



Dear All,

As we make our final end of year preparations, I would like to send a big thank you to all those who have helped, supported and contributed to the DoWMAT this year. We started the academic year with 14 academies and a new office team. One of our academies was in the Serious Weakness Ofsted category. We had academies wishing to improve on their remote learning offer and expecting their pupils to have huge gaps in their learning to catch up on. The Trust had a website and several systems in place—but we knew they all needed a thorough overhaul. We also needed to improve our internal Trust communications.


Such a lot to tackle in a year with repeated lockdowns and the anxieties of coping with Covid. And yet, by pulling together, being honest and working collaboratively, we have achieved a huge amount in a short space of time. We now have 15 academies and in each, our pupils have continued their learning journey and been well-supported by their teachers and teaching assistants. Headteachers have grown more resilient and shared their expertise and best practice. St. Nicholas CE Middle School has been taken out of Serious Weakness by Ofsted and is now firmly on route to being an exceptional academy. The Trust Central Team has been rejuvenated by its new staff and our Trust offer to each academy is more systematic. We have a new website and more maintained schools are looking at the possibility of joining our successful, close-knit academy community. None of this would have been achieved without the hard work of our staff and the support of our families. I think we all deserve a good holiday and I wish you all the best for a calm, enjoyable summer.

To all our pupils leaving for new adventures in a different school next year, we wish you all the best for the future. I very much hope you are leaving your DoWMAT academy with happy memories.

Regards, *Claire Davies* CEO DoWMAT

**ACADEMY NEWS : ACADEMY NEWS**

**Lots happening at Malvern Parish!**




Rebecca (Yr6), together with her sister Lily and friends, raised £115.75 for the RSPCA by selling lavender bags, which the children helped to make with seedlings they had grown and other crafts. The children advertised their garden sale by posting leaflets to our neighbours and sat for 3 hours manning the stall and chatting to their customers.

In Y5 and Y6, we studied a whole topic on oceans and finished by looking at some issues that affect the ocean. The children researched plastic pollution and the problem of ghost nets and then decided that the problem was so severe that they needed to do something about it. They chose to write to either the CEO of a supermarket, the Minister for the Environment (George Eustice), our local MP (Harriet Baldwin) or the Prime Minister. They used the facts they had collected and made suggestions about how these problems could be solved. One of their most quoted facts was that, by 2050, plastic particles will be more numerous than fish in the sea - worrying indeed. They were surprised, and pleased, to receive replies to their

**Netherton CE Primary School**

This week we had a visit from Mr Phillips, from Historic England, to see our Heritage Project in action. He was really impressed with our children's enthusiasm and the knowledge they have already acquired about the local area. Many classes have already been on field trips in and around Netherton. Year 5 spent the morning on the High Street looking at how the shops have changed over the years. Year 4 walked to where Hingley's factory used to be and have explored continuity and change. Year 1 focused on the physical and human features surrounding our school. Our Reception children have begun to look maps and were excited to be making maps of their own zoos, using Lego and blocks. Our children and staff are enjoying delving into Netherton's past and are starting to appreciate why we should be proud of Netherton. Once the project is complete, we will be looking to apply for the Schools Heritage Award.



**St. Barnabas CE First and Middle School**

Congratulations to 6RD...who have won the Worcestershire Maths Contest organised by Sumdog! Next stop, the nationals.... It's coming home!



Broadheath CE Primary School, Broadheath - Callow End CE Primary School, Malvern - Castlemorton CE Primary School, Malvern - Crowle CE First School, Pershore - Madresfield CE Primary School, Malvern - Malvern Parish CE Primary School, Malvern - Martley CE Primary School, Martley - Netherton CE Primary School, Dudley - Offenham CE First School, Evesham - Pinvin CE First School, Pershore - Powick CE Primary School, Malvern - St. Barnabas CE First and Middle School, Pershore - St. Oswalds CE Primary School, Kidderminster - St. Nicholas CE Middle School, Pershore - The Littletons CE First School, Evesham



**St Oswald's CE Primary**



Year 4 have taken part in a Social Action Project, working with local charities and specifically with Wyre Forest Nightstop in Kidderminster. This charity helps young people between the ages of 16 and 25, who have found themselves homeless, by providing them with safe, emergency accommodation at volunteers' homes. The charity also provide support with developing life skills, such as setting up a bank account.

Year 4 contacted the charity to find out more about them, before raising awareness of homelessness in our community by providing information on school newsletters and leading a virtual whole school assembly. As part of their action plan, they planned two fund raising events to raise money to create care packages for the young people the charity helps; to make them 'feel happier'. To complete their project, Year 4 organised a 'Red and Green Day' event in return for a donation and completed a sponsored run. The class ran an impressive 179 laps and in total, raised an incredible £240! The money will be spent on resourcing the care packages with items such as a kind note to a friend, chocolate, water bottles and hand sanitizer. Well done Year 4! We are very proud of your incredible work.



**Lifepath at Callow End CE Primary School**



Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were not able to go to the Priory for Lifepath this year but they still had a very enjoyable Lifepath experience at school. The Lifepath team provided lots of online resources including an interesting introductory video.

As part of the experience, we sang some of the Lifepath songs, including lots of energetic actions. We also tried different activities including heraldry, prayer bracelet making and calligraphy.

Working a group at a time, we made a whole class pot of pottage which is what the monks at the priory would have eaten every day. It was great fun; we had to chop lots of vegetables and we were able to pick our own herbs from the school garden to go in it. The pottage smelt absolutely delicious as it cooked and most of us were brave enough to taste it the next day. The majority of pupils liked it but we all agreed that we wouldn't want to eat it every day!

We still managed to thoroughly enjoy the Lifepath experience but we can't wait to be able to go back to the Priory next year.



**Castlemorton CE Primary School**

Pupils at Castlemorton CE Primary School have put together a display for the Leaves of the Trees Project which is being organised by Worcester Cathedral. The installation will be displayed in the Cathedral during the summer and students and their families are being encouraged to visit the Cathedral to see the leaves. It is a reflective memorial and children have been asked to write their messages of hope on leaves.



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**Our Vision**

'To Love, To Learn, To Serve' sums up the DoWMAT's vision for those who come together to create the MAT, enabling all to flourish both as individuals and in community with each other; living life in all its fullness (John 10:10).

**To Love:**

We treat everyone with love and respect in the same way that we, ourselves, would like to be treated.

We recognise that everyone is a child of God and has talents which are to be nurtured.

We welcome people who are different from us and treat them with dignity and respect at all times.



**To Learn:**

We are committed to enabling a lifelong love of learning through growing and celebrating together.

We will ensure that our curriculum, resources and professional development enable all to flourish.

We prioritise spiritual development and growth for all.



**To Serve:**

We consider others at all times rather than always putting 'me' first.

We ensure that everyone is safe and has their needs understood and met.

We live and work in a way that is deeply Christian and which serves the common good.



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