

# TEAM TALK

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As we step into the summer term, it's been a typically busy and energetic start across the Trust — made all the better by the return of sunshine and longer days.

We began the term with a fantastic achievement: becoming the first Trust to gain Parent Kind accreditation. Every one of our schools and partners has completed the Standard Award and begun developing their unique action plans, which will shape next year's School Improvement Plans. A huge congratulations to everyone involved in making this happen!

Last term also saw the judging of the CEO Challenge, where students created films showcasing their schools. These videos will feature on the new school websites — thank you to every school that took part. It was inspiring to see our schools through the eyes of our students. As with all great competitions, there had to be a winner — congratulations to Model Village, who has won an outdoor projector!

We're delighted to welcome Anni, our new Principal at Newman School. She's been immersing herself in all things Newman, meeting governors, local authority representatives, and stakeholders as part of her induction.

Our recent Chair of Governors Meeting was very well attended with good topics of conversation around the various schools and projects in TEAM.

A special mention goes to Model Village, who has a student nominated for TEAM Spirit following his involvement with the Chesterfield Football intervention programme – names will be shared with students soon!

I've had the pleasure of visiting several schools recently — seeing Opal play in action at Model on a beautiful day, exploring redevelopment plans at Dinnington, visiting the P16 provision at Stubbin Wood Chesterfield (where students were cooking a delicious spaghetti bolognese), and spending time at Whaley, Caunton, Willow Park, and Newman. It's always a joy to meet our staff and students and to see the great work happening across the Trust.

It was great to visit Stubbin Wood where students from our schools and collaborative partner schools got to experience Around the World in 80 Days. I enjoyed visiting the different countries; it was great to experience the creative activities in Japan, India, Italy, and America, taking on a maze in Egypt and playing some games in France. It was another great event; well done to those involved.

Finally, congratulations to Friends of Newman who have had a fabulous term generating funds for Newman School.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term.

*Sarah*





From March 3rd to April 3rd, students within our trust had the chance to participate in the Spring into Nature event held in our Awe & Wonder room. By utilising a blend of cutting-edge technology—including a floor projector, iMacs, robots, iPads, and VR headsets—we crafted an immersive experience that brought the splendour of spring to life.

Students took part in interactive activities, ranging from exploring virtual landscapes and habitats to using digital art to recreate the sights of spring. The event ignited curiosity, creativity, and excitement, providing a distinctive way to merge technology with the natural world.

Check out some of the wonderful moments captured during the event.

Looking ahead, from June 23rd to July 24th, we will be hosting the Summer Spectacular, featuring Sandcastles. Be sure to get your classes registered for this exciting event!



## CRESWELL CRAGS

Year 3 pupils from Model Village have been on a trip to Creswell Crags as part of their topic on the Stone Age. They investigated the caves where people lived during the Palaeolithic era, sharpened their survival skills, and became palaeontologists!



The young adventurers took part in an engaging cave tour, where they marveled at the ancient rock art and imagined what life was like thousands of years ago.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Stubbin Wood for maintaining their IQM Flagship status! This remarkable achievement highlights their dedication to excellence and commitment to continuous improvement. The entire team at Stubbin Wood has worked tirelessly to uphold the highest standards, demonstrating innovation and leadership in their educational practices. This accolade not only reflects their hard work but also sets a shining example for others to follow. We celebrate their success and look forward to seeing their future accomplishments in fostering an inclusive and inspiring learning environment. With such dedication and passion, the students and staff at Stubbin Wood are sure to continue making a positive impact in their community and beyond. Here's to more achievements and milestones on their educational journey!

## EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Just before Easter, Newman School organised an Easter Egg competition with the goal of crafting the most impressive creations. The students eagerly participated, letting their creativity run wild as they designed vibrant and imaginative eggs. The competition saw eggs transformed into everything from intricate robots to colourful depictions of wildlife. Annali, the judge, was amazed by the ingenuity and effort displayed by all the participants, and the event fostered a sense of community and excitement amongst the pupils.



1<sup>st</sup> place



2<sup>nd</sup> place



3<sup>rd</sup> place



# VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

On May 8, 1945, at 3 PM, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced on the radio that the war in Europe had ended following Germany's surrender. Eighty years later, this historic event is being commemorated across the Trust.

Children at Cauntton Dean Hole Church of England Primary School celebrated VE Day in 'sustainable' style on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Children enjoyed a special collective worship, followed by VE day activities.

Claire Reed, SEND Governor, PTA chair and parent kindly donated an RAF themed planter, made by her father, an RAF veteran. She also provided plants and compost so that the children could enjoy planting something special to mark the occasion.

