



The Summer term in every school year is always a special time. The warmer, sunnier days mean that the children can enjoy more outdoor learning, sports, tournaments and trips and as you will see throughout the newsletter, we have certainly been busy across the academies with a range of learning and enjoyment.

It is particularly lovely to be able to share all of this with you, our parents, carers and families as we've seen a record number of you coming along to support your child(ren) in a range of activities. This makes a huge difference to our communities and it's something which the staff, Trustees and I really value: thank you. We hope that you have enjoyed everything as much as the children clearly did!

It is also at this time of year, and with great pride, that we say 'good luck' to all of our current year 6 youngsters as they embark on their move to secondary school. They have worked incredibly hard whilst with us and I am certain that they will continue to be wonderful ambassadors, friends and learners in the future.



Pennyman Primary Academy

Pennyman has seen a summer of sporting opportunities enjoyed by everyone. The children have been engaged in their weekly PE sessions as well as many of them attending after school sports clubs.

During National Sports week the children took part in endurance challenges, yoga and a fitness circuit. This was part of a sponsorship event which the children have raised a lot of money for – we are looking forward to seeing the total at the end of the term. The children have had great fun during their sports days and their families have loved it too.



The opportunity to be part of wider Middlesbrough and Tees Valley sporting events is really important and the children have been showcasing their talents, resulting in some amazing achievements.

We have attended a Quad Kids Athletics event, with Reece finishing as the top scoring boy across the town. Chloe became a silver medallist at the Middlesbrough Hurdles event and Gabriella also achieved a silver medal in the Chest Push event. Both girls then went on to represent Middlesbrough at the Tees Valley Athletics Championships and won gold and silver, respectively in their events. A well done to all of our sports people – great resilience, determination and attitude were shown by each and everyone!



Also, a huge thank you to our sports leads for all their hard work and well done for the amazing achievement of all our sporting stars. Well done.



Brambles Primary Academy

Summer 2019 saw our Year 3 and 4 boys come second in the Middlesbrough Football Championships: silver medals for all and the girls from Year 3/4 won their competition so were awarded GOLD medals!!
A huge well done to everybody for the amazing effort and the great sporting spirit shown.



making physics matter

Year 5 pupils have been working with the Ogden Trust to create a piece of 'cosmic' artwork at Durham University's world-leading space science centre. The children really enjoyed meeting the researchers and were inspired to go away and find out more about space. The finished piece was unveiled at the University on Thursday 27 June, when the children spoke about what they had learned and enjoyed about the project.

The year six children helped build a chicken coop this year and we now have a family of four hens and a cockerel who have made themselves at home at Brambles Primary. The staff and children have also rescued and cared for a mum and her ten ducklings this year, who were in fear of being targeted by crows and seagulls. Mother and babies are doing very well.



Wilton Primary Academy



Summer term at Wilton Primary has been exciting with lots of exciting learning taking place. As part of our Life Skills Week, the children have engaged in activities from money skills to first aid. The children worked in mixed age group teams to explore the concept of budgeting and making decisions based on a specific choice. Little Sprouts also joined us in school, working with each year group to cook healthy meals and snacks. The food was delicious!



The annual 'Wilton's Got Talent' has taken place this term, with a range of acts performing in front of an enthusiastic audience. The hidden talents of some of our pupils were exceptional, with some wonderfully constructive points given from the judging panel.



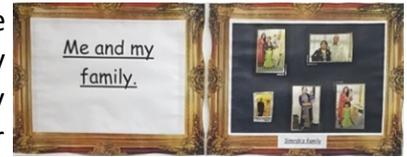
As part of our continued commitment to the local community, this year we have joined in with the annual scarecrow competition. Pam Raymond, a local resident, came in and showed the children how to make their own scarecrow. Parents have donated clothes to help dress our three new additions: meet Babs, Batman and Trinny!





Discovery Special Academy

All Discovery children have enjoyed a project finding out about 'Me and my Family.' The children have been talking about their family photos and have been very interested in the display. We had a lovely time trying all the delicious foods sent in and loved seeing the children in their traditional dress. Thank you to all our parents for helping us celebrate 'Me and my family' in the academy.



A company called Bag Books visited the school to do a selection of sensory stories with the children. They all loved it. Bag Books have very kindly gifted us a selection of stories to use in school. We are enjoying using them.

Reception had a great time on a trip to Guisborough Forest and Walkway, and Year 1 and 2 children enjoyed a magnificent trip to Saltburn Beach. The children loved walking through the woodland areas and enjoyed an ice cream too!



