

TRUST TALK

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Gretton students retell Easter story



Children from Years 2 to 6 at Gretton Primary Academy paraded through the village to retell the Easter story. Students, staff and members of the community visited different parts of the village where sections of the story were re-enacted by different classes. Thanks to Rev Sian Reading and Baptist minister Peter Lloyd for their involvement, as well as teacher Mrs Emma Alexander who organised the event. ■

Maths boosters for our Y6 students



Staff and students at Brooke Weston offered maths booster lessons for Year 6 students from Trust schools so that they could continue their learning over the Easter holidays in preparation for next month's SATs.

More than 30 students from Oakley Vale and Beanfield Primary schools signed up for the two-hour lessons that took place once a week during the holidays. ■

Peckover students enjoy Titanic tea dance



Students from Peckover Primary School ended last term in style with an amazing themed Titanic Tea Dance when everyone dressed in costumes for tea and dancing. Specially invited guests included their Governors and the students prepared a delicious assortment of food, all displayed on hand-made decorated cake stands.

The party was the latest exciting part of a long-running Titanic project. Classrooms have been specially themed and decorated with one portraying a first class cabin, a third class cabin squeezed into an alcove, and one classroom transformed into a pub used by the shipbuilders and trades staff.



Principal Carrie Norman (right) with Peckover's newest Governors Peter Waterfield and Helen Nicholls.



Teacher Kate Kendal has played the role of Capt Smith, the ill-fated liner's captain. She dressed in character for the tea dance and presided over ceremonies. Teacher Rachel Horvath, who played the role of Mrs Smith, said: 'We have had a term on building, a term on sailing and next term we will unfortunately sink!

'This topic applies to every area of the curriculum and we could not do such a large-scale project without the support of the staff. We have been doing this topic for a few years now and students lower down the school really look forward to when it is their turn on the Titanic. If we stopped they would be really disappointed and we try to make it as authentic as possible.' ■



News at a glance



A group of Year 4 students from Compass Primary Academy enjoyed experiments at neighbouring KSA as part of British Science Week.



Students at Oakley Vale primary school took part in fast paced taster sessions of martial art Judo Kuin Do.



Spring has definitely sprung in our classrooms with the arrival of ducklings at Gretton Primary (above) and the hatching of chickens at Oakley Vale Primary (below) teaching our students about nature and animal husbandry.



Beanfield students explore with Google



Google Expeditions visited Beanfield Primary School to take students on an immersive virtual-reality school trip. With Google Cardboard (a virtual reality viewer) students explored from ancient Egypt to the Great Barrier Reef and Antarctica without ever leaving the classroom.

The technology consisted of a tablet for the teacher along with Cardboard viewers and phones for every student. Teachers chose destinations in line with each class's topics and the entire classroom jumped there automatically.

Year 4 teacher Ms Charlotte Johnson

said, 'The look on the students' faces was incredible and their attention was hooked. The lesson was brought to life in a unique way and it really gave an extra dimension to the topics that we are studying.'

'This technology is something that we would never normally have access to so to be able to experience this was so exciting.'

A Year 4 student said 'This was totally amazing. We travelled around Egypt just by looking through a box. It felt like I was actually there and I wish I could keep it!' ■



'Whistleblowing' officer appointed

Education Welfare Officer Martine Boyd has been appointed as 'whistle-blowing' officer for the Trust. If any employee has a complaint that isn't able to be dealt with informally or at school level, then they can put it in writing and a formal process of investigation will begin. Please see the policy on the BWT website for details. ■

Trust Job Opportunities

Here are the current opportunities across the Trust. For more details visit the BWT website:

Support/Central Team:

- Executive Officer (internal)
- IT technician - CTS
- School media officer – Wisbech
- Science technician - BW
- Senior Finance/HR Manager (internal)
- Senior Operations Manager (internal)

Teaching:

- Trust Director of Subject:
- Maths, Science and Humanities
- Teacher of Biology - CTS
- Teacher of Geography - KSA
- Teacher of Maths - BW
- Teacher of Maths - KSA
- Teacher of RE - BW
- Teacher of Science - CTS
- Teacher of Science - KSA

Brooke Weston Teaching School courses

For forthcoming Teaching School, courses please visit

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If you have any questions that you would like to address to the Trust's Chair of the Board, Mr Richard Morrison, please forward them to cfreeman@brookeweston.org by Friday 21 April.

