

# TRUST TALK

STAFF NEWSLETTER

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## Trust Schools mark World Book Day



Compass.

Schools from across the Trust celebrated World Book Day by dressing up and taking part in a range of themed quizzes, activities and competitions.



Beanfield.



Oakley Vale.



Peckover.



Gretton.



## Surprise proposal for Beanfield teacher!

Congratulations to Zoe Finnis, an early years teacher at Beanfield Primary who received a marriage proposal in her classroom.

Her boyfriend Tom Sutherland and 16 month old daughter Evelyn went into the classroom on Thursday afternoon for the surprise event! Evelyn wore a specially made T-shirt asking 'Will you marry my daddy?' and Tom got down on one knee to ask for Zoe's hand in marriage.

Tom said I wanted to do it in a way that combined both the things that she loves – teaching and our daughter, so I thought what better way than in front of her class!

## Oakley Vale students try New Age Kurling



Students from Years 2 and 3 at Oakley Vale tried New Age Kurling at the district School Games. Year 2 teacher Mrs Robey said 'All of the children encouraged each other and worked as a team. I was extremely proud of them. They were a credit to the school.'

## Police call at Gretton School



Students from Rowan Class at Gretton Primary had a visit from two local officers talking about their role and equipment. The students were thrilled and even got a chance to try on some uniform and sit in the police car (inset). ■



## Trust teachers collaborate on maths strategies

Teachers from Beanfield and Brooke Weston Academy have joined forces to offer master classes and extra maths tuition to Year 6 students preparing for their SATs.

Year 3 teacher Ms Charlotte Evans from Beanfield and Ms Roisin Fernando, head of KS3 at Brooke Weston Academy are developing the mathematical skills of the mid to high attainers by offering booster classes before and after school and extra lessons with Ms Fernando at Brooke Weston during Beanfield's Easter holiday.

Ms Evans said 'I am really keen and enthusiastic about maths and sometimes I feel that the more attaining students get overlooked because they are already achieving a high level. It's really important that we stretch them to achieve their potential as well as the other students in the class.'

'We have also been concentrating on the more able Year 2

Roisin and Charlotte.



maths students to help develop them for their KS 1 SATs. We have set up challenge days where the Year 6s have planned activities to target them at a greater depth and both year groups have really enjoyed this.' ■

## New awards system at Compass Primary

Compass Primary Academy has redesigned its awards ceremony so parents have more of an opportunity to celebrate their children's achievements.

Principal Jo Fallowell said 'We used to give awards out in assembly. It was a bit of a squeeze and it didn't really allow the students to celebrate the award with their parents. Now we only have the children receiving the Golden Compass awards and their parents at the event.'

'The children welcome their parents they have a drink and biscuit before the children are called on stage to collect their award. It has created a lovely experience and makes them feel more grown up.' ■



## Fire service visits Peckover Primary

Students at Peckover Primary School had an amazing time when members of the local fire crew taught them all about fire safety.

As well as hearing vital advice and watching a safety video, one student was lucky enough to try on the protective clothing the fire crew use and, as a final flourish the fire engine sounded its siren as it left the car park! ■

## Beanfield Primary School opens new Unit community group

Beanfield's Unit Provision has opened a new free community group for all pre-school children with additional needs. 'Beanies' takes place every Thursday morning between 9.30 – 11.30.

Unit Provision Leader Ms Charlie Smith said 'We want to help and develop our community and in Corby there is nothing for pre-school children with additional needs so we decided to set up 'Beanies'. Children centres are closing and anything that was on offer before is now diminishing. There's no funding anymore and we have a room here and staff that parents can access and develop a support network.'



Maria Nuca and seven-month-old daughter Helena attended the first session. Maria said 'This new group is fantastic and, as far as I know, there is nothing else like this available in Corby. My daughter can have fun and be stimulated in a safe environment. I can only think of positives about this group. It's a good chance for parents to talk to each other. This group offers that and more. It builds our community and relationships with parents and the children can play together in a safe environment, which is a huge advantage. Having a group that is targeted to additional needs children, free and so close to where I live is a rarity and I am so grateful that Beanfield Primary decided to open 'Beanies.' ■

## Trust Job Vacancies

Here are the current vacancies across Trust schools.  
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### Support:

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HR Admin - CBA  
School media officer – Wisbech

## Brooke Weston Teaching School courses

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