Dormanstown Primary Academy

The summer term has seen the children at Dormanstown engaged in a range of exciting and memorable experiences. With the brighter weather many classes have been using the academy grounds to enhance their learning through minibeast hunts, science investigations and sports activities. Some of our KS2 classes have been planting out their new raised beds and are looking forward to a bumper crop of flowers and vegetables.



The Reception classes had an extremely informative visit to Tweddle Farm where they fed pet lambs and were introduced to a range of animals. Back in the academy, they also saw their own chicks hatch and grow, providing many hours of excitement.



Class 2H visited the ice cream parlour as a grand finale to their Seaside project. The Nursery children also embraced their Water project with a Pirate Day at Westfield Farm, as well as a Pirates Sports Day, which was extremely well attended by parents.

Over the last few weeks, we have been hosting a range of events for parents to share our learning experiences. These have included sewing workshops with our Year 5 children, sharing the work undertaken with our artist, Sally. The Year 2 children shared a First Class

afternoon tea, as the passengers on the Titanic would have experienced, and Year 4 performed their Shadow Puppet Show, complete with cinema style refreshments. Foods from around the World were also shared with our Year 6 parents.



Tees Valley Education (TVEd) Book Awards of the Year

This term children from across the Trust have been celebrating the work of Northern authors by reading, reviewing and creating art displays of their interpretation of the stories and voting for their TVEd Book of the Year 2019.



On 1st July at the award ceremony, children in all our academies were lucky enough to meet the writers, who travelled to our awards to meet the children, in a range of fun, exciting workshops. Children learnt what it takes to become an author and got the chance to ask questions to the authors directly.



In the afternoon, all children who had been reading the books travelled to Inspire2Learn to take part in the ceremony. Each school had nominated individuals for awards, based on their commitment to reading, courage to try something new, curiosity in sharing ideas and asking questions, and finally care. As a result, the children are now ambassadors for reading in their academy.

After a superb celebration, the children learnt that the winner of TVEd Book of the Year 2019 was the incredible 'Armistice Runner' by Tom Palmer, a deserved winner for his thoughtful story of fell running, mixed with memories of World War I.



Keep on Reading...



Throughout the summer holidays, your involvement with reading activities at home, will have a huge impact not only on how well your child reads, their understanding of language and ability to express themselves, but also on how interested in and positive their attitude will be to reading when they return to school in September. Reading builds vocabulary, increases understanding and unlocks learning across all subjects so it is important that you continue to read with your child during the summer holidays. In doing this, you can help back up the learning they have acquired over the year and support their language and literacy skills. National Literacy Trust research has shown that children who read outside the classroom every day are five times more likely to read above the expected level for their age compared to children who never read outside class.

Most libraries are offering the 'Summer Reading Challenge' to children aged 5-11 throughout the school summer holidays. This year's theme is Space Chase to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the lunar landings. The challenge is for children to read six library books – when they join the challenge they will receive a mission folder and collect stickers and incentives along the way.

For more information visit: <https://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/>



Brilliantly Boro

A new exhibition of pupil's visual art, created by all nine schools in the project led by Tees Valley Education, has been displayed in Middlesbrough's new creative space 'Brilliantly Boro' in the heart of the town. Creative Factory was set up by Middlesbrough Council to facilitate and strengthen creative opportunities as part of their wider 'Middlesbrough's Great Place Tees Valley' project. The brand new hub in the Hill Street Centre, Middlesbrough opened with the exhibition, which is on for the whole of July.



The Tees Valley Creative Learning Partnership (TVCLP) were asked to exhibit work from the project in the first ever exhibition displayed there, endorsing the shared passion to raise the perceived value of arts and culture.



Creative Factory puts artists and creative thinking at the core of its approach. It is committed to facilitating new opportunities for creatives in Middlesbrough, where artists are nurtured, developed and supported, contributing to the town's future. The TVCLP project, supported by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, aims to support teachers and pupils in developing creative thinking through visual arts. The exhibition was shared widely at the Northern School of Art in June before being moved to the new hub in Middlesbrough.

This is a wonderful opportunity and it is hoped that the children and their parents will go and see the work. Having their creations displayed in this town centre location is so valuable and we hope that they feel proud of their contribution.

'Brilliantly Boro,' Creative Factory Hub is located in The Hill Street Centre, Middlesbrough until the end of July.

Back to School

Please ensure that you check your child's academy website for updates, but at the moment children will return to their academy as shown:

Brambles Primary Academy: Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Discovery Special Academy: Wednesday 4th September 2019

Dormanstown Primary Academy: Wednesday 4th September 2019

Pennyman Primary Academy: Wednesday 4th September 2019

Wilton Primary Academy: Tuesday 3rd September 2019





Diamond Standards Awards

The Tees Valley Education Diamond Standards Awards are a recognition of brilliance in one of our four core areas:

- ◆ **Commitment:** To achieve, succeed and create the best life and future.
- ◆ **Curiosity:** Be inquisitive, be brave and learn.
- ◆ **Courage:** To face our challenges and the unknown.
- ◆ **Care:** For ourselves, each other and our communities.

