

BPET Central Team Newsletter – Summer 2020

This is an update from the BPET Central Team, providing news and progress from across the Bellevue Place Education Trust schools.

Welcome to our summer newsletter from across Bellevue Place schools. Since the lockdown started on 23 March, I do not think anyone would believe the disruption this would have caused to schools and our children.

Everyone has adjusted so well and schools quickly provided pupils with a range of home and online learning for children's education at home. I hope you have appreciated this adjustment and the hard work from staff so the children were able to continue to learn. That said, we cannot wait for children to return to school and I am delighted that all schools were able to open from 1 June 2020 to eligible pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 5/6.

I am pleased to have visited all schools and while the school and classrooms are structured very differently, it is so good to see children adjusting and coping so well with the changes. They were all enjoying their learning and their smiling faces show they are happy to be back with their teachers!

Since then, the Government has announced all pupils can return, if schools can accommodate them in line with their official protective measures guidance. We are looking forward to all pupils returning as soon as possible, and are keen to ensure that as many pupils as possible have some school based learning before the summer holidays start.

Initial parental support for this is great, with some schools reporting 80%+ of all children we can offer places to returning before the summer holidays. We look forward to further Government announcements in regard to what September may bring.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the annual parent and staff surveys we have been conducting, as this helps us prepare for the next academic year and what we anticipate (and hope) will be business as usual from September.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to say '**Thank You**' to senior leaders who will be leaving this term. Firstly to Sonia Mallick, Head of Kilburn Grange School, who has secured an exciting role as Director of Teaching and Learning at a Trust in Hillingdon; to Linda Kiernan who has been our Interim Head Teacher at Whitehall Park since January 2020 for all her hard work. Also thank you to Amy Holmes, Assistant Headteacher at Kilburn, who started on the first day of the school's opening and is moving to a nursery much closer to home. I thank them all for their commitment to their schools.

With very best wishes,

Mark Greatrex

Chief Executive

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Meet our New Head Teachers

We are delighted to welcome three new Head Teachers who are joining Bellevue Place in September 2020.

Even with a lockdown in place for part of the recruitment process, we would like to thank the pupils, parents and Local Advisory Board members who were able to be part of this process.

We are pleased to introduce the three new Head Teachers here and hope you will read more about them from the links provided:



ALEX LEE – DEER PARK SCHOOL

Mr Lee is a successful Vice Principal of a primary academy in a strong Hackney based Academy Trust. His vision for education is inspiring, presenting a very clear plan for the future of Deer Park School over the next five years as we grow to be a full school.

Mr Lee demonstrated that he clearly embraces the vision of the school and Trust. His ideas to further broaden the curriculum as the school grows, with exciting extra-curricular opportunities in the new building, really inspired us in what we all want to see offered at Deer Park School. [Read more](#)



HELEN TYLER – WHITEHALL PARK SCHOOL

Miss Tyler joins us with over 20 years Headship experience and is currently the Head Teacher at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Camden where she has been Head Teacher for 13 years, achieving an Outstanding grade by Ofsted, with the school currently rated as Good with Outstanding features.

Miss Tyler is seeking a new challenge, working in a bigger school, closer to her home. The school's high expectations for all pupil's academic, personal and social development resonates closely with her own vision and her drive to ensure WPS becomes a centre of excellence for every pupil. [Read more](#)



ROB FARRELL – KILBURN GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr Farrell joins KGS with over 20 years' experience in the education sector, most recently as Headteacher at Oliver House School, an independent school in Clapham. He has enjoyed an interesting and varied career so far, working across both the state and independent sectors, at primary and secondary level.

Mr Farrell is looking forward to working with the dedicated and talented staff team, taking the school onwards in its journey to becoming an outstanding school that is an important part of the local community. He shares the Trust and school's vision that schools are places where children are happy, love learning and are surrounded by exciting opportunities to enrich their educational experience. [Read more](#)

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COVID SECURE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

The BPET central team has supported each school in the Trust with procurement of PPE where required, remote thermometer guns for social distance temperature monitoring and Hand Inspection Units so staff, pupils and visitors can check their hand's cleanliness and ensure germs are kept at bay.

