



Shaping Positive Futures

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'JOURNEY TO GREEN'

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Shaping Positive Futures for all our learners

Welcome to the Easter edition of our Trust newsletter.

Once again, this half term has passed by in a flurry of positive developments, challenges and opportunities. This newsletter provides a snapshot of just a few of the great things that have taken place, from a performance of Aladdin at Cottingham to student-led charity fundraising at Hessle and Howden. World Book Day always provides a great opportunity to celebrate reading and it was lovely to see our primary schools collaborating with our Associate School St Anne's with a Book Review.

I'm delighted that our schools are forging ahead with our strategic commitment to sustainability, supporting the Government's agenda to be carbon zero in schools by 2030. All our schools have signed up to Let's Go Zero and this term has seen some great examples of this work in action. In April, learners from several of our secondary schools will, as part of their Active Travel Ambassador roles, be pitching their campaign ideas to a panel of industry experts at County Hall, Beverley. The schools are competing to secure funds of £250 to help run their campaigns in school and promote active travel, aiming to change travel behaviours amongst their peers. This, along with the amazing award-winning success of the team at Penshurst and the 'Journey to Green' tree-planting at Keyingham, provides a fantastic insight into the important work that is taking place across the Trust in this key area.



You will have received emails over the last couple of weeks letting you know that, after Easter, you will be invited to take part in our upcoming Shaping Your Future, Having Your Say People Survey. Your views are incredibly important and your voice matters- what you think about your work and what you have to say can really make a difference.

We are committed to Shaping Positive Futures for all our staff so that your experience working at the Trust, whether it be in a school or in the central team, is the very best it can be.

In our next newsletter there will be a focus on key developments across People, Governance and Curriculum. We also welcome contributions from colleagues across the Trust, sharing news about all the great work taking place in our schools.

Finally, thank you for all your hard work and commitment this term and I very much look forward to working with you after the break. Have a very happy Easter and enjoy your time with family and friends. For those not taking time off, I hope the pace at least slows for you, so you too can recharge.

Kind regards
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By completing the survey, you will be helping to identify what's great about your experience at work and what improvements can be made."



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As we approach the Easter holidays after another busy half term, I am once again struck by the breadth of activities and opportunities that our schools offer to our learners.

It is heartening to see the focus on sustainability across the Trust, and particularly the fact that it is treated as such a priority with our youngest children, who are rightly being exposed to this from the start of their education. The cross-organisational collaboration that has taken place both at Penshurst, with

their Modeshift award winning celebratory smoothy bike event attended by both an East Riding Road Safety Officer and our ABM Catering Manager, as well the tree planting at Keyingham, supported by Humber Forest, Rewilding Youth and the local Parish Council, shows that by working together we can all make a positive impact in our communities.

As ever, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do to make sure events like these can take place. I hope you enjoy your well-deserved Easter break.

Ian Furlong,
Chair of the Trust



World Book Day

World Book Day's mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child in full-time education the opportunity to have a book of their own, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Penshurst Primary were particularly focused on this, giving children the option to dress as either a word or a character from their favourite novel.



(Left) Evie - Year 6 student at Penshurst Primary School dressed as the word 'News'.



With our country suffering with the current Cost of Living Crisis, we didn't want parents to spend a fortune on fancy dress costumes. Therefore, we wanted to implement an alternative option by allowing everyone to use their imagination and create a customised outfit at home, representing a word. For example, one of our children came to school dressed as the word 'News'- she showed great initiative, simply using pieces of newspaper pinned to her top!" Michelle Preston, Penshurst's Head of School





At Croxby Primary, the children looked incredible arriving at school dressed up as a variety of characters from their favourite novels.

This ranged from Disney Princesses and Marvel Super Heroes, to characters like The Gruffalo and Gangsta Granny!



Instead of going to a bookshop, Hesse Bookshop kindly came to us at Croxby and brought a wide range of books suitable for all ages, interests, and stages of reading, so the children could swap their £1 token for a World Book Day £1 book of their choice. It was great to witness all the children selecting a book of their own and seeing the smiles on their faces!"

Kerry Mason, Headteacher at Croxby Primary



The Trust is proud of its collaborative working and with World Book Day taking place, it was a perfect opportunity for our primary schools, including Associate School St Anne's, to come together.

