



INSPIRING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER



# In line with our core values, this term has offered a wide range of inclusive and enriched opportunities to learn

This term has been hugely successful for our Trust as we have continued to offer a vast array of training and networking opportunities for our staff, successfully secured over £600,000 funding to complete a full electrical rewire at Oxhey First, invested over £200,000 in a variety of projects such as ipad development, CCTV, electronic gate installation and Early Years refurbishments. Most importantly we have provided our pupils with an engaging and enriched curriculum offer including careers weeks, sports events, visits and celebration events making links with a vast array of agencies and experts along the way.

I am delighted to inform you that we have begun to work collaboratively with Marlfields Primary School, based in Congleton, who have requested to become a member of the Children First Learning Partnership Family. We look forward to building strong and supportive relationships and learning together over the coming months.

Congratulations to Senior Leaders across the Trust who have been appointed to the roles of Executive Head, Head of School and Assistant Head. A huge well done also to our first and second year teachers who have successfully completed their Early Career Teacher programmes. Finally, it is critical that I say thank you to every single member of staff across the CFLP for being so dedicated and determined to do their very best for our pupils and their families.

May I wish them, and you all, a wonderful summer holiday and hope you have the opportunitiy to spend some quality and valuable time with your families and friends. Mrs Abigail Rourke

CEO of the Children First Learning Partnership

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# Our CFLP Pupil Forum launch their 24-25 **Environmental Strategy**

# Pupils from all of our schools met at Knypersley First School.

The Pupil Forum met for the third time kicking off the day with a tour of Knypersley First. Our meeting focused on the launch of our cross trust Environmental Strategy and a celebration of all that currently goes on across our schools. Phoebe L Hanson a Youth Climate Change Abassador joined us to ignite our passion and focus and answer a whole range of questions from children across our schools.

Our mission is raise our awareness of sustaninability and climate change and to all achieve Eco School Status in the coming year.

# Thinking Differently.....

Congratulations to all of our schools for being accepted onto the Raising Attainment for Disadvantaged Youngsters (RADY) Beacon School Programme. The Children First Learning Partnership is the first Trust to take part in this Staffordhire County Council Funded project which develops leaders thinking and ability to plan with aspiration and ambition for every child especially those in receipt of pupil premium fundina.



# CFLP new website and new Facebook page launch

# We are excited to announce the launch of our new website and Facebook page.

To keep up to date with the latest news about what is going on in our Trust please follow our new Facebook page and check out our new website. Being part of such a collaborative family is certainly central to the current stability and success of our schools and the website has lots on there to inform, share and celebrate.

To see our new website please visit <a href="https://www.cflptrust.co.uk">https://www.cflptrust.co.uk</a>

Please follow us on our new Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ChildrenFirstLP

## Mrs. Tomlinson retires after 34 years of service at Kingsfield School

#### We wish you all the best for the future.

At the end of the academic year we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs. Tomlinson, as she goes on to enjoy her retirement. She has given 34 years' service to Kingsfield First School, always going above and beyond for pupils both past and present. We want to thank Mrs Tomlinson for her service and wish her all the best for the future. We know you will be missed by your Kingsfield family.



# The Children First School Learning Hub

This term we have open wly refurbished CFLP Central Office and Lea based in the grounds of **Knypersley First School** 

The Hub offers a venue for a wide range of training opportunities such as our leader network meetings, external speakers, cross school moderation and also Exec Team meetings.

This fully accessible facility offers state of the art heating and lighting, presentation equipment, wi fi and kitchen area.

For more information about hiring this facility or joining our training please contact us: <a href="mailto:centraloffice@cflptrust.co.uk">centraloffice@cflptrust.co.uk</a>

#### KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL NEWS





Learning Together, Learning for Life

During the Summer term our chidren have taken part in Careers Week. Careers week supports our pupils to broaden their horizons and aspirations and develop the knowledge, skills and understanding to be successful, regardless of their starting points. The children felt inspired and spoke confidently about their prospective jobs and plans for the future.

#### **Careers Week Visitors**

During the week we were lucky enough, thanks to the organization of our Humanities leader Mrs Harvey, to receive visits from a wide range of professionals such as: Horse Eventors, Geologists, Engineers, Photographers, Emergency Services, The Dogs Trust and many more.

