



**TEES VALLEY
EDUCATION**
www.teesvalleyeducation.co.uk

CEO Newsletter December 2018

I have great pleasure in welcoming you to the first of our Multi Academy Trust Newsletters, where you will find a range of information on Trust-wide developments and celebrations. In the future you will be receiving these newsletters from the Chair of the Trust Board and I three times a year, at the end of term.

As a Trust, we now have five academies across Middlesbrough and Redcar: Brambles, Discovery, Dormanstown, Pennyman and Wilton Primary Academies.



Brambles Primary Academy



Discovery Special Academy



Dormanstown Primary Academy



Pennyman Primary Academy



Wilton Primary Academy

Wilton Primary Academy

We are very proud to welcome Wilton Primary into the Trust. I have been very impressed this first term with the work being done in the academy and across the Trust to give all of our children an excellent education. This includes the commitment of all of the staff, students and parents.



Discovery Special Academy

We are equally delighted to announce the opening of Discovery Special Academy, 1 of only 4 special free schools to open in the country this September. Discovery is currently situated on both the Pennyman and Brambles site in Middlesbrough, in temporary accommodation. It currently has 30 children with Education, Health and Care Plans to support a range of physical, medical and associated learning/communication needs. The 6 remaining places for this year across Y1 and Y2 can be accessed through panel referrals at either Middlesbrough or Redcar and Cleveland Local Authorities. The 12 places for 2019 Reception intake can be accessed in the same way.



Diamond Standard Awards

After a year of working with our children, staff, Local Academy Committees and Trustees, Tees Valley Education now has its 'Diamond Standards'. These are a set of values we all try to demonstrate in an effort to be amazing Tees Valley Education citizens.

We are all diamonds: non of us start off polished, but with the right environment, time, support and development we become brilliant.

 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.

Children, staff and parents/carers along with members of the community of each academy can be nominated in each category, for a Diamond Standard Award, on a termly basis. At the end of the school year, there will be an awards ceremony held at Inspire to Learn on Normanby Road (more details will follow closer to the time). By being able to celebrate the extra-ordinary efforts in these areas, we are recognising and valuing the 'over and above' efforts that are a priceless gift!

Trust Website

The Trust has also updated its website, which can be accessed on: www.teesvalleyeducation.co.uk. Please take the time to look at and share the good news stories on your child's academy site. Each academy's website will be updated over the coming year, so if you have any ideas you'd like considered please approach your Head Teacher, a member of the Local Academy Committee or an office assistant we'd be delighted to hear from you.



Improvement & Curriculum

The academies across the Trust contributed to a huge improvement of 16% in children reaching expected standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics by the end of Year 6. Well done to all for your hard work.

Our offer to children in the 'arts' is also about to be expanded. By working in partnership with Wilton and other academies we have been able to secure £150,000 of funding from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, in order to provide all children with the opportunity to develop their art skills over the next 2 years. This will be additional to all of the singing and performing arts that we already do at Tees Valley Education, and offers yet another quality creative opportunity to explore.

More details can be found at: www.phf.org.uk and our website.

Middlesbrough Jazz Weekend and Choir Performances

This term, the choir have been performing on stage at Middlesbrough Town Hall with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra. They opened the Jazz Weekend with a repeat of the London performance for those who couldn't make it or wanted to see it again. A huge thank you to Ross Rigby O.B.E the programmer of Middlesbrough Jazz weekender for inviting us, all of the musicians and of course to all of you who attended. It's marvellous that our children had the opportunity to perform for you and see a full audience. The choir has also been busy rehearsing for our Trust Carol Concert which was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Guisborough. It was a superb service and a joy to share this popular event with so many of you who were able to attend and join in with the carols. We are all looking forward to our next performance at Easter.



Grant for Brambles Primary Academy

Another significant grant of £500,000 came into the Trust from the Education Skills and Funding Agency in order to finish the roof at Brambles Primary Academy. That work was successfully finished in mid-December and now means that the school is fully weather proof and looks almost new! A huge thank you to the builders, school leadership and staff as well as the parents—but especially the children, who all supported the 'stay safe' message and have been incredibly patient over the last 4 months.

Old roof



New roof



Tees Valley Education Outreach

Across Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and nationally, Tees Valley Education Outreach undertake a significant role in delivering opportunities for initial teacher training (with partners) developing and offering accredited leadership courses and providing a range of Special Educational Needs offers. We also work with other schools, academies, Trusts and Local Authorities, to design and support school improvement. All of this means that we are, through our 8 Specialist Leaders of Education, assisting the development of teachers and leaders across our Trust and across the education sector. We passionately believe in excellence.

www.teesvalleyeducationoutreach.org.uk

Learning experiences, visits & residential trips

Additionally, we plan through our curriculum a range of opportunities for all of our children to enjoy. Below are a selection of pictures showing some of these opportunities;



As you can see, it has been a busy but very rewarding term. We have enjoyed sharing the many different opportunities with you and all of the staff and I, look forward to continuing the journey with you and your child next year. In the meanwhile I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy 2019!

With all best wishes,

Miss K Morley
CEO of the Trust

Mr J Brine
Chair of the Trust