Children from Croxby, Keyingham, Penshurst and St Anne's Primary Schools joined in a book review where they described the plot of a story, who their favourite characters were and what rating they would give the book overall.

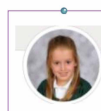
A Book Review

A book review of ... *Rabbit & Bear*

by .. Julian Gough & Jim Field ..

Reviewer: .. Keira ..

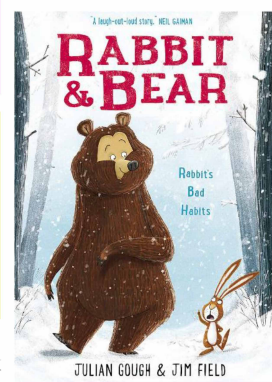
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Review

Rabbit and Bear is about Bear wanting to build a snowman but Rabbit wanted to make a better one. Rabbit pushed Bear's snowman body down the hill and it smashed into some ice. I like this book because it was funny. I really like the part when bear was happy and when Rabbit and Bear started to make friends as I love being friends with people.

A Book Review





Team highlights...

Cottingham

Cottingham students presented their annual musical, and this year the show was Disney's Aladdin!

With all the famous songs we know and love, the predominantly Key Stage 3 cast took their audiences, including pupils

from our feeder primaries in Wednesday's matinee performance, to the magical land of Agrabah, to enjoy the journey our characters Genie, Aladdin, Jasmine and Jafar take in the story for power and love.

The production not only gives students an opportunity to perform on stage, but it also unites them to share in their

enjoyment for developing new skills, collaborate to achieve a shared challenge and build new relationships. By performing to an invited audience of primary schools (Croxby, Hallgate and Westfield) Year 5 and 6 pupils can experience what opportunities they'll have when they start at Cottingham.



Croxby

Croxby Primary were delighted to have Rocksteady visit to work with all the children earlier this month, giving them the opportunity to learn and also play music.

Rocksteady Music School offer in-school rock and pop band sessions to make learning music fun and to give children the

chance to be in a band, perform songs they love and learn new skills.

Assistant Head Lindsay Lindsay summed things up, saying: *"The event was superb – the children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed the assembly which was really engaging, informative and inclusive for all. It definitely inspired our pupils and created potential bands of the future!"*



Hessle

At Hessle, Portia House organised a Bake Sale to raise funds for the Downright Special charity which is very close to their hearts as it directly benefits three of their own students.

Anya (Year 10), Lara (Year 9) and Mia (Year 8) are all supported by the charity. Mia, along with her teaching assistant, Sam Hodgson, organised a Bake Sale to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Day and this raised £102.40!

Sam also enlisted the support of her colleagues Lisa Bell, Toni Bullock and Asher Wilkin to take part in a Charity Football Match in support of Downright Special. This took place on Sunday 26 March and they have so far raised £772 of their £1000 target! Toni also undertakes voluntary work with Downright Special, assisting with social events at weekends.

