

CET NEWSLETTER

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Message from the CEO

A warm welcome back to the summer term. The term ahead is one with many exciting learning opportunities and experiences for us all, as well as a time where we lay the foundations for next academic year through our vital transition work. Collectively we thank you for your support by ensuring all pupils are in school every day, and ready to learn.



Thank you to everyone who completed one of our stakeholder questionnaires in February. Our goal at CET is continuous improvement so feedback is integral to knowing where we are getting things right, and where we still need to improve. All responses are being fed into our improvement plans. Leaders from across the trust central team and schools will be working together to plan our goals for the next academic year.

'We are ambitious for our staff, our community of schools and all pupils. Central to this ethos is the unified goal to continuously learn and improve so that there is no limit to what can be achieved.'

'We are a community of schools in which we recognise we are stronger together.'

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Campfire Education Trust

Page two of this newsletter shares the opportunity that we offer to train to teach at CET. If you know anyone who may be interested please share this information, or direct them to our website – we will be delighted to hear from them.



We invite you to take the time to read the pages below to learn about the wonderful events and opportunities that took place across all of our CET schools last term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Sarah Mitchell
CEO

CONSIDERING A CAREER CHANGE?

Our School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme, in partnership with Bellevue Place Education Trust, offers a hands-on route into teaching. You'll be based in the classroom from day one, gaining practical experience while working towards your qualification.

Benefits

- Post-graduate qualification awarded by Sheffield Hallam University
- Career progression opportunities
- Mentorship and support
- Minimum starting salary of £32,916 (England) or £40,317 (London)
- 28.6% contribution towards your pension (depending on your employer)

How to apply

- Scan the QR code to learn more
- Apply on the Department for Education's website: search for 'Bellevue Place SCITT'



Budding Young Bakers

Y6 pupils impressed in the second round of the cookery competition, producing a wide range of creative savoury and sweet breads. Their entries demonstrated excellent skill, presentation and originality. The breads not only looked incredible but tasted delicious too!



World Book Day

Children and staff had a great time celebrating WBD with this year's theme, 'Reading for Fun'. Pupils enjoyed sharing books with others from different year groups, creating collaborative stories and celebrating their work in an assembly. It was wonderful to see their love of reading on display.



Y3 pupils dressed up and took part in an interactive VR experience, travelling back in time on a virtual spaceship, visiting the Great Pyramids of Giza and also exploring the same area in modern times. The day also saw them playing a traditional Ancient Egypt board game and baking some delicious Ancient Egypt flatbread!



Solar Energy Visit

Y4 pupils took part in a fully funded visit from Gawcott Solar Farm, learning about renewable energy and sustainability. Pupils asked thoughtful questions and showed great curiosity, with many looking forward to visiting the farm in person during the summer term.

Easter Cracked

Y5 pupils visited local Buckingham churches to take part in Easter Cracked, exploring the Easter story through drama, discussion and creative activities. The experience provided a meaningful opportunity for reflection in an engaging and accessible way.



Staying Safe

Y6 pupils took part in an age-appropriate knife crime workshop funded by Thames Valley Police. The session helped them develop the knowledge and confidence to make safe choices as they grow older and become more independent. Their teachers were very proud of their thoughtful engagement and the maturity of their discussions.



World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, as children and staff embraced a shared love of reading through creative, book-themed activities, discussions and dressing up! The day helped to further promote reading for pleasure across the school.



Easter Cracked

Y5 and Y6 pupils visited their local church to explore the Easter story through a range of interactive activities. They participated thoughtfully in activities and discussions, representing school with excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen community links while supporting pupils' spiritual and personal development.



Last term saw the introduction of SEN parent coffee mornings, providing a welcoming and supportive space for families to connect and share experiences. Specialist teacher Lauren Castle delivered informative presentations and offered practical guidance and support.



In January, 26 pupils travelled to Birmingham to perform in the Young Voices concert at BP Pulse Live. Singing together with thousands of children as part of a mass choir, the GGA children showed great enthusiasm and commitment, making it an unforgettable and inspiring experience.



Live Music Performance

Pupils enjoyed a live performance from the Buckingham Secondary School band, who showcased a range of musical pieces with confidence and skill. The performance inspired pupils and provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen links with the wider local school community.



TT Rockstars Day

Pupils showed impressive dedication during LHA's second Rockstars Day, focusing on promoting maths across school, particularly times tables. Some incredible statistics to share: 17 children across the school can answer a times table question in less than a second and, on Tuesday 10 February, children at LHA spent a total of 1767 minutes on TTRS!



Care Home Visits

Pupils continued to build strong community links through their regular visits to Lace Hill Manor Care Home. Most recently, Y2 pupils shared their own poetry and favourite stories, while the Young Voices group performed songs, bringing enjoyment to residents.



At the start of last term, 40 KS2 pupils travelled to Birmingham to take part in the 30th year of Young Voices. It was a magical experience from start to finish, and the children sang their hearts out to their parents and the whole audience.



