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Welcome from the CEO

As we approach the end of the academic year, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all our wonderful pupils, parents, communities and colleagues for your continued support and tremendous hard work.

The last 12 months have been an extremely exciting time for the Trust, growing to 8 primary academies following the addition of Bentley High Street Primary School, Rosedale Primary School and Willow Primary School in April 2022.

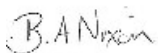
After the restrictions of previous years, we have been able to ensure our pupils experience a range of different events and activities, and it is with your continued efforts and contributions that we are able to drive the Trust forward in meeting our mission, key values and core goals, ensuring that our academies continue to be exciting and inspiring places in which our children can develop and learn.

As we move into next academic year we do so in a position of strength to build on all the work that has been undertaken over the past 12 months and continue to deliver the very best for our pupils and communities.

We will continue to invest in our infrastructure, curriculum, buildings, ICT and personnel to ensure that our pupils and people are provided with the tools and facilities to drive outstanding teaching and learning.

I am so proud of the work that our pupils have been producing throughout the year and from our recent events across all our academies and schools it also evident that we have some very talented athletes, actors, musicians, singers and artists across our Trust.

I would like to wish you and your families a very happy, safe holiday and hope that that you all have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to see you all when we return in September.



Beryce Nixon

Chief Executive Officer





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Hill Top Academy



We have been delighted to welcome so many visitors and experts to the Academy over the past term for our Careers week. We had a wealth of professionals who have supported our pupils in their understanding of the many professions that are available to them, deepening their understanding of the skills they will need to be successful in their future careers. Aspirations are very important to us and we want our children to know the amazing opportunities that are available to them.

Hilltop were also very fortunate to Host the 'Celebratory Sharing Good Practice Event' for Doncaster.

Early Years

Our Foundation children have been working exceptionally hard on their reading using our Little Wandle guided reading sessions. Children are very confident to use their phonics knowledge to decode what they are reading.

Our visit to Tickhill Strawberry Farm was such an amazing experience.

During careers week the children were so enthusiastic about the different occupations that we experienced. These include a Nurse, a Policeman, a Farmer and a Librarian.

Farmer John



Police officer



Library visit



Strawberry fields visit



We Love Reading



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Achievements

We are delighted that we have achieved the Gold School Games mark award for our commitment and engagement in the school games 2021/22. We are so proud of all of our pupils and staff for their hard work and commitment to sport.

We are also proud to announce that we have achieved the Carnegie Gold School Mental Health Award. This is testament to all the hard work and commitment of all staff and pupils.

Year 5 were successful in achieving two awards at the Primary Enterprise final, demonstrating true resilience, collaboration and motivation.

Children in Year 5 have been supporting Phil Sheppard in writing to the secretary of state in support of Doncaster's Great British Railway bid.



Sporting Opportunities

What a busy half term it has been for our pupils and we have been incredibly proud of their achievements in tournaments and wonderful attitudes in festivals and workshops.

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils have taken part in our Pyramid cricket training and further training with Warmsworth Cricket club, Year 5 and 6 pupils have been equally as busy participating in cricket coaching sessions with Warmsworth cricket club, which supported them in the pyramid cricket and rounders tournament.

Pupils from Years 3 - 6 participate in the Trust Athletics Games Athletics and secured 1st place for the year 5 and 6 pupils, 2nd place for the year 3 and 4 pupils; and 2nd place in the overall competition! Such an incredible experience for all of our pupils and really showcased some amazing athletic abilities.

We were delighted this term that Lucy Colbourne was able to continue to deliver yoga for our year 3 and 4 pupils, and as a celebratory end of year event pupils were invited to the Alpaca Farm in Tickhill to enjoy their yoga outside



Edlington Victoria Academy



Forest School Opening

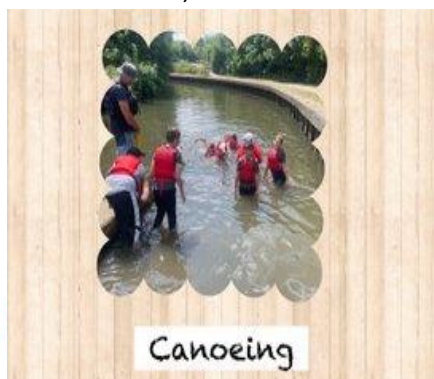
On Friday 24th June we welcomed the Mayor of Edlington Town Council, Cllr Steve Reardon joined representatives from Doncaster Chamber and Doncaster Council to engage with academy staff, pupils and Governors at the official launch of the Forest School. Edlington Victoria Academy were awarded £54,000 from LNER to create the Forest School to use as a unique learning environment for our pupils. The morning consisted of our F2 children joining in with activities and toasting marshmallows!