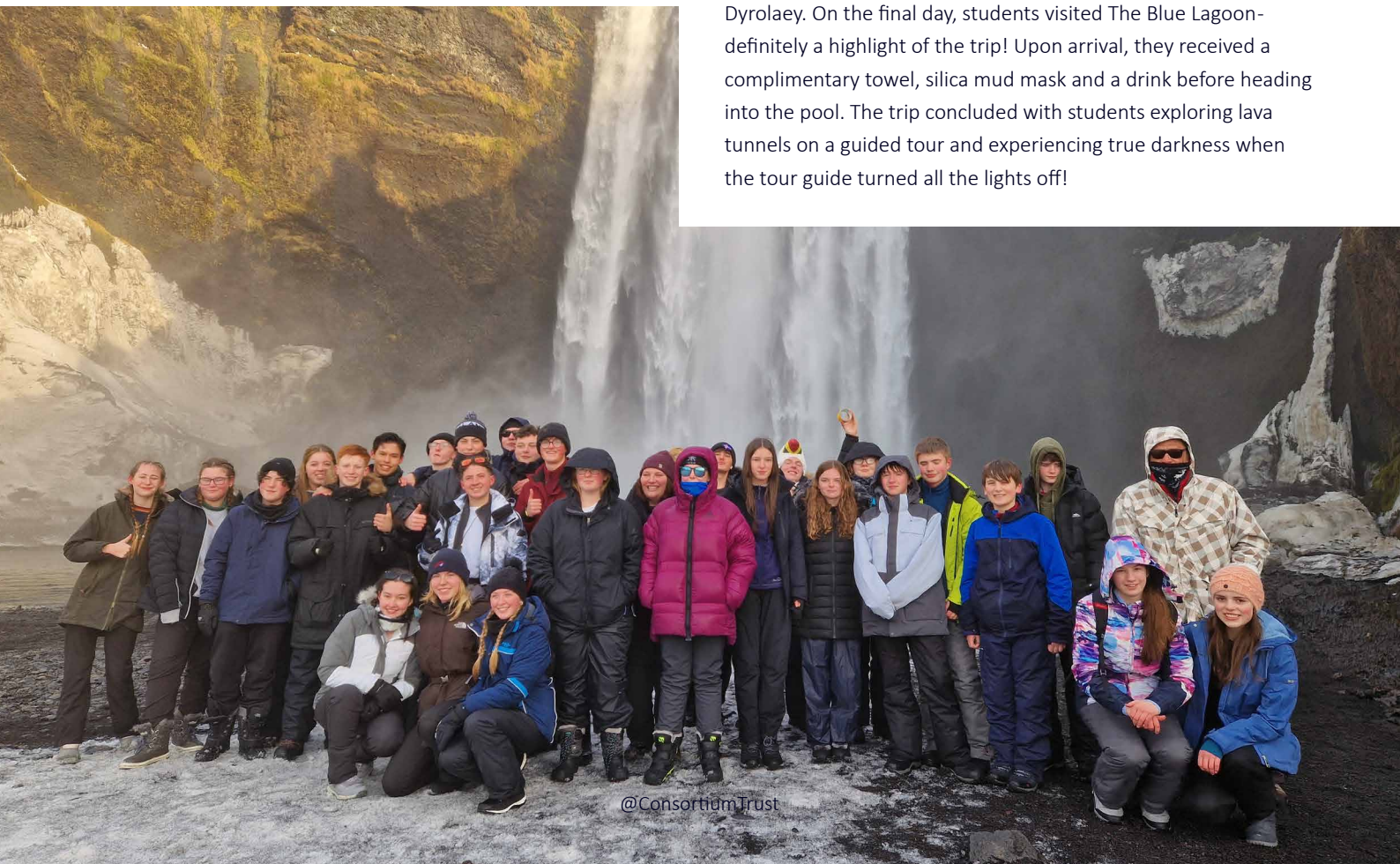


Holderness

During the half term break, Holderness Academy & Sixth Form College students in Years 10 to Year 13 explored Iceland sightseeing waterfalls, volcanoes, geysers, volcanic beaches, geothermal power plants, glaciers, tectonic plates, lava fields, lava tubes, Reykjavik, The Blue Lagoon, arctic foxes and The Northern Lights!

Upon arrival, the team took part in a guided tour of Reykjavik. Day two included completing the Golden Circle Tour, visiting Gullfoss Waterfall and the Great Geysir, followed by a talk at the Hellisheidi Power Station.

On day three, students visited the South Shore to see the dramatic active volcanic landscape as well as the Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss Waterfalls. The Solheimajokull Glacier was the final stop for the amazing views followed by a visit to the Reynishverfi Black Beach which overlooked incredible views of sea stacks and Dyrolaey. On the final day, students visited The Blue Lagoon - definitely a highlight of the trip! Upon arrival, they received a complimentary towel, silica mud mask and a drink before heading into the pool. The trip concluded with students exploring lava tunnels on a guided tour and experiencing true darkness when the tour guide turned all the lights off!



Howden

At Howden, the House charity A Shining Light has gone from strength to strength to such an extent that the school has decided to focus on it, and Teenage Cancer Trust, as the main school charity.

Since July 2022 the charity has raised almost £26,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust, but as well as raising money A Shining Light is an educational platform to educate Howden's young people about cancer, to raise awareness and to teach them to take care of each other and spot the signs as early as they possibly can.

The charity has also been nominated for Charity of the Year at the Goole and Howdenshire Business Awards 2023- they'll be up against two other charities at the awards ceremony on April 14. We wish them continued success!



