and it has really put us ahead in knowing where we are.

I would also like to thank you for often putting up with things while we make these improvements.

In the meantime, it has been absolutely brilliant to see the peer

review days begin to take shape, with the first ones taking place this term. For me, the best bit is knowing that our strong culture enables us to be open about our starting points, building collaboration and demonstrating humility and kindness throughout.

I really do love our Trust and while we often have to work through difficulties, I am so confident about our direction and shared values, which makes it all possible. Thank you for the part you play in this.

As we go into Easter, I wish you rest, recuperation and many, many Easter eggs.

Thank you, all.

Christine Stansfield
Chief Executive Officer
Mowbray Education Trust



Sector Leadership Input

Our CEO, Christine Stansfield, delivered a seminar session at The MAT Show on 28th February.

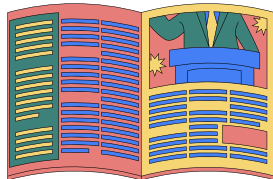
The Vine Trust commented the following:

It was brilliant to hear from so many insightful and inspiring leaders in education such as Matt Crawford from Embark Federation, Anita Bath from Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust, Christine Stansfield from Mowbray Education Trust and Dr John Allan from Inspiring Learning. Congratulations on your interesting and informative sessions!

Thank you to Optimus Education for hosting such a great event.



NGA GOVERNING MATTERS



LATEST ISSUE SPRING 2024

We are so pleased to see an article from Susan Beasley, Executive Lead for Governance and Compliance, featured in the Spring edition of Governing Matters!

Susan talks about the importance of an adaptable trust governance model.





Reading Update

All of our schools have completed Star Reader Tests, this is a huge task and we really appreciate staff going above and beyond to ensure the tests are being carried out with fidelity.

Selected students at The Grove and JFC have been taking part in a Reading Plus pilot programme which helps to increase silent reading speed as well as comprehension and vocabulary understanding. There have been some real stand out successes with particular individuals and certificates have been handed out to those who have become 25,000 word wizards!



Year 7 students at JFC have visited Waterstones in Nottingham and WHSmith in Melton to promote further opportunities of reading for pleasure. Thanks to Vicky Newman for her tireless commitment in organising these trips.

Plans are underway for the annual Year 5 literacy day too.



There has also been lots of celebrating during school assemblies in relation to the amount of words being read across many of our settings using Accelerated Reader.

Lucy Neath, Trust Lead for Reading



World Book Day 2024

Pupils from across our settings celebrated World Book Day! Our schools organised a range of engaging activities and initiatives, as well as special assemblies, that captured the children's imaginations.

It has been wonderful to see our pupils celebrate reading and take part in activities that further promote the importance of words and books! You can find out more on our website [here](#).



The Grove, Sherard and Brownlow Primary Schools host weekly coffee mornings, to provide support to the community and a chance to speak to some of our lovely teams and visitors.

The Grove Primary School welcomed James from MADMAC earlier this term and Alison Riggall, Link Trustee, on 12th March.



Coffee Mornings

THE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Visitor Dates

Tuesday 9th April - Sheela, Talking Therapies

Tuesday 23rd April - Emma Charlton, Trust Wellbeing Practitioner



"I spent a super morning joining some lovely parents and staff at The Grove School for coffee and biscuits (and some cupcakes left over from the parents' evening). They were discussing how to support the next school disco and school fete, and how to register for the free breakfast club. The school organised a rack of good quality clothes, including some new ones from M&S, available to help parents with school uniforms. Overall, it was a very friendly and supportive morning."

Alison Riggall, Link Trustee





Sports News

Gymnastics



On Friday 1st March, some of our children from Ab Kettleby Primary School and Brownlow Primary School performed at the Little Springers Gymnastics competition! Well done to the gymnasts for learning the routines so well and delivering such amazing performances!

A special mention to Ab Kettleby pupils Max, Grace, Leo and Tommy who came first! Our performers from Brownlow Primary also came first in the Level 3 Competition, and took the top two places at Level 4! Our pupils went on to represent Melton and Belvoir at the County Final on 20th March!