There is a [case study](#) on our website which explains more. Schools are also considering how these can be used, for example, in science to see if insects glow in the dark!



WELCOMING NEW FAMILIES TO BPET FROM SEPTEMBER 2020

Another really important event in the academic calendar took place during the Easter Holidays ... National Offer Day, where children starting school in September 2020 were offered places at each of our primary schools. In September, we will have four schools with complete cohorts from Reception to Year 6 meaning our Trust will grow to 2,350 pupils – 87% of our final capacity across the schools.

We realise that our normal welcoming 'stay and play' sessions are unable to go ahead under current restrictions but we know that each school is preparing a video or other ways to welcome you and help show your child the environment they will be joining.

We look forward to seeing you all in September and hope that you will become active and supportive members of our already vibrant community.



CELEBRATING YEAR 6 SUCCESS AT RUTHERFORD HOUSE SCHOOL

Rutherford House School, Balham, is the first Bellevue Place School to see pupils complete their journey from Reception to Secondary school.

The school opened in September 2013, focused on bringing the best blend of the independent sector by a state-funded free school, with the philosophy to support every child's learning, providing an enriched experience both in and outside of the classroom.

With a starting cohort of 39 pupils in 2013, this year 70 places have been offered by over 30 schools with 22 of those offers being from leading independent schools. Most pupils have been offered multiple secondary school places giving them freedom and choice over their next destination.



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CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

At BPET, we are focused on delivering our vision 'Learn, Enjoy, Succeed' through all that we do. We believe every BPET child and staff member has the entitlement to enjoy a broad (LEARN) and enriched (ENJOY) learning experience, enabling them to achieve far greater individual success (SUCCEED) than they might previously have thought possible.

The only way we can deliver this vision is through our staff. Not only do we want staff to feel empowered to inspire beyond measure in everything they do, but we want all staff to feel they have the skills to do so. One of the many benefits of being an academy trust is that we are able to invest in the things that matter, and we are firm believers in having a strong professional development culture. This has been a strategic focus for this academic year.

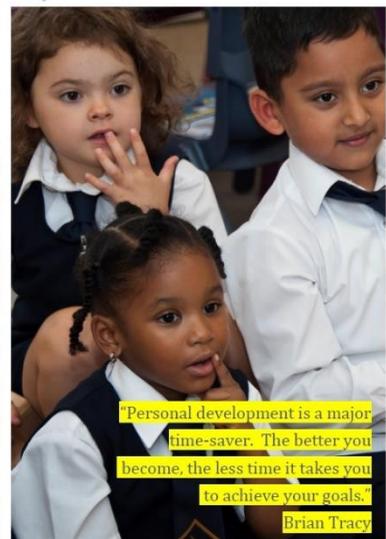
We have just launched our 2020-21 CPD brochure so ALL of our staff get the chance to review it, request courses and then together the school can plan training and development time for next year to ensure pupils across the Trust benefit in all aspects of learning and school life.



**The BPET Offer
to all Staff -
CPD and
Collaboration
Brochure**



2020/2021



"I'm still learning." Michelangelo, aged 87

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Bellevue Place Inter-Trust Pentathlon

During May 2020, most of our eight schools have taken part or are continuing to take on the Pentathlon Challenge. For those who have completed their challenge, the results are below. It shows that this challenge suited two of the schools most but it is important thank and acknowledge every pupil who took part or are taking part and all the parents/carers who captured videos and submitted them to Rutherford House Sports Coach 'Jim' for review. He did a great job with collating the results. Good luck for those still taking part!

Reception:

1st - Kalle - 165 points (Rutherford House)
 2nd - Finlay - 113 points (Rutherford House)
 3rd - Morgan - 112 points (Evendons)
 4th - Josie - 98 points (Evendons)
 5th - Otille - 97 points (Evendons)

Year 1:

1st - Sofia - 140 points (Rutherford House)
 2nd - Elyse - 136 points (Evendons)
 3rd - Cara - 129 points (Rutherford House)
 4th - Olivia N - 124 points (Rutherford House)
 5th - Olivia G - 118 points (Rutherford House)

Year 2:

1st - Zach - 192 points (Rutherford House)
 2nd - Omari - 131 points (Rutherford House)
 3rd - Finlay - 130 points (Evendons)
 4th - George - 124 points (Evendons)
 5th - Finn - 122 points (Rutherford House)

Year 3:

1st - Josh - 198 points (Rutherford House)
 2nd - George - 170 points (Rutherford House)
 3rd - Ben P - 152 points (Rutherford House)
 4th - Nathaniel - 150 points (Rutherford House)
 5th - Molly - 143 points (Evendons)

Year 4:

1st - Olivia P - 190 points (Rutherford House)
 2nd - Ariyan - 170 points (Evendons)
 3rd - William - 163 points (Evendons)
 4th - George - 141 points (Evendons)
 5th - Oscar - 137 points (Evendons)

Year 5:

1st - Olivia K - 201 points (Rutherford House)
 2nd - Samara - 199 points (Rutherford House)
 3rd - Tom - 194 points (Evendons)
 4th - Lottie - 183 points (Rutherford House)
 5th - Emma - 174 points (Evendons)

Year 6:

1st - Daisy - 147 points (Evendons)
 2nd - Angelika - 108 points (Evendons)

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CELEBRATING LOCK-DOWN LEARNING

AND OTHER AMAZING THINGS OUR SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN DOING

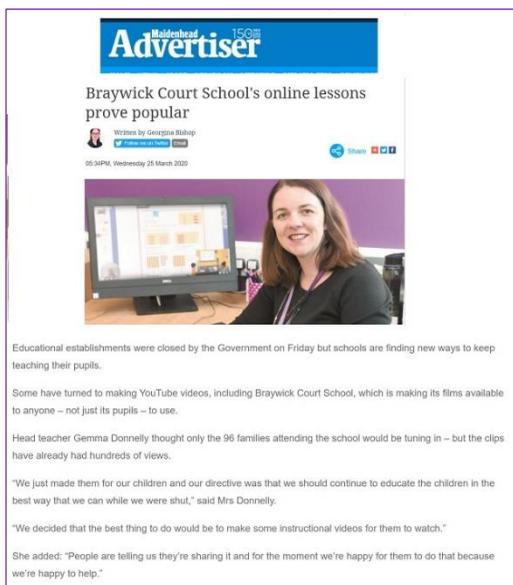
At the start of 2020, no-one could envisage how the world would change with COVID-19 and when we closed our school doors to most pupils / families on 20th March 2020, we were not sure what learning would truly look like.

Everyone at Bellevue Place thanks you all for your commitment to supporting your children and we are so pleased to make time to celebrate some of the amazing work and activities that have taken place across our eight schools.

We also acknowledge and thank you for the kind words you have sent to our Head Teachers and staff. We know those thoughts and appreciations mean so much to them and have helped them continue to deliver a quality home-learning offering for your child(ren). These next pages provide an overview of what all schools have been doing to engage and inspire pupils home-learning during lock-down.

BRAYWICK COURT SCHOOL

Very quickly into lock-down, Mrs Donnelly and her team embraced the use of YouTube for assemblies, story time, PE challenges as well as other activities. This was acknowledged in the local media and we know that many families from other schools in the area started to subscribe and follow the channel to engage in the content! Well done Braywick Court, our online technology leaders of lock-down!



There is so much great content on the [Braywick Court School Channel](#), we encourage you to visit!



Sports and exercise has been a really important part of lock-down for everyone. The PE team have engaged pupils with fabulous trick shot challenges and ball skills. They have encouraged pupils to take part in inter-trust competitions, including the first ever 'Pentathlon'.

