

TRUST TALK

STAFF NEWSLETTER

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Mr Leyton Smith becomes Senior Principal

Mr Leyton Smith has been made Senior Principal in the Brooke Weston Trust and he will be working alongside colleagues at Compass Primary and Oakley Vale Academies on a raft of strategies to improve outcomes and share best practice.

Mr Smith has been Principal at Beanfield Primary School for five years and during that time has steered it to a 'Good' Ofsted grading, and he can see many positive similarities between the three schools.

He said: 'Oakley Vale and Compass are geographically near but also similar in their size and catchment and also in terms of the challenges they face. The Brooke Weston Trust felt that it would be a good opportunity for me to work across the three schools and to share some of the experience that I have gained to support all our schools in moving forward.

'When I started at Beanfield five years ago, we would have taken any support, advice and guidance that we could get and that hasn't changed. Just because we are no longer a school that is struggling within that national context I want every bit of help I can get for our school, whether it is from the Teaching School, external quality assurance or tapping in to the expertise from other schools.

'One of the things I am absolutely convinced about is that all three schools have strengths that can benefit one another in their journeys towards outstanding.



'From Oakley Vale we will learn a lot about Early Years and Early Years Development. From Compass we will gain an awful lot about curriculum and working with stakeholders and they will get a lot of leadership experience from Beanfield. All three schools will improve as we build a mutually supportive framework to share the best practice.

'This is a developmental way of working with people who are very good leaders. We have so many experienced, highly skilled staff across our schools and it is testament to the strong collaborative ethos that we have in the Trust and between the primary heads as a group.

'This new role is perfect for me because I get to use my experience and enthusiasm to help nurture and develop other schools whilst tapping in to their strengths to improve my school further. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity.' ■

News at a glance



At Peckover Primary School Junior Travel Ambassadors from Year 5 were chosen to make decisions about road safety near the school and encourage active lifestyles.



The Extended Provision at Beanfield has moved into a newly renovated self-contained building with its own toilet and kitchens.



Congratulations to Claire McIlhiney and Stella Goatley from Beanfield and Caroline Byrne from Compass on gaining their Spanish GCSEs. They only started learning the language last year and are pictured with the Trust Director of MFL, Melanie Navarro-Marín.



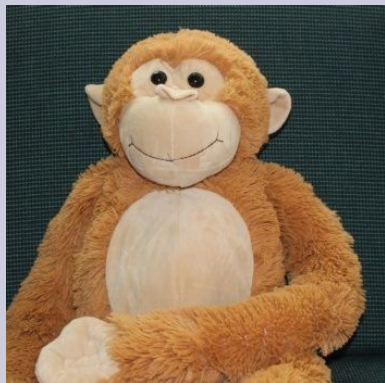
Olympic swimmer Grant Turner put students through their paces when he visited Gretton Primary School. He spoke at assembly, did a question and answer session in classrooms talking about his experiences in London 2012 and ran workouts with students and staff as part of the school's 'Ambition for All' activities in September 2017. ■

Meet Oakley Vale's new attendance mascot!

Introducing Oakley Vale's newest member of the Wellbeing team, **Morris the Monkey**, who is the school's attendance mascot and gets awarded to the class that has the highest attendance for the week.

Morris, who even has his own school identity badge, was introduced to continue to improve on last year's successful attendance figure of 97%. He is awarded to the class that has the highest attendance for the week during the attendance assembly on Monday who then look after Morris for a week and record his mischievousness in his monkey diary.

Family Support Worker Mrs Julia Baulch said 'Morris is a fun way to encourage the students to ensure they are in school on time and increase our attendance to 100%. He is a naughty monkey though and so far has been found in the library, climbing the apparatus and hiding in classrooms. The children have been very excited to come into school to discover what Morris has been up to during the night.' ■



Teaching School news

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Official opening of Little Explorers

The Mayor of Kettering, Cllr Scott Edwards officially opened Little Explorers preschool at Compass Primary Academy, the first purpose built unit of its kind in the Brooke Weston Trust.

The accommodation, which was manufactured by NetZero Buildings, offers places for an additional 60 pre-school children. The facilities comprise free-flowing multi-purpose accommodation, an office, kitchen and toilets. It is designed to be as energy efficient as possible with photo-voltaic cells on the roof providing all the electricity and diverting any excess back into the main school building.

The new preschool means that students can have a seamless transition into the main primary school and there are plans that it may eventually be used to offer extended provision beyond the formal taught day. ■



Above: Cllr Scott Edwards and Principal Mrs Fallowell. Below: The CEO, Principals and Central Team members.



Congratulation to students in Year 2 and 1 at Oakley Vale Primary School who took part in the Pacesetters football competition at Kettering Sports Arena and came first and fourth respectively.



Congratulations to Oakley Vale's Principal, Miss Emma Goodwin, who successfully completed the Milton Keynes half marathon in two hours 15 minutes and raised more than £170 in aid of the NSPCC.

Trust Job Opportunities

Here are the current opportunities across the Trust and more vacancies are added regularly. For the most up-to-date information and further details please visit the BWT website: www.brookewestontrust.org

Support:

Catering Assistant x 2 - CTS

Cleaner - Beanfield

Cleaner - KSA

Midday supervisor - Beanfield

Teaching Assistant - KSA

Teaching:

Teacher - Beanfield

Teacher of Art - CTS

Teacher of English (maternity) - CBA

Teacher of PE (maternity) - CBA

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