Y6 Residential to Parson House

On Wednesday 22nd June our Y6 children went to Parson House for 3 days (2 nights). For some of these children it was their first time staying away from home. They all dealt with it impeccably well and succeeded with their first challenge to make their own bed!

They took part in abseiling, canoeing, weaseling to name just a few, and they pushed themselves out of their comfort zones to achieve everything that they tried. We are incredibly proud of them all for showing such enthusiasm, determination and courage





EYFS Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

On Thursday 9th June our F1 and F2 classes went to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. They all had a fantastic time learning about the different animals. Their teachers were so impressed with their enthusiasm and behaviour throughout the day.



Year 3 & 4 Trip to Austerfield Field Centre

On 15th June our Y3 & Y4 children went to Austerfield Field Centre for the day. The weather was perfect and they all had an amazing day. They learnt so many different things that they could then link back to their classroom learning.

Sheep Dip Lane Academy



Sheep Dip Lane Academy

EYFS FS1 went on an exciting visit to 'Boston Park Farm.' Children saw lots of farm animals and learnt all about what they like to eat. They loved holding the baby rabbits, feeding goats and having a ride on a tractor & trailer around the farmland. The day finished with a Nursery picnic at with a delicious ice-cream in the sun. Everyone had such an amazing day.



FS2

The children have been practising their balancing skills on our weekly balance bike sessions. It has been lots of fun! Children went on their very first school visit to 'The Deep.' They saw lots of sea creatures and learnt all about pollution in the sea. Children now know that pollution in the sea is dangerous for sea who can become stuck in different materials that have not been recycled properly.



Year 1 have been reading the core text 'Somebody swallowed Stanley'. In Art children have been practising different techniques with chalk pastels and sewing skills to create jellyfish.

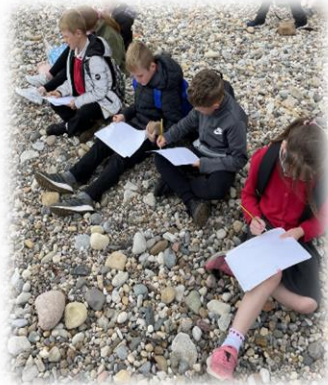
Year 2 have learnt about the artist Picasso as part of Arts Week – **Artists Through Time.** Children have enjoyed exploring paint and pastel to make their own portraits.





LKS2 Year 3 & 3/4 This term the children have loved reading 'Wind in the Willows' and have written our own adventure stories in which these character go on a quest to find millions of gold coins stolen by the evil weasels.

In Geography children have learnt about rivers and coasts on a fantastic visit to Filey to see the different coastal features and the effects of coastal erosion. We enjoyed completing fieldwork activities to examine this first hand.



What an impressive **Sheep Dip's Great Bake Off** – over 50 cakes to share and celebrate

Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee!



Year 5/6 have been learning about the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil. Especially the layers of the rainforest, why it's important and what we can do to protect it. They loved visiting Twycross to see some of the Amazon's biodiversity.

Year 6 were inspired by the work of Salvador Dali through Art Week. In 1945, Salvador Dalí moved to Hollywood to work on the film Spellbound, **directed by the master of suspense Alfred Hitchcock and starring Gregory Peck and Ingrid Bergman.**

Year 6 recreated a class piece in this style



This half term has been busy for P.E, sport and Extracurricular at Sheep Dip. We have had KS1 and KS2 children attending the Sheffield Institute of Sport for sport festivals linked to the Commonwealth Games. Sheep Dip's got Talent has come back for the first time in 3 years and was a great afternoon and night filled with so many different talents across school – including hula hooping, martial arts, street dance and singing. We have also attended the trust games and held our sports day and sports week.