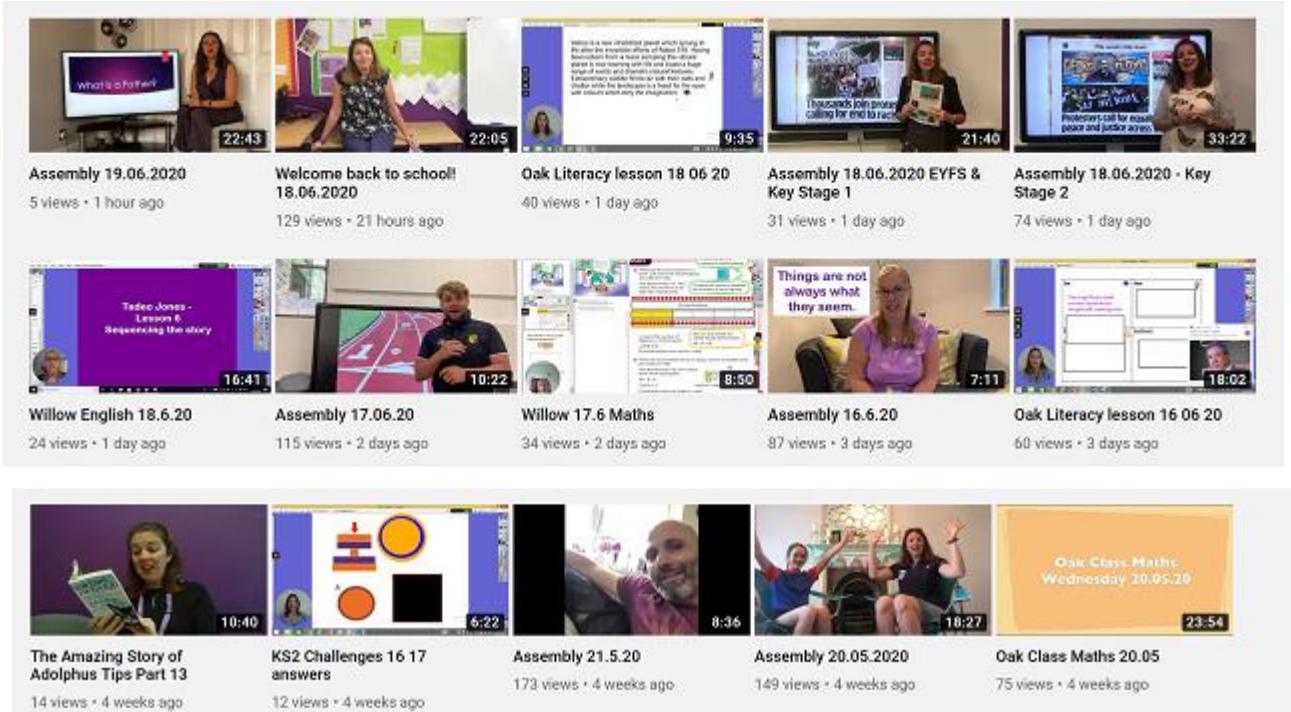
They are also the proud bronze medal winners of the Ascot and Maidenhead Pentathlon! **Well Done Team BCS!**



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Braywick Court School Cont'd

Here is a look at the variety of content on the Braywick YouTube channel.



DEER PARK SCHOOL - DPS

Deer Park School have been so busy during lock-down, every week a montage of great learning has been shared in the school newsletter. Here are some of our favourites:



Bambi Class

Roe Class



Marsh Class



Roe Class

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DEER PARK SCHOOL cont'd



Year Three



Year Four

Esme's 100 Miles in May

One Deer Park Pupil has pulled out all the stops, or rather didn't stop ... but took a daily bike ride to achieve 100 miles in May! Inspired by Sir 'Captain' Tom Moore, Esme decided to cycle from her home to either the current school location opposite Old Deer Park or to practice the route to the new school on Richmond Road, undertaking between 3 and 5 miles a day.

Esme created a fund raising page to raise money for the NHS Together Charity; she had raised over £2,500, with gift aid, at the end of the challenge.

This is such an amazing achievement and we are very proud of her, so if you are able and would like to you can donate here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/esmedowneyevans>

[You can watch her video diary on the Deer Park School Website](#)



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EVENTDONS PRIMARY SCHOOL - EPS

