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# Success Academy Trust Summer term Newsletter



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At Success Academy Trust, we believe in the transforming power of collaboration.

We work with other Trust and external partners, as well as through our own learning alliance TELA, in addition to our Trust specific #SuccessTogether collaborations to provide school improvement and training opportunities for our staff which have real impact on our children and young people. These include a wide variety of leadership, curriculum, pedagogy and support staff networks. You can read about some of these in this newsletter, and the difference which they make to all those involved.

Our pupils meet together regularly to learn, perform, compete and celebrate achievements within a whole variety of events and masterclasses across the year – featured here are our most recent pupil collaborations, including Science, Performing Arts, Music, Sport and our Trust Leadership and Character Awards evening.

Our collaboration pushes us to levels which we could not achieve alone.

There's a real power in collaboration. I've found that in collaborating while making art, it takes you to a place that you wouldn't necessarily have the confidence to go on your own.

— Robin Stauder —



*Mandi Collins*  
Trust Leader



#SuccessTogether  
regional collaboration



At the start of the term, it was such a pleasure to welcome regional MAT CEOs and Department of Education officials to Thomas Estley Community College, our Success Academy Trust secondary school.

It was also fantastic to see our student leadership in action during the event as part of our Trust commitment to 'Building Leadership and Character Together'.

One CEO commented: your students were delightful, a real credit to the school... welcome and instructions were incredibly professional and warm!' and the RSC office thanked the 'wonderful pupils at Thomas Estley for doing a great job looking after us'

Feeling very proud.

#leadership #studentleadership  
#collaboration #successat #DfE



Our Trust **English** Leaders have worked together to create Writing Moderation Grids for EY - Y6.

This helps our teachers to make accurate assessments for our children and helps to identify where our children need to improve.

We have also held moderation events across our schools to ensure these writing assessments given to our children are accurate.



The Trust's hardworking **Premises** staff who work tirelessly in all schools, collaborated this term to discuss the keeping of staff and pupils safe within our Trust schools.

Our Trust **Maths** Leaders have also created a joint Trust Calculation Policy which has been created to support our parents with the methods that are being taught in schools.

Schools will also be filming short video clips to show these methods and they will be uploaded to school websites later in the year.

We hope this gives clarity for our parents and families.



# Wellbeing Matters

We launched our new Success Academy Trust Staff Wellbeing Strategy this term.

We are very proud of our staff and of the work they do on a daily basis, which is really valued. As well as entitlement to a new Trust staff wellbeing package, staff received a goody bag each





**June...**The South Leicestershire Staff Rounders Festival took place at the Trust's secondary school, Thomas Estley Community College.

This was a great opportunity for a collaboration of over 100 staff to be involved to take part in the classic sport of rounders on a beautiful sunny, warm Solstice evening.

They were the only school to field 2 teams. One in the competitive 'A' league & one in the fun B league. 'A' team came 2nd overall & B team came 2nd in their league.

Quote from LSLSSP "Special thanks goes to **Thomas Estley Community College** for being great hosts"

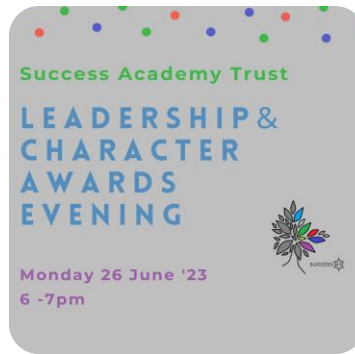


**The Success Academy Trust's Science Fair was hosted at Thomas Estley Community College this term and the range of experiments brought and described to the judges by young people aged 9 to 13 years old from the Trust primary and secondary schools was phenomenal!**

**Well done, everyone; we are so proud of our young scientists and of our teachers who inspire them on a daily basis.**

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At our Trust Leadership & Character Awards Evening, we heard inspiring stories about how eight children from each Trust school, have demonstrated great qualities of character and leadership.

Well done to all of the children and young people selected for an award.

We are so very proud of you! Keep up the good work!



### SuccessFest:

A whole Trust performance showcased our children's talents across all of our Trust schools



Such a joy to see our secondary aged student leaders working in one of our primary schools to help children grow their love for and experience of music - the delight of being a cross phase Trust with a passion for leadership.



### From Learning South Leicestershire Schools Sports Partnership

A fantastic afternoon at the Blaby YR 3/4 Girls Football Festival.

Thank you to the fantastic leaders from **Thomas Estley Community College** who ran the activities & refereed matches, you were all amazing!

Well done to all of the schools that attended!





The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort took place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May 2023.

Our Trust schools celebrated the big day by holding various events...





Our ADT exhibition, organized and run by our very own Thomas Estley **Student leadership Art creators**, supported by Miss Ignate, was an incredible success, with hundreds of Trust visitors onsite to see the work of our young people.

We are very proud of you all - what an achievement!



Three members of the Nuneaton and North Warwickshire Family History Society visited Richmond's year 5 to talk with pupils about their work on the Tudor period. The children confidently shared their knowledge and talked about their learning. The visitors asked lots of questions, including wanting to know about their favourite Tudor and how Henry VIII influenced life today. After the visit, we received some lovely feedback:

*"We were impressed by the politeness of the pupils, but especially by their knowledge and their willingness to discuss such as their favourite thing or person in the period (and it was not always the gory bits!)."*

*We do hope that our interest in the pupils and in their work will help and encourage them. Thank you for inviting us!*

*We hope that they will be able to come back and visit us again soon"*



Richmond's Year 4 hosted their Community Project to celebrate all of their topic learning from 'Misty Mountain Sierra'.