#### **Toddler Stay and Play**

During the Summer term we have been opening our doors fortnightly to our community. Our Early Years teaching staff have been hosting a number of Toddler Stay and Play sessions. The children and adults have enjoyed spending time within our newly developed extended nursery provision making new friends and learning more about the world around them through our themed sessions.

Thank you to all community members big and small that have joined us for our sessions. We look forward to seeing you again in the Autumn term 2024.

#### Careers Week Pupil Voice

"I enjoyed learning about all the different jobs that there are in the world. I use to only think of shop keepers or police man but now I am thinking about becoming an Engineer"

Knypersley First School, Newpool Road, Knypersley, Stoke-on-Trent ST8 6NN



## KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL NEWS



#### If you can see it, you can be it!

The Summer term has been a hive of activity at Kingsfield. We have enjoyed a host of events and activities including a very successful Careers Week, the first of many for Kingsfield. During the week, our children were inspired during workshops from a hairdresser, scientist, police chief inspector, flood risk assessor and many more! On the last day of our theme week, our children dressed up as what they would like to be when they are older. It was wonderful to see how ambitious and aspirational our children are.

We are very grateful to all of our visitors and we are very excited to see what the future holds for our children!

#### Kingsfield in the Community

We had a fantastic morning at Biddulph Parade as part of the 'Biddulph Goes Wild' Festival. Our school community pulled together to demonstrate our team spirit when making props, walking with us as part of the parade and lining the streets to cheer us on! Thank you Team Kingsfield!



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#### OXHEY FIRST SCHOOL NEWS











#### Our Amazing Summer Extravaganza!

The PTFA have worked extremely hard over the year to provide the children with lots of exciting events. During these events they have raised lots of money for the children at Oxhey. The PTFA have almost raised enough money to buy an outdoor reading den for the school. They can't wait for it to arrive!

#### What a treat!

At the end of Health and Sports Week the children were treated to an ice-cream from the ice-cream van and an amazing colour run was held during the Summer Extravaganza. A huge thank you to the PTFA for all their effort and for the treats!

#### **Health and Sports Week**

KS2 visited Eureka science and discovery museum in Liverpool, KS1 took part in the Change4Life sports festival with all the schools across the town, our choir raised the roof off the AO arena at Young Voices concert in Manchester, the Vicar from St Lawrence attended to conduct a 'wedding' for our early years pupils as part of 'faith in focus' week.

#### Summer ready with renovations

With the removal of old planters and benches and tarmac re-surface of the top playground, lovely new seating and play equipment on its way and KS2 timber trail re-surfaced with turf.

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#### THE REGINALD MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



# Supporting pupils with emotional support through our ELSA programme

Through pupil premium funding Reginald Mitchell Primary School have invested in an emotional literacy support assistant (ELSA). An emotional literacy support assistant has been fully trained by and regularly supervised by Educational Psychologists. Following a referral ELSA can support children with a variety of needs such as self esteem, anger and aniexty. Thank you to Miss Hassall our ELSA who is making a positive diference to children's emotional literacy here at Reginald Mitchell Primary School

#### A Pupil at Reginald Mitchell in Year 3 explains.

'I feel listened to and supported in the ELSA sessions, The activities have helped me to self-regulate my emotions and I feel happier at school.'

#### Health and Sports week

Through the use of sports funding pupils had the opportunity to experience a variety of sporting experiences during Health and Sports week. As well as a well attended sports day children took part in circus skill sessions, an Olympic day, hula hooping, archery and cricket. A fantastic time was had by all.

#### **Exciting enrichment opportunities**

Pupils have particapted in a range of enrichment opportunities such as educational visits, our Year 6 residential trip to Standon Bowers and our fantatstic careers week, which has been organised by Miss Rasool. All of our experiences enrich the lives of our pupils and also develop cultural capital for them all.