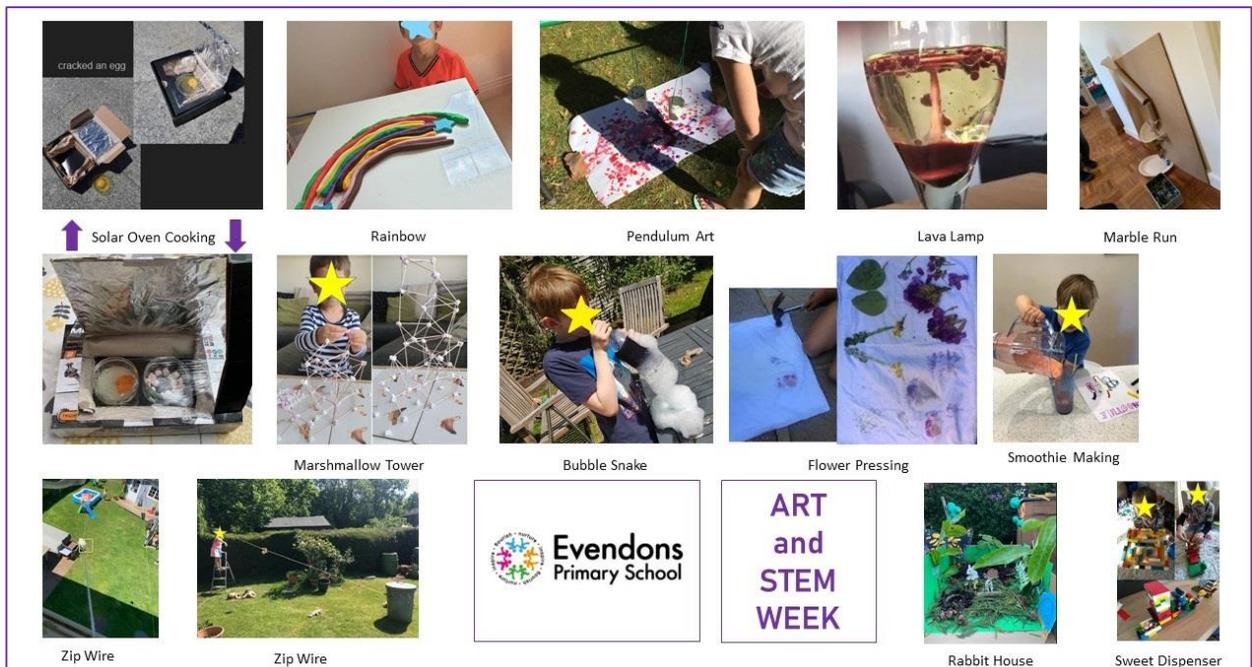
We welcomed Evendons Primary School, Wokingham, into the Bellevue Place Education Trust at the beginning of February 2020. Who knew that so soon afterwards we would be learning about the school, their pupils and staff remotely as we watched them create an amazing 'google hub' for all remote lessons –for which they got a mention in the local press.

The staff developed several lovely videos for the community to watch. They even started the first Trust wide 'dance off video' competition! Then the highlight for all was the wonderful song written and produced by teacher Lucinda [‘We’ll all dance together again one day’](#) about the return to school which was featured on the [BBC Radio Berkshire Andrew Peach Show!](#)



EVENTDONS ART AND STEM WEEK

Evendons is proud to have a focus on STEM, so it was great to see a theme week take place alongside Art activities. The children really loved it!



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KILBURN GRANGE SCHOOL

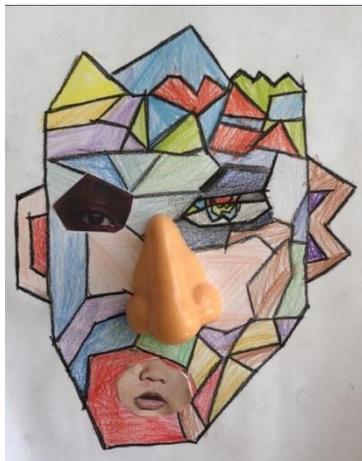
Kilburn Grange, like all BPET schools, has been open for their key worker and vulnerable pupils, but they have also had vital works completed on their Dining Hall, IT Server cupboard and the adjoining courtyard. The results are great and a really fabulous new update for the school, especially when more pupils return before the summer holidays.



Here is some of the amazing work from the pupils of Kilburn Grange ...

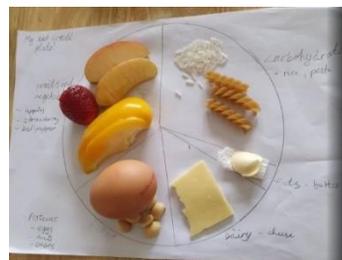


Capture Pendant



Picasso

Cookery Maths



NHS Rainbow
NHS Rainbow



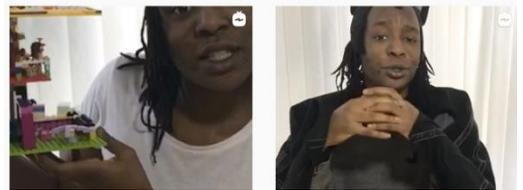
Superhero
Masks



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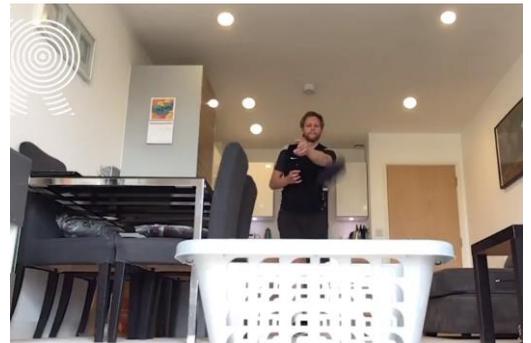
RUTHERFORD HOUSE SCHOOL - RHS

Rutherford House have been really busy in school with many pupils onsite through out lock-down, however they have also been active on Instagram with Mrs Mallett and the office team posting weekly videos with well wishes and amusing facts! If you would like to see what they have said [click here](#)



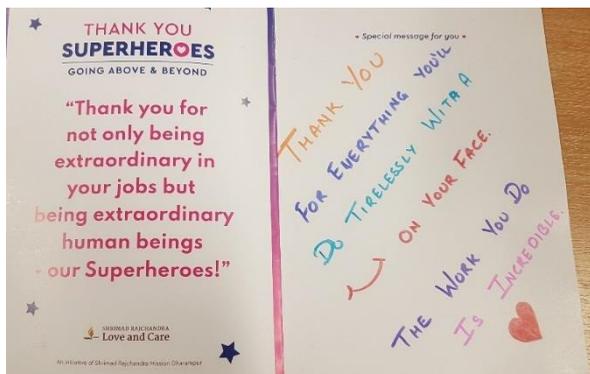
Rutherford’s sports coach, Jim, has also been very busy on Twitter posting skills videos and also PE challenges, which have included [Keepy Uppies](#) (with our CEO taking part), Tennis and Gymnastics.

Coach Jim was recently interviewed on [Riverside Radio Sports Show](#) talking about the importance of exercise during lock-down. Well done, Jim!



WATLING PARK SCHOOL

Watling Park School have been really lucky during lock-down to be recognized and rewarded by the local community. They received a generous donation from The Lords Pentecostal Church International UK including a huge amount of toilet rolls, hand towels, face masks, disposable gloves, two 5 litre tubs of hand sanitiser, about 40 small bottles of hand sanitiser and 40 bottles of 500ml water. They also received a lovely card and Superheroes hamper from Shrimad Rajchandra.





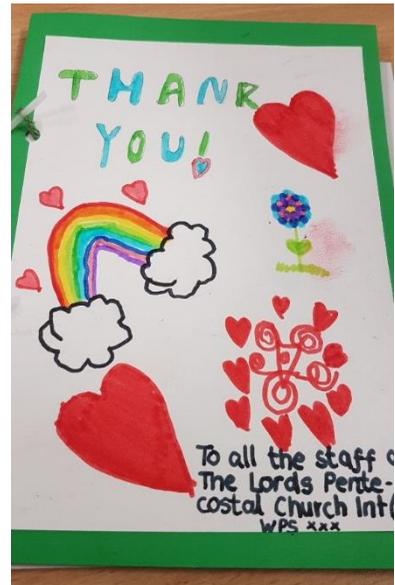
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WATLING PARK SCHOOL Cont'd

Watling Park has a great community feel to it and we know the pupils loved receiving this special message alongside one of the Head Teachers regular newsletters.