Additionally, all children enjoyed a cupcake and drink to mark the occasion. A lovely example of school and home working together to make a difference to our children.



We have made a huge 80 to celebrate the Anniversary for Victory Europe Day!



## GIRLS IN IT DAY



To commemorate Girls in ICT Day at the Nursery in Model Village, they engaged in a delightful discussion about our future aspirations and the role technology plays in their dream careers. Following the discussion, they unleashed their creativity by designing their very own game!

## TEAM COUNCIL

On 7<sup>th</sup> May, the TEAM Council came together. It was a day marked by collaboration and enthusiasm as they gathered to celebrate their shared achievements and brainstorm future initiatives. The meeting room buzzed with energy as members exchanged ideas, each bringing unique perspectives to the table. Together, they mapped out plans to foster more inclusive and engaging activities that would continue to empower the students and nurture their interests in technology and beyond.



## HARLEY GALLERY TRIP



Model Village's first trip to the Harley Gallery was a resounding success! The children not only displayed exemplary behavior but also demonstrated great enthusiasm, truly representing the school and trust with pride.

Activities Enjoyed:

- **Clay Creatures:** The children crafted imaginative clay figures.
- **3D Nature Sculptures:** They created stunning three-dimensional artworks inspired by nature.
- **Sound Walks:** The children explored different sounds during guided walks.
- **Tree Rubbings:** They engaged in capturing the textures of various trees.
- **Gallery Tour:** A delightful stroll around the gallery itself.

The children had a wonderful time, filled with creativity and exploration!



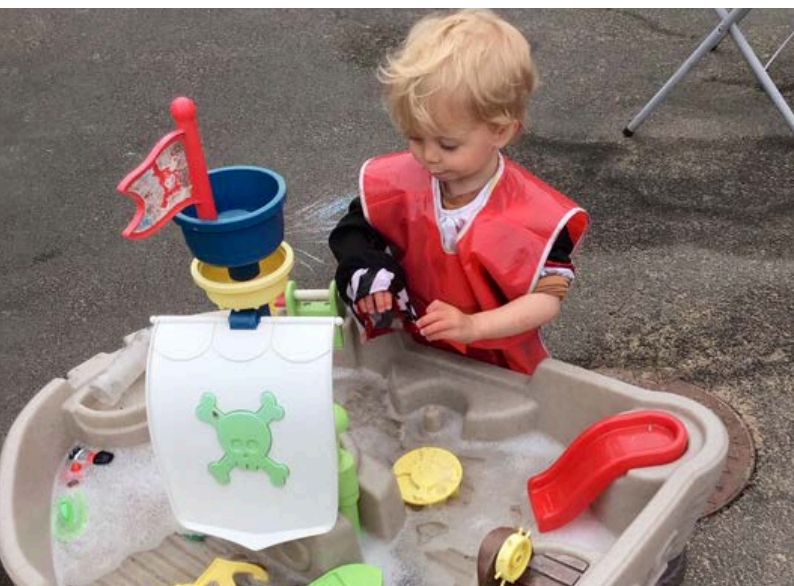


**Shout out to all my fellow 'Buccaneers'!!! 🏴‍☠️**

Thank you to all the staff involved in making this a fun-filled immersive and inclusive event for all the children. I really appreciate Whaley Thorns, Stubbin Wood Nursery and Newman school for embarking on the voyage to Model Village Primary School for our Wow Pirate themed day. - Rachel Edwardson, EYFS Champion

The children enjoyed moving around different physical and sensory activities including making pirate flags, treasure maps, jewellery, parrot collage, water world play, treasure hunts and 'Captain's Shipmate' action game.

The day concluded with a cheerful gathering where children shared their favourite moments and proudly displayed their crafts. As parents arrived to pick up their little pirates, the smiles on their faces were a testimony to a day well spent, filled with creativity, exploration, and camaraderie. Thank you to all who made this day possible!



# DEAF AWARENESS WEEK



Deaf Awareness Week is a time dedicated to promoting understanding and support for the Deaf community. Throughout the week, various events and activities aim to raise awareness about the challenges faced by Deaf individuals, as well as celebrate their culture and contributions to society. It's an opportunity for both hearing and Deaf people to engage in meaningful dialogue, fostering a more inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and heard.



# FANTASTIC FOOTBALL

On Friday 2nd May, a group of 27 enthusiastic KS3 and KS4 students from Stubbin Wood School – which included 21 footballers of all abilities and six spirited cheerleaders – made the short journey next door to Shirebrook Academy to take part in an exciting inter-school football tournament.

