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# Newsletter



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As the countryside around us springs into new life and colour, it is a joy to see all our current projects and initiatives springing to life and to new impact at Success.

Our post pandemic plans included strengthening pupil and staff wellbeing, minimising gaps in learning, and creating a wealth of both embedded and extracurricular opportunities to bring learning to life and restore its joy.

Easter sees the start of our new staff wellbeing package which increases support for our employees' health and wellbeing amidst a range of other wellbeing support for adults and children, and we were also privileged to host the Staff Wellbeing Ambassadors local training.

Our children have been catching up gaps in their writing progress and now our focus also moves to reading – amongst all the improvement initiatives in our schools, we still find place for World Book Day fun. Science projects aid smooth transition between phases.

You can read about a host of leadership and character building initiatives across our Trust and within its individual schools here, including a wealth of extracurricular opportunities for our children, and I hope you capture some of the sense of joy which they are bringing to our Success AT community.

Best wishes for a very happy Easter.

*Mandi Collins, Trust Leader*





**SUCCESS AT STAFF WELLBEING LAUNCH**

We are delighted to launch our new Success AT staff wellbeing package this Easter. Prioritising the wellbeing of our children and staff is paramount to us at Success.





## Staff well-being ambassador training and Children's Mental Health Week

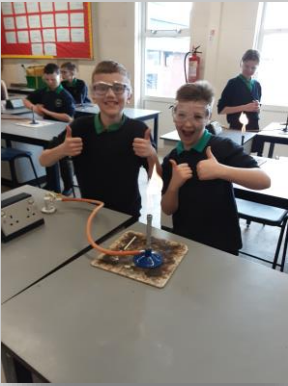
This term, we were proud to welcome South Leicestershire senior leader colleagues from 26 primary and secondary schools to the staff wellbeing training conference at our Success AT secondary school, Thomas Estley community College, to share strategies and best practice together



In support of Children's Mental Health Week, our Success AT children have been taking part in activities linked to promoting their mental health and well-being. Pictured is Richmond's 'Dress to Impress' day where children came to school wearing their favourite colour or outfit that shows who they are.





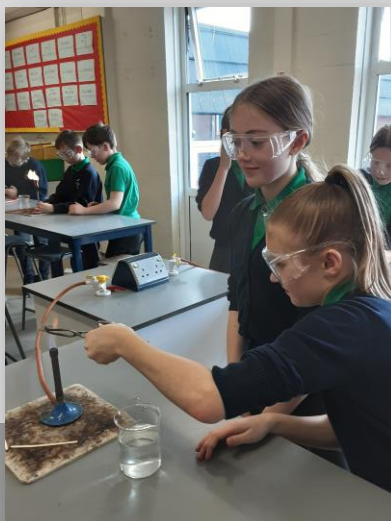


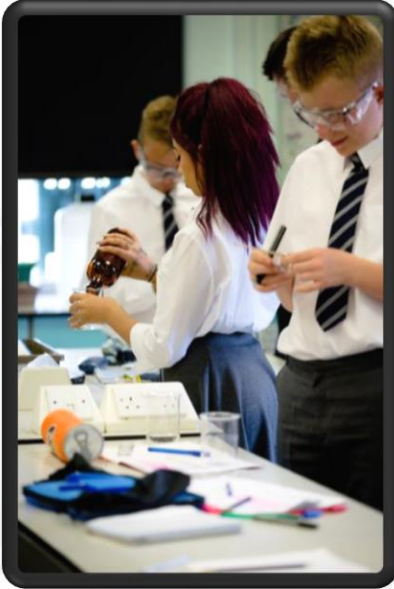
Our Trust secondary school welcomed thirty Year Six pupils from one of our primary schools, Hallbrook, on Monday 13th March as part of Science week.  

The pupils had an exciting afternoon being in a lab and learning about Bunsen Burners.

They were able to set and light the Bunsen Burner, change the flame and turn it off safely following all the instruction. Once this was achieved, they moved on to heating up pennies, first they had to change the flame to a blue flame and to observe the reactions that occurred to the coin and flame, this also tested their skills with holding tweezers and keeping their fingers away from the hot end.

The afternoon was fantastic, and all the pupils gained valuable knowledge and skills ready for when they start their secondary school journey this summer. Smooth primary to secondary transition is such a valuable part of Success AT's work.





Our young people need you!



## Careers at Thomas Estley CC Inspire a generation!



To help inspire our students in all year groups, we welcome businesses & individuals from all of our Trust schools' local communities to come and share their career journey and experience, whilst also promoting careers in their industry sector - it would be great if you could be involved, whatever your own role. We can offer opportunities between your business and our college to share your expertise, industry knowledge and life after education including career talks, recruitment opportunities and mentoring.

Can you offer any time, expertise or a contact link within your business?

Contact [cbryan@thomasestley.org.uk](mailto:cbryan@thomasestley.org.uk)





# WORLD BOOK DAY



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At the beginning of the month was **World Book Day**, a day celebrating the wonder and joy that is reading. Our primary schools took part in this by dressing up as their favourite character. Our secondary school saw their English department dress up as various literacy characters.

All in all, it has been another successful WBD, and we thank everyone for getting involved so brilliantly. Bringing reading to life and making it fun is such an important focus for our young people, for their future success.





After many weeks of hard work and rehearsals, many Success AT primary school children travelled to the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham to take part in the Young Voices 2023 concert.

Everyone involved had an absolutely amazing time, singing, dancing and performing in an arena of over 15,000 people.

The children behaved brilliantly, and all the adults who attended were incredibly proud of them all.

Next year the Trust will be taking their very own Success At choir to the event.

A huge thank you to all members of staff who have enabled this performance to go ahead – we had some very tired staff and children the following day!





**ICELANDIC EXPERIENCE**



During half term a small number of staff from our secondary school, Thomas Estley, took a group of Year 10 & 11 triple science students to the stunning country, Iceland.


Here they visited craters, waterfalls and experienced the amazing **aurora borealis** (northern lights)

"It was certainly a trip to remember"

Thank you Mr Ansley, Head of Science, for arranging this fantastic trip of a lifetime.



And that's a wrap! Two performances were performed for friends & family, Year Seven students, Centre and preschool, for