Forest School Development

Lace Hill has begun developing its very own Forest School area. Last term, Pupil Parliament plotted where to plant 40 trees and marked out other areas. The trees have already been planted and the next stages of the development are busily being planned.



World Book Day

World Book Day centred around the book Last by Nicola Davies. This beautiful and inspiring story encouraged the children to think about important ideas such as caring for our world and protecting animals. Children across the school also joined together to share books with one another.

LUMBERTUBS NEWS



Rocksteady Music

Following an inspiring whole school assembly led by visiting musician Ben, where even our teachers came to share their hidden musical talents, 22 pupils signed up to learn instruments



including guitar, drums and keyboard. They went on to form bands, rehearsing weekly, building confidence and teamwork, and preparing for their exciting showcase performance just before the Easter holiday.



World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated with the theme 'Dress for what you love', with pupils dressing as favourite characters or in their cosy reading pyjamas. Activities included a National Book Token competition and shared reading. Mrs McNair culminated the day with a fantastic assembly congratulating the word millionaires and sharing the story Wild Book Day. Each child took home a new book to enjoy with their family.

Y6 pupils enjoyed a residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes. Children demonstrated the Lumbertubs Core Values well as they faced fears and undertook challenges such as climbing, abseiling, high ropes and bed making with determination! Lasting memories were made as they enjoyed fun-filled days and experienced living away from home. Thank you to the staff for assisting in such a worthwhile trip!



Cricket Sessions

Pupils from Y1 to Y6 learned about the history of cricket and took part in cricket sessions led by Northampton Steelbacks coach Nick. Through practical sessions, pupils developed key skills, worked collaboratively and were inspired to get involved in the sport. Hopefully some children have been inspired to join one of Nick's clubs outside of school!



Pupils and families were invited to Cinch Stadium to watch Northampton Saints in action. It was an exciting opportunity to experience live professional rugby, made even more memorable by a fantastic win for the home team.

MOORLAND NEWS



Science Week went with a BLAST!

Working alongside Milton Keynes Academy Science leaders, pupils at Moorland shared their own exhibits at the Moorland Science Fair. The 8 finalists had their work judged in the Science labs at MKA. The whole week was full of visitors, experiments and scientific exploration!



MK College Community Day

Following the success of last year, the school once again partnered with the local college to host over 70 care and carpentry students. Together, they worked alongside pupils on woodwork projects, STEM challenges and art activities, creating a busy and engaging atmosphere. As part of the experience, Y6 pupils also visited the college's carpentry workshop, where they designed and built bat nesting boxes to be installed around Woughton.



Eid at Moorland



MPS celebrated Eid in style with over 80 families joining school to celebrate. So many families came together - it was great to see a real sense of community.



Last term, Moorland started a walking bus which has already had a positive impact on lateness, attendance and wellbeing.



SPRING LANE NEWS



Caring Citizens

Pupils explored how they can make a positive contribution to their community through a range of activities. Highlights included an engaging assembly from The Wombles on the environmental responsibility of keeping our community clean, tidy, and safe; a visit to Hazard Alley for Y3 to learn vital lessons about personal safety, community awareness, and responsible decision-making; and Safer Internet Day learning how to stay safe online and make positive digital choices.



Effective Communicators

Fifteen Y5 pupils were selected to present their writing at the Telling Tales event at the University of Northampton. They were praised for their exceptional behaviour, enthusiasm, and confidence with which they shared their work – reflecting the strength of the Talk for Writing approach. World Book Day was another highlight, with classrooms buzzing with storytelling, character discussions, and a shared love of reading across the school. Y2 children presented a fabulous assembly all about Ramadan, sharing what they've learned with their parents and carers.



Expert Learners

Learning was brought to life through a range of hands-on learning experiences. Y4 explored Northampton's modern railway station and the historic Lamport Steam Railway. These visits helped deepen their understanding of how the Industrial Revolution shaped the local area. Y1 pupils visited MK Museum to explore toys from the past, linking directly to their history learning. They loved comparing what they saw to modern toys and were fascinated by the changes over time. The whole school enjoyed Number Day, with maths challenges, games, puzzles, and problem-solving activities which created a joyful buzz of learning.



Aspirational Thinkers

Y5 pupils who attended the Telling Tales Event and the Dan Freedman Author Day embodied what it means to be aspirational. Sharing their writing at the University of Northampton, speaking confidently to academics, and being inspired by a published author encouraged them to dream big, set goals, and believe in their potential. Pupils in Y4,5,6 had the chance to shine with specialist cricket coaching where they demonstrated ambition, focus and growing confidence in their sporting abilities.



Healthy Individuals

Y6 girls, after several weeks of dedicated rugby coaching from Northampton Saints, competed in a Rugby Festival against local schools. Children from SLP were also represented at various sporting events, including an archery competition and the KS2 winter games. Y5 children were busy out on the roads in the Spring Boroughs, taking part in their bikeability course.