With glorious sunshine and clear skies, conditions were perfect for a morning of sport and teamwork. Stubbin Wood entered two teams into the competition: Team A and Team B. Each match lasted five minutes, and the round-robin format meant every team had the chance to play one another.

Fittingly, the opening match of the day saw our A team face off against our B team in a friendly but competitive start. The A team clinched a narrow 1–0 win, setting the tone for the rest of their tournament. Buoyed by their strong start, Team A continued their winning streak, winning every match and taking home the overall victory.

Beyond the success on the scoreboard, the day was a celebration of teamwork, determination, and school spirit. Whenever one team took to the pitch, the other could be found cheering loudly from the sidelines – a true display of unity and encouragement. There were plenty of smiles, laughter, and unforgettable moments shared throughout the morning.

Well done to all the students involved – both on the field and on the sidelines – for representing Stubbin Wood School with such pride, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm.

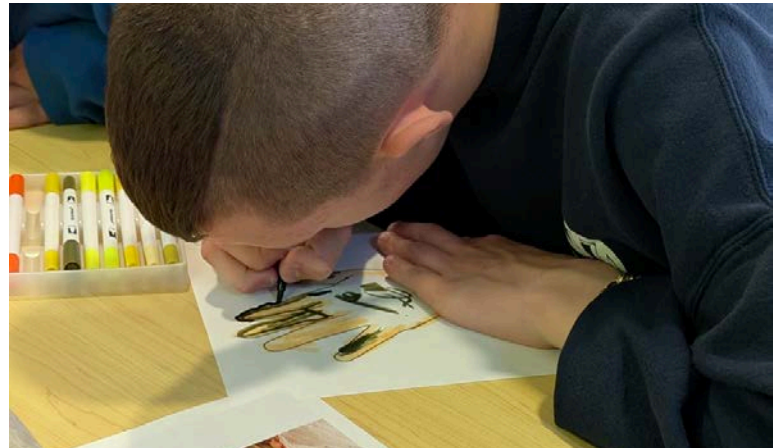




Inspired by the book *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne, 7 schools visited Stubbin Wood, which had been transformed into a vibrant, cultural festival celebrating the diverse countries and cultures featured in Verne's classic novel. The halls were alive with the sounds of traditional music, inviting everyone to embark on a sensory adventure.

Students and teachers alike participated in various workshops and activities including: learning traditional dances, crafting cultural artifacts, playing 'chaises musicales', completing robot mazes and visiting the pyramids in VR.

It was a day of learning, laughter, and connection, as everyone came together to celebrate the spirit of adventure and the beauty of our global community. This collaboration day was not just an educational event but a celebration of unity and diversity, leaving everyone inspired to continue exploring and appreciating the wonders of our world.



# CEO CHAT UPDATE

## Focus for Next Year:

- **Sharing Best Practices:** Emphasise cross-trust practices, effective strategies, and networking opportunities.
- **Pay Rise Monitoring:** Nicola Cook and Sarah Baker are attending national seminars and are working to ensure budgets reflect pay increases.
- **SEND Capacity:** Sarah Baker and Nicola Cook are meeting with local authorities, Allyson Fudge, and the SEND Champion to address SEND needs. Stay updated via TEAMtalk.
- **Golden Weeks:** We will ensure these are full weeks next year.
- **Flexible Working:** Support for individual flexible working requests is available. Contact HR or check the TEAMpeople SharePoint for details.

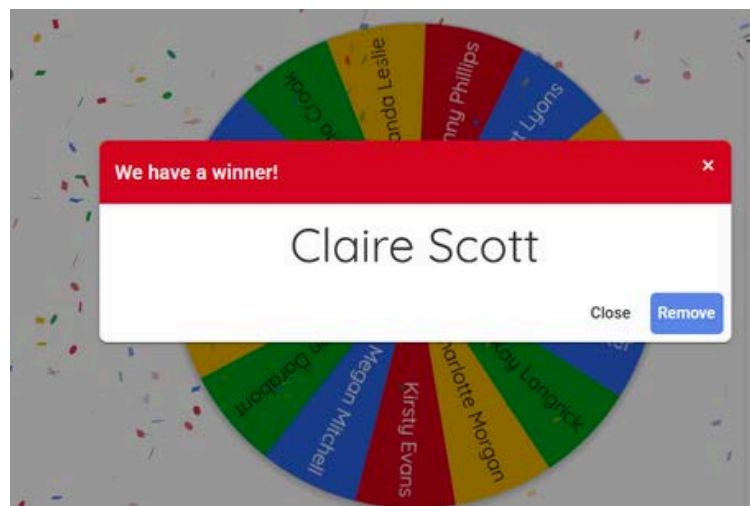
## Updates and Opportunities:

- **Stubbin Wood Kitchen:** Costings are out, and live demos are planned. More details will follow.
- **HLTA Training and Recruitment:** Rachel Watson and Sarah Baker have engaged with apprenticeship providers for TA advancement. Look for updates in TEAMtalk. We are also seeking recruitment for HLTA's where necessary
- **Order Process:** Follow the process accurately. Ensure POs are approved before ordering. If you have any questions please direct them to finance.
- **PEP Orders:** Inform Carolyn Peach of any missing student orders.

## Maintenance and Administration:

- **Stubbin Wood Sensory Gardens Repairs:** Notify Principals of desired repairs. High-cost items require Nicola Cook's approval, please contact finance if there are any issues.
- **Work Pensions:** We have investigated this and there are no delays on our part with pension contributions, all payments are set up automatically. If you have any concerns please contact HR with concerns.

CEO Questions: Another round of questions will take place in the summer term, more details can be found later on this page.







**Congratulations to Claire Scott** at Whaley Thorns, who was the winner of the Scorecard competition, please email Carolyn Peach to claim.

**TERM 3 & 4**

As part of the People Strategy we have launched several incentives to support you and your wellbeing.

If you complete all these tasks, write the date you completed it below each one and you could get a day off!

Winners are selected at random during the CEO Chats.

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## CEO CHAT

The next CEO Chat is on the **9<sup>th</sup> July, 3:30pm**. Please see the link below to join.

These sessions are an opportunity for you to ask any questions and receive an update on current projects and the growth of the Trust.

**If you have any questions please submit them to Carolyn Peach (c.peach@teameducation.org) before noon on 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

Your participation is greatly appreciated, and your input is invaluable in fostering a transparent and collaborative environment. We encourage you to take this opportunity to engage with the leadership and gain insights into the strategic direction of our organization.

We look forward to seeing you there and answering any questions you may have.



[Click Here to Join the CEO Chat](#)



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# TEAM WELLBEING

## WELCOME

Although this term was shorter, we've accomplished a lot in our schools and created countless memories with our students. This period can be especially stressful for students taking their SATs, and it's important to acknowledge the dedication of our staff and colleagues involved. Now more than ever, prioritising everyone's mental health is essential.

Looking ahead, we encourage everyone to take some time to rest and recharge over the break. Enjoy the warmer weather, spend time with loved ones, and engage in activities that bring you joy. Remember, taking care of yourself is not just a luxury—it's a necessity.



*Kirsty Evans*

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

During Mental Health Awareness Week from the 12th to the 18th, several activities were highlighted to support mental well-being:

- **Self MOT:** Regularly assess your physical and mental state. Consider journaling your thoughts and gratitude, and think about ways to enhance your mental health and self-care.
- **Make a Pledge/Commitment:** Set personal goals to improve your well-being.
- **Empower Half Hour:** Dedicate 30 minutes to activities that empower and uplift you.
- **Supporting Others:** Offer support to friends and family, strengthening community bonds.
- **Celebrate Your Community:** Engage with and appreciate your community's positive aspects.

These practices should be integrated into your routine, not limited to special mental health days or weeks.



#### Self MOT

- **Physical and Mental Check-In:** Reflect on your physical and mental state. Journal your thoughts to gain insights into your well-being.
- **Self-Care:** Identify actions to enhance your well-being and prioritise self-care.

#### Pledging to Yourself

- **Commit to Yourself:** Engage in activities like joining a book club or starting a new hobby. Enjoying what you love is vital for self-care.
- **Connect with Others:** Participate in shared interests to form friendships, strengthen relationships, and boost confidence, minimising loneliness.

#### Empower Half Hour

- **Boost Productivity:** Spend 30 minutes daily on activities that improve focus and well-being. A walk or leisurely lunch can rejuvenate you for future tasks.

#### Supporting Others

- **Be Present:** Truly listening to someone can greatly impact their sense of value and self-esteem..

#### Celebrating Community

- **Embrace Local Life:** Discover your neighborhood, join local groups, or support community businesses. Volunteering fosters a sense of belonging.

**For more activities:** [mentalhealth.org.uk](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)

The next Wellbeing Working Group is Tuesday 10th June at 3.30pm, please get in touch if you are interested in joining.