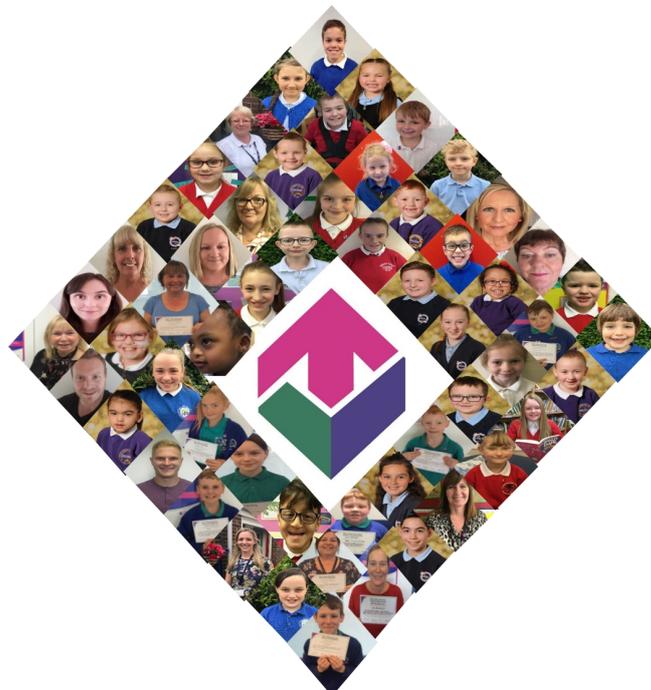


Congratulations to our spring term winners for 2018-2019 who were:

Brambles Primary Academy: Blaine Moore, Oliver Clarke, Deborah Fawcett, Emma Coupe
Discovery Special Academy: Chris Watson, Kelly Ann Jones, Jou Jou Jellabi and Amanuel Yonas
Dormanstown Primary Academy: Annette Stangoe, Tia Allen, Leon Keeler, Samantha Briggs
Pennyman Primary Academy: Marie Kelly, Blaine Davies, Annie Grainger, Lacey McConnell
Wilton Primary Academy: Ariel Dunn, Anna Walker-Wilkes and Dylan Vallily

Congratulations to our summer term winners for 2018-2019 who are:

Brambles Primary Academy: Tilly Tipp, Maisy Justice, Paige Benson Bennett and Kai Whitehead
Discovery Special Academy: Kiki Stephenson, Lloyd Poole, Kaylem Gibson and Carole Tonner
Dormanstown Primary Academy: Kieron Bourne, Lacey Cox, Connor Harker and Oscar Lund
Pennyman Primary Academy: Scarlet Towers, Trish Hughes, Evie Mullins and Phoebe Norster
Wilton Primary Academy: Ashlyn Lewis, Jack Blackburn, Joe Field and Thomas Tuffnell





Diamond Standards Trust Annual Award Ceremony 2019

As a Trust, the Diamond Standards Awards are our way to recognise the contribution that our children, staff and families make to each of our academies. All of those who have won this year are fantastic ambassadors and guardian's of their communities showing all of us just how important it is to take the time to be caring and courageous and to have curiosity and commitment. The Trust was incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of all of our diamond standard winners at the award ceremony held at Inspire2Learn. It was such a difficult decision for the judges selecting the overall diamond champions. Well done to everybody this year and we are all looking forward to next year and those diamonds who will shine...



Commitment
Annette Stangoe



Curiosity
Blaine Moore



Courage
Joe Field



Care
Scarlet Towers



Diamond Champion
Deborah Fawcett



Diamond Champion
Kiki Stephenson

All of the amazing activities, exciting events and hard work over the last term (with only some shown in this newsletter), continue to demonstrate the remarkable difference that all of our staff and being part of an inspirational community such as Tees Valley Education, makes to the life chances and experiences of our children. I shall look forward to the autumn term and to continuing to work with you all, but in the meanwhile, I wish you all a lovely summer.

Miss K Morley
CEO of the Trust

Together we have had a fabulous academic year which included the opening of our Discovery Special Academy, welcoming Wilton Primary to our family and most recently Brambles retaining its "Outstanding" assessment from Ofsted. The Board of Tees Valley Education wish to thank all of our staff and our volunteers for their tireless commitment in the work they do, all our parents and carers for their support and, most of all, our children for achieving so much this year.

Mr J Brine
Chair of the Trust