Carr Lodge Academy



We had a fantastic time at the Trust Games on Monday 11th July. It was a wonderful opportunity for children from Year 3-6 to compete in track and field events at the Eco Power Stadium with the other 7 schools in our trust. We were so proud of our pupils' performances, we have some amazing athletes (watch this space in future Olympics) and were even prouder to win the Year 3/4 competition and be crowned overall Winner of the Event. Well done to all the competitors there was some stiff competition!



Minibeast fun in Reception

This half term we have been exploring 'What's at the bottom of the garden?'. We have enjoyed learning about minibeasts and Reception went on a great trip to the Wildlife Park for a minibeast workshop. Our stick insect eggs have hatched recently and the children have enjoyed caring for them and watching them grow.

Dinosaur Day in Year 1

This term the year 1 children have looked learning about dinosaurs. The particularly enjoyed our 'dinosaur day'. The children got to handle real fossils, bones and eggs. The loved learning new facts about all the different dinosaurs. The children even got to make their own fossil out of clay



Year 2 – Victorian Schools

Year 2 have had a fantastic time learning all about the Victorians. To support our learning in History, we immersed ourselves in our very own 'Victorian' classroom. The rules were very strict and children practiced basic skills such as times tables, reading aloud and handwriting using a quill and ink and chalk on boards. Actually, the children enjoyed it so much that they asked to have a Victorian classroom every day!



Year 3 - Geology Rocks!

This term, Year 3 were lucky enough to have Mark Sabir, a local geologist, visit us to further deepen our Science learning. Children were able to handle and examine a sample of different types of rocks and fossils. This was a fantastic experience for all involved and inspired some of our children to even begin their own fossil and rock collections, as they take their first steps into the rich and exciting world of geology and palaeontology.

Year 4 - African Creativity!



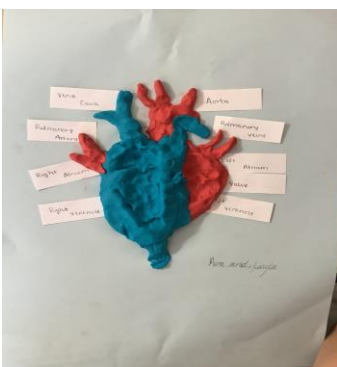
This term in Year 4, we have been learning all about Africa. We studied the geography of the continent, including map work and climate, before focusing on the history of South Africa and apartheid. We have also been showing off our creativity by designing and printing our own African patterns on to t-shirts and performing African dances.

Year 5 - Enterprising stars!

A huge congratulations to our Year 5 pupils who, after winning the first round of the Primary School Enterprising Award, attended a fantastic day of fun and celebrations at the Barnsley Metrodome. Our pupils enjoyed getting creative with crazy soap, slime and even performing circus tricks all before pitching their "Bubble and Play" bath product to a panel of judges! Despite a few nerves, the children did an awesome pitch and impressed everyone with their enthusiasm and determination. Well done year 5!

Year 6 - A fun way to end their time at Carr Lodge Academy

In the summer term, year 6 have been fortunate to take part in a fun-packed residential to Kingswood. We took part in many activities that pushed some of us to our limits and for some of us, we took part in activities that were new to us. We built rafts and took a ride on them into a lake, we participated in archery lessons, we walked around a forest with blindfolds on in an activity called nightline. One of our favourite activities was the campfire night where we sang, told jokes and ate marshmallows!



In science, we have been learning about the circulation system. We have carried out many investigations, looked at a pig's heart and made blood soup to ensure that we could identify the components of blood and understand their functions.

Sandringham Primary School



On the Farm with EYFS

EYFS had a wonderful trip to Boston Park Farm in the summer term! The children took part in so many exciting activities, including a craft, animal handling, and a tractor-trailer ride! It brought our learning to life, and the children were an absolute credit to Sandringham!

Y1 'Bear Necessities'

In Y1 pupils have been learning about animals in science, so what better way to provide them with first-hand experience of seeing the animals...we went on a trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park.