Thank you to all of the staff and teams who organised the event and helped to support and coach the children.



Ab Kettleby pupils finish fourth at the County Finals!

Basketball



On 4th March, Melton and Belvoir SSP's Year 5/6 Basketball Finals took place at John Ferneley College! Well done to all involved, it was great to see so many close and competitive games!

Our pupils from The Grove Primary School made it to the semi-finals, with Brownlow Primary School taking the win!



The Grove pupils qualify to the semi-finals!



Sports News

Our students have also been busy taking part in many cross country events this term, including the Leicestershire Cross Country Championships at Prestwold Hall on Sunday 3rd March!

Well done to our children for representing their school and the Trust in true cross country conditions!

National Primary and Year 7 Cross Country Final



Thrussington Fun Run



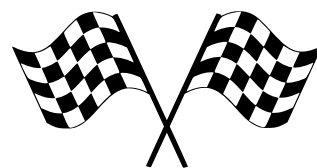
School Games Award

Ab Kettleby Primary School have achieved Platinum Status for their commitment to delivering PE and school sports!

The School Games Mark recognises schools which have excelled in developing competition across their school and into their community. The Platinum Status is the highest award that can be achieved through the scheme, so this is an amazing accolade.

Well done to our staff and students, we are so proud of your accomplishment!

WELL DONE!



Schools Parallel Cross Country Championships

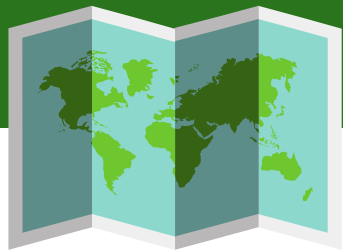


You can view JFC's full sports reports in their Weekly Bulletins [here](#).

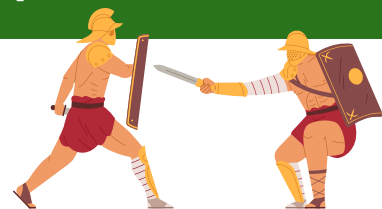


Wow!





School Trips



Pupils from Somerby Primary School and Ab Kettleby Primary School enjoyed being Romans for the day on Friday 15th March!
They learned how to build catapults, use weaponry, dress in armour and use marching formations. The children really enjoyed their day, and Queen Boudicca herself complimented them on their manners and listening skills!



Clumber St., Nottingham where students completed footfall surveys



Bridlesmith Gate where students looked at how this shopping street had changed over time.



Geography

Year 11 students at Iveshead School visited Nottingham City Centre and conducted pedestrian surveys as part of their fieldwork. They also assessed how shops have changed overtime using old photographs, and conducted a land use survey to compare the different types of uses for the buildings with data from 2016.

There are also a number of upcoming fieldwork trips for our GCSE and A Level students next term, including:

- 11th April - Y12 A Level trip to Flamborough Head
- 14th and 15th May - Y10 GCSE trip to Dovedale
- 11th and 12th June - Y9 GCSE trip to Bakewell
- September 2024 - Y13 A Level Residential Trip to North Wales



PERFORMING ARTS

Some of our primaries took part in the Sky School's Challenge at Melton Theatre!

14 schools performed in the first stages of the challenge on 6th and 7th March, which were then whittled down to 6 finalists. Among the finalists were our Key Stage 2 pupils from Brownlow Primary, who performed brilliantly!

Well done to everyone involved, you were incredible.



Speed Networking

Year 9 students at Iveshead School took part in a 'Speed Networking' event on 6th March. Representatives from a wide range of companies visited classrooms on a rotational basis. Students had to think about their body language and demonstrated impeccable manners when greeting the visitors and showing them around the school. The whole experience is designed to develop students' confidence when speaking to unfamiliar people and build their employability skills.



Comic Relief

Our schools worked hard to help raise money for Comic Relief. This included attending school in non-uniform, and doing something funny for money!



Children from Oasis Preschool and Retreat thoroughly enjoyed their Easter egg hunt!

HAPPY EASTER