The children used all of the knowledge they had learnt about compass points, map-reading skills and 4 figure grid references to complete an orienteering activity on the school grounds. The children worked in teams to find the hidden shapes, plotted them on blank school maps using the 4 figure grid references and worked out the secret phrase that the shapes spelt out. We were so pleased to be joined by year 7 students from Redmoor who became 'the experts' to help when we were unsure.

Thank you for coming to support our end of unit project!



The year 6 visited Caythorpe Hall to enjoy a variety of activities. All children built resilience, perseverance and determination to overcome any obstacle or fear that they faced. They returned tired; however, they have built a confidence to begin their next chapter at secondary school.



Pupils from Key Stage 2 took part in the Saffron Lane Area Sports (an event that has continued for over 40 years). They represented the school with enthusiasm bringing back to the school trophy cabinet, a shield for the small school category and certificates.

**For back to back years, Hallbrook has been awarded the Gold school games award...**

***A list of our accomplishments...***

*Basketball Regional finals*  
*Boys Football Danone cup winners*  
*Boys Football County Finalists 4th placed.*  
*Boys Football League winners*  
*Boys football intra School tournament winners*  
*Girls football league winners (unbeaten)*  
*Girls Danone cup 3rd place*  
*Football Rice Bowl quarter finalists*  
*6 spirit of the game's awards! Incredible!*  
*Table tennis regional and county finalists*  
*Year 5/6 Tennis Regional finals*  
*Year 5/6 Boys Cricket regional 4th placed*  
*Year 5/6 Dodgeball regional finals 3rd Place*  
*Netball tournament regional champions*  
*Netball tournament County runners up*  
*Saffron Lane athletics Runners up*  
*Year 5 athletics champions*  
*Year 3/4 Girls football Festival champions*  
*Sporting school of the year nomination*  
*Sporting coach of the year nomination*  
*Inspirational young person of the year nomination*  
*County athletics championships (3rd place)*  
*Regional Swimming gala finals 3rd place*  
*Regional Gymnastics finals 4th place*  
*Move it March Champions*  
*Year 5 XC vipers champions*  
*Basketball Virtual challenge champions*







# The Oaks garden

The pupils in the Oaks have continued to do great work in making the garden a lovely space for everyone to enjoy. It's been fantastic to see the flowers that they planted earlier in the year start to flourish and bloom. The pupils have taken great pride in their community gardening project and have taken on some of the responsibility for maintaining it, mowing the grass and weeding the flowerbeds when needed!

They have also made some improvements to the overall look of the garden. Students from Y10 ASDAN have been helping by putting up screening around the fences and planting bamboo along the edge of the perimeter so the garden feels more enclosed. Now with the weather starting to improve, we have been using the garden as a place for students to blow off some steam, work or have some quiet and calm in the middle of a busy school day. We look forward to making the most of it over the summer term!





Thomas Estley Preschool children have been very busy learning all about planting and growing.

We asked parents for donations of plant pots and seeds. Then we put them to good use by planting tomato and beetroot seeds. The children were able to explore textures, investigating the seeds with magnifying glasses. We talked about how to help our seeds grow and what they would need.

The tomato plants have been handed out with each child taking one home to continue to care for. Information on caring for the plants and extra activities linked to growing have been shared with families to continue the learning at home.

They have also planted wildflower seeds in tubs and containers to make their garden pretty and encourage butterflies and bees into the environment. Children are spending lots of time outdoors exploring and hunting for mini beasts, which they are learning to handle with care and return safely to their homes.

Preschool still have some spaces available in their dedicated school readiness afternoon sessions. Children still learn through play and exploring, but activities are tailored to help children access early phonics, number games and science exploration alongside building the transferable skills of fine and large motor skills, concentration and independence to bridge the transition to school.



**“Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions.”**  
—UNKNOWN



TELA have facilitated 30 CPD networks this Summer term. These give opportunity for teachers to share best practice, develop curriculum, support each other and are invaluable, therefore giving only positive impact for the pupils and students.

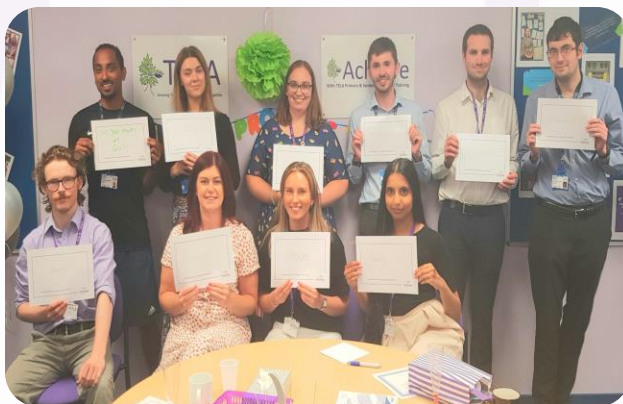


**“It’s the teacher that makes the difference, not the classroom.”**  
— Michael Morpurgo





Our learning alliance TELA said a farewell to all 22/23 teacher trainees in July with a celebratory event. They will now go to their new teaching roles in various schools and academies to showcase their passion for teaching and inspire the next generation. We are very proud of you!



What a super and quite emotional afternoon on Friday 30 June.

Celebrations to end the 22/23 cohort's teacher training journey. We now look forward to beginning the new journey for the 23/24 trainees, who had the opportunity to meet and chat to the graduates during the celebrations.

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