The Reginald Mitchell Primary School, Congleton Road, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 1NA reginaldmitchell.co.uk



#### CASTLECHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS









#### Personal Development, enrichment and new connections!

Our staff are constantly striving to provide an enriched and exciting curriculum concentrating on developing the whole child. So far, our summer term has been very busy! KS1 went on a fantastic trip to LLandudno, they took in the sights, watched a Punch and Judy show, visited the arcade and tried to hide their lunches from the pesky seagulls! Thank you to our KS1 staff for making it happen!

Meanwhile, back at school our Health & Sports Week has gone from strength to strength, our pupils took part in a wide variety of activities and got to work with all the different staff across the school. We certainly developed resilience and stamina – we were all exhausted! Thank you to Stafford College students who came in to help and teach us so many new sports!

#### **Gardening Week**

Mrs. Whiston arranged for us all to get involved in National Gardening Week. Each class were able to plant up different areas of the school to bring it to life. The school looks amazing and the children really enjoyed the experience. We were so grateful to Pillaton Garden Centre, near Penkridge, for donating so many plants for us to plant!

#### **Careers Day**

We held our second Careers Day recently. We welcomed so many members of the community into school to talk about the world of work! The children had opportunities to ask questions, try out activities and were inspired to dream about their future careers. Thank you, Mrs Cranwell, for organising it!

Castlechurch Primary School, Tennyson Road, Stafford, ST17 9SY

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#### SPRINGHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS





#### **Actively Exploring Shakespeare's Plays**

The children have had an exciting term learning about Romeo and Juliet in their lessons. The school became a theatre for two days when The Royal Shakespeare Company performed the play for local schools. All of the chidren from the nursery class to year 6 explored the play. They performed their work in the school for the parents and local community.

### Children take part in The National Playmaking Festival

We took children down to Stratford upon Avon to take part in The National Playmaking Festival. They joined children from Durham, Kent, Northampton and Warwick to perform Hamlet on The Swan Theatre stage.

These performance opportunities teach, through the rehearsal and production process, skills of discipline, resilience, team work, problem solving, confidence and communication.

## Springhead Primary School is a Lead Associate School for the **Royal Shakespeare School**

We work closely with both The RSC and New Vic Theatre, using their expertise to develop children's oracy, reading, writing and metacognition - we are currently supporting 10 local schools.

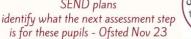
We have been involved in national research projects which prove the impact of actively exploring Shakespeare's Plays on children's writing, language skills and confidence. This research has shown that this work raises standards - especially in the children's writing.

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# SEND Support across the CFLP 'Every Child, Every Chance'

The school has a good understanding of the SEND of pupils. Individual SEND plans







All pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), live up to these expectations. Furthermore, the curriculum is well planned and is taught very well. All of this means pupils make excellent progress - Ofsted Sept 23

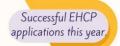
The school identifies pupils with SEND quickly and accurately. Staff are ambitious for

these pupils to learn the full curriculum. One parent praised the support that their child with SEND receives. They said that 'staff ensure that their child feels like a valued member of the class, like they belong -Ofsted Sept 23



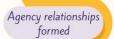






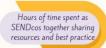






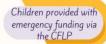












# External Agency Partnerships

Across the CFLP we feel the value of working with external agencies and have seen first hand the impact the support and advice they can offer to staff can have on children's learning and emotional health. We would like to shine the spotlight on two of our valued agency links that have worked within our schools this year - Mr Ian Kirby and Debbie Wilshaw.



Ian Kirby works for Cicely Haughton Outreach
Service which is part of Manor Hall Academy
Trust, Ian has offered specialist support across
the trust this year. He works in the special
educational needs sector for 20 years, his main
areas of expertise are social, emotional and
mental health and communication and
interaction. The experience and knowledge Ian
has accumulated over the years has enabled
him to assist pupils with the particular difficulties
they have and to improve their learning and
social experiences.



Debbie Wilshaw from SpeakWrite is funded by the CFLP to ensure our staff are able to identify those children who may require clinical assessments for Speech and Language, whether it be difficulties with articulation, receptive language, expressive language or social use of language. Debbie also uses non-diagnostic Language Progression Assessments to help us establish any areas that may need additional school-based intervention. These also help us identify any children who we feel would benefit from further clinical assessment with our local NHS team of therapists.