Y2 Excellence in Art

Our Y2 pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our Arts Festival. They studied the artist Katie Vernon, who is an American contemporary artist and illustrator who combines paint and collage to produce artworks that have a rich textural quality. Her art is heavily influenced by her previous careers as a florist and landscaper, and she uses flowers and natural forms to explore larger ideas



Festival of Sport, Trust Games Years 3 - 6

We have had our busiest half term yet in sporting events and opportunities. 30 of our year 6 children attended the KS2 Festival of Sport on the 24th June. After working so incredibly hard with their SATS, the children enjoyed taking part in a range of activities and they had lots of fun. 4th July saw our annual school sports day, in which all children from the youngest to the eldest in school, participated and tried their best. It was so nice to see parents once again, supporting their children's efforts and celebrating their achievements.

11th July saw 48 of our KS2 children represent our school at the Trust Games event – pupils loved the competitive nature of the games and the amazing unity of being with our Exceed family. All of our pupils displayed amazing sporting attitudes, but we were especially proud of Isaac (Y5), Ella (Y4), and Ottavio and Dre'Veius (Y3).



One of our greatest achievements this year in sport has been encouraging more girls to have a go at football and find a love for the game. Mrs Maddox has been a great facilitator of this by setting up football for girls on Wednesday lunchtimes. It has been so refreshing to see so many girls take up this opportunity over the last year. Well done to all for a great sporting year!

Year 5 – Finals Day

Earlier this month, our Year 5 finalists had a fabulous day at the Kids' Stuff Crazy Enterprise Project Finals in Barnsley. They pitched a product of bubble bath they had invented to a room of local business people and professionals, and answered questions about their design. Although they didn't win, they presented really well and really made us proud!



Year 6 – Festival of Sport

On Friday 24th June, 30 Year 6 children travelled to Sheffield to participate in a Key Stage 2 Festival of Sport. They had an opportunity to participate in many sports—some familiar and some not so familiar—such as boxing, javelin, boccia and kinball. The day was a great opportunity to experience a wide variety of activities and we came away feeling really proud of ourselves: some sports were really hard, but we showed resilience, and most of all, had fun!



Willow Primary School



Willow
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Careers Week

At Willow, we place great importance on developing children's knowledge of jobs and careers so that they know how important their education is to their future.

In July, we were so fortunate to welcome DHL's Head of Internal Communications & Engagement to year 3 as part of our Career's Week. The children learnt about the 60 plus different companies that DHL provide logistics for. They were all impressed at how employees warm up to prevent injury before moving parcels and were particularly interested in how the pallets stay on the lorry when the curtain is made of fabric. Anne-Marie from DHL said "The whole of year 3 were so enthusiastic and asked so many questions, I truly loved the whole hour"



Performance skills

We develop pupils' confidence to speak in front of others and to perform to others because we know that it's an important life skill that will help them in the future and get the most out of our curriculum. Here is a summary of some of the opportunities we have given the children to speak and perform in front of others this term:

Roman Invasion:

Earlier this term, we were so proud of our year 3 children who used their Resilience and Collaboration skills to rehearse and perform a Roman play, directed by our school's Drama Teacher, Kevin Spence. The confidence shown was exemplary and it was fabulous to welcome parents in to share in the performance. Working with Mr Spence our drama teacher has really helped to develop their knowledge of Ancient Rome and the invasion of Britain as part of their History lessons about The Romans.



Young Voices Choir:

The Year 5 and Year 6 pupils were delighted to welcome their parents and families into school so they could experience our Young Voices choir in a more personal way than in Sheffield Arena.





Stay and Share

Each half term, we have invited parents to come into their child's classroom so that the pupils can confidently share their learning with their parents and other adults, this develops their speech and language skills too. Here are the Year One children sharing their learning:



Sporting Achievements

At Willow, we enjoy taking part in sports and like to develop a sense of healthy competition with the children. We welcomed the Reception parents for their first Sports Day; the children sprinted, hurdled and encouraged each other; really showing our school's ASPIRE Values through being Ambitious, Self-Motivated and Engaged.