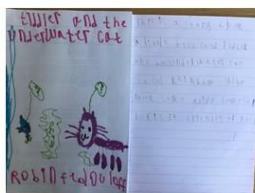


They also took the time to send Thank you cards for their donations ...



WHITEHALL PARK SCHOOL

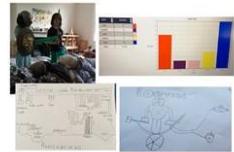
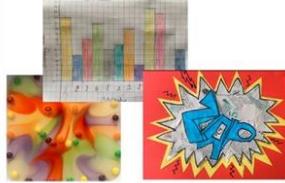
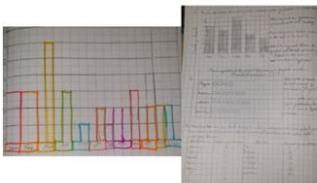
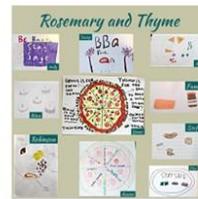
Last but not means least of our eight school to spotlight its work during lockdown is Whitehall Park, who like all of our schools has delivered online learning, remote lessons, created caring videos to send out to their community. Here is a selection of their lock-down learning ...





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WHITEHALL PARK SCHOOL Cont'd



WORLD RECORD BREAKERS – THE WORLD’S LARGEST ART CLASS – 21 MAY 2020

Guinness World Records have confirmed that 45,611 participants joined in to #DrawWithRob on 21st May 2020 meaning some of our staff and pupils are ‘record breakers’ as they smashed the world record for **world's largest** ever online **art lesson!** Here’s some of our entries!



Mrs Donnelly, BCS

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Lock-down Parent Feedback

One of the most satisfying and heart warming things of lock-down has been the time and care parents and carers have taken to email, write or text to our staff. Here is just a small flavour ...

“The remote working set, YouTube support, online learning had been excellent and the teaching staff have done a tremendous job at providing a variety of formats of learning for the children. It is easy to say that in a perfect world more could be done but by comparison to many schools Braywick have gone way above what other schools have offered so deserve a huge congratulations.”

“So impressed with how Deer Park school have supported home learning and keeping up the connection for children whilst in lockdown, even for Reception classes. The return to school from a parents perspective has been seamless. The teachers have remained calm, supportive and extremely professional. A big Thank you.”

*“Dear all at Evendons,
I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for such a fantastic return to school today. The atmosphere was just perfect and the exact right mix of joy, calm, care and safety concern. He was not at all put off by rooms being changed a bit or different class sizes or changes to routine and that is all down to you as a staff and the care you show every child coming into the school. Thank you too for providing such a wonderful school experience during lock down. The hub really is incredible and STEM and Art week was something else. I feel so fortunate to be part of the Evendons community and thank you all so much for all the hard work, hours of effort and care you put into everything you do. You are an amazing staff and we are all so very grateful.”*

“Ms Syms is very modest and we would like to see her get some more public recognition for all the brilliant things she does, day in and day out. Her positivity, resilience and clear communication during the whole lockdown period was genuinely astounding and we are forever grateful.”

“The feedback my daughter received for her work and the advice I was given on how to support my daughter's learning were detailed and invaluable. Thank you KGS.”

*“Dear Mrs Mallett,
I just wanted to Thank you and your team for a successful transition back to school. It was lovely to see everyone, lots of beaming smiles from staff and pupils. We really enjoyed the calm and the music to welcome us back.”*

*“All at WPS,
We're really pleased with our son's first year at school. His Reception class teacher has been excellent, he has made friends and his reading has completely taken off. The school has supported us well during the COVID outbreak too.”*

*“Dear Mrs Quartson,
This is just a quick note to say thank you. I am so grateful to be part of Watling Park School. I cannot emphasize it enough the outstanding work you and your staff are doing even in this strange time. The online teaching they deliver, the response, the communication are all high standard. We as a family, just couldn't wish for any more from all of you. Once more a massive thank you. Please take care and be safe!”*

Thank you so much for reading our newsletter. It is a joy to see so many great things which have taken place in such strange, extraordinary times.

These pages show the amazing confidence and independence of every member of Bellevue Place Education Trust – staff, pupils and parents and carers. Well done to all!