Aaliyah walked a staggering 36 miles in one day to raise £675 for A Shining Light and Teenage Cancer Trust.

Keyingham

On Friday 24 March, Keyingham Primary School Student Councillors worked together to help plant 200 trees as part of their 'Journey to Green' Project to develop the front area of the school.

Overall the children planted 52 trees at the front of the school and the remaining 150 trees were planted around the back of the school to create hedging on the school field where every child planted a tree whip. This was done in groups with the older children supporting the younger ones.

Headteacher Victoria White said *"The children were confident and brave as they tackled the different challenges of the day. I was so proud of them all and delighted when one of our younger children said she was looking forward to growing up with the trees!"*





Penshurst

Penshurst Primary have been awarded the Modeshift Platinum accreditation recognising their achievement towards an increase in active travel modes, and to top that off, they are the first school in the local area to have ever received a Platinum Award from Modeshift!

Throughout the year Penshurst have created, developed and implemented a range of Effective Travel Plans to bring about a change in travel behaviour and to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicle journeys to and from school. This included

The Big Walk and Wheel scheme, which the school developed to encourage their pupils to be more active and to walk, bike or scoot to school.

The school received the 'STARS Local Authority Primary School of the Year 2022/23' award for the East Riding of Yorkshire, which reflected the schools' amazing Modeshift STARS journey. They were proud to then win 'STARS Yorkshire and Humber Primary School of the Region 2022/23' and have been invited to London to represent their region at Modeshift's in-person National STARS School Travel Awards event that will take place in June. Well done and good luck to Iris and all of the Junior Travel Ambassadors!

Winifred Holtby

The Winifred Holtby Academy Year 10 rugby league team were unlucky to fall just short against last year's champions, Castleford Academy, in the Yorkshire Cup final with a final score of 14-8.

Headteacher Mark Brown said *"It is an amazing achievement to reach the last two in the Yorkshire Cup and the boys will continue to represent the Academy in the National Cup. Well done boys, we are really proud of your achievements and grateful to the staff who have invested so much time and effort in you not only coaching and supporting you in school but often watching you play on a weekend for local teams."*





Wolfreton

Wolfreton students visited the Yorkshire Sculpture Park which included a guided tour of the Robert Indiana exhibition, where each student made a three colour screen print.

Sixth form students were keen to join the trip but clearly hadn't read the memo about sensible footwear! In spite of the muddy conditions under foot, the students all produced some fantastic work, supported not only by Wolfreton staff but also the artist and two members of the Yorkshire Sculpture Park education team.



Sixth Form

On Friday 24 March, Year 11 students from Cottingham, Hessle, Holderness and Wolfreton all had the opportunity to take part in our Sixth Form Taster Event, to experience what life is like as a sixth form student at The Consortium Sixth Form College.

Students from each school rotated across our four campuses where they met the Sixth Form team, took part in a guided tour and presentation and enjoyed a taster session of a subject they are interested in studying. During the visit, students had the opportunity to hear from current sixth form student leaders and ask any questions about our offer.





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On our return from the Easter break, you will receive an email inviting you to take part in our 'Shaping Your Future, Having Your Say' People Survey.

Your views are important to us. We want every single colleague to have a say and we will be listening! Your voice matters- what you think about your work and what you have to say can really make a difference. We are committed to Shaping Positive Futures for all our learners. We are equally committed to Shaping Positive

Futures for all our staff too, so that your experience working with us is the very best it can be.

By completing the survey, you will give us a clear picture of what it's like to work here, and where and how improvements can be made. Whether your feedback is good or bad- your answers are invaluable and will help us make a better place to work for everyone. The survey will take 10 minutes to complete and is completely confidential, and you will be given time to fill out the survey by your line manager.

Our 'Shaping Your Future' People Survey **will open on Monday 24 April and close on Friday 12 May.** This is your chance to let us know how you feel about working here, what you enjoy and what you think we need to improve. We can't wait to hear from you!



“The People Survey is one of the biggest and best ways that there is for you to say what you think our Trust is doing well, and also what you feel we can improve. The answers you give, and the overall results of the survey, will have a direct effect on our plans and actions for the year ahead.” Rie Lane, Director of People