Our Year 6 children had a great success at the HallCross Athletics Championship where they achieved 1st Place in the competition at the Eco-Power Stadium. Willow also achieved 3rd Place in the Trust Games.



Bentley High Street Primary



Reading across the academy:

As always, at BHSP we have been focusing on reading this term. We launched our reading rockets and our school reading reward shop! Children who read three times a week are able to collect tokens which can be traded for prizes in our fantastic shop! We are going to be using some of the funds from our Read-a-thon to replenish the prizes and get a fantastic selection of books to help inspire and motivate our pupils.



We are so fortunate to be able to take part in so many projects and experiences lead by the National Literacy Trust. This term we have taken part in the Harry Potter Miles of Magic class competition which allowed children to engage in a reading competition for a Harry Potter afternoon and class set of books. We also took part in TakeTen which was hosted by Ant and Dec and highlighted the importance of reading. Some of our year three children have been fortunate enough to trial a new project titled Little Big Book Club which brings children together with an older sibling in an after-school reading club. We were fortunate enough to receive a set of the new Marcus Rashford book and we look forward to welcoming Phil Shepherd into our classrooms before the summer break to work on a poetry workshop to help Doncaster's bid to become the new HQ for Great British Railway.





Visits to Doncaster Museum:

This term Mrs Davey created a challenge for every year group to experience Doncaster culture by visiting Doncaster Museum. We were so excited for all our children from reception to year 6 to have the chance to visit Doncaster museum and library.

This is a great FREE resource that is local to our children. There is plenty for the children to do and see and learn about Doncaster.

D.J in year 3 said 'there's lots of interactive things to explore!'

We hope this visit will inspire our children to visit again!



Sporting Achievements:

Our Tag rugby team competed at Hill House in a rugby festival this term.

The children performed exceptionally well and achieved 3rd place in Doncaster. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and have pledged to prioritise the development of our rugby team next year.



Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

This term we celebrated the Queen's jubilee!

All year groups spent time learning about the Queen and creating a gala game for families to play at our Jubilee Gala!

We had a street party where the children were able to eat their special Jubilee lunches outside! This was great fun for us all.

At the end of the day, we were so pleased to be able to invite our families in for our Jubilee Gala! The civic mayor attended, young voices performed, the ice cream van was in attendance and everyone had a chance to play the games our children had made.

There was a fantastic turn out and everyone had a lovely time! It was definitely a Jubilee to remember.



Rosedale Primary School



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The whole school had a great day celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. We had a street party lunch, with everyone sat at long tables on the playground enjoying a special party food lunch. During the rest of the day children learned more about the Queen and her reign and did activities to commemorate this special occasion.



School Visits

It’s been a very busy and exciting term for school trips with every class from Reception to Year 6 going on a visit. Some highlights have included Year 6 orienteering and cooking on campfires at Sandall Beat Wood, Year 2 pond dipping at Austerfield, Year 3 taking part in a ‘grossology’ workshop at Eureka and Year 5 learning about our solar system at the National Space Centre.





Music

We've had a very musical term, with Young Voices at Sheffield Arena at the start of the term and Sing Out at The Dome later in the term. The children worked incredibly hard to learn so many songs and really enjoyed performing. This term has also seen the launch of our Infant Choir who have been learning Sing by Gary Barlow. Our Year 4 children have continued to do really well with their ukulele lessons and have performed for their parents.



Message from the Chair

On behalf of Exceed Learning Partnership's Trust Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all pupils, parents/carers, staff, volunteers, Directors and Governors for all their tremendous hard work and support.

As a Trust we continue to have high aspirations for every member of our Trust community and strive to secure the best possible provision for all our pupils.

Seeing the development of our pupils and the Trust grow from strength to strength is inspiring and as a proud Chair of the Exceed Board, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the work you have and continue to do.

After the restrictions of previous years, it has been fantastic to see our pupils and communities experience a range of different events and activities this year, ranging from sports, performances, fayres, musicals, trust games and we would like to thank you all for your continued support.

I would like to wish you and your families an enjoyable Summer look forward to seeing you all next year.

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Mr John Blount,

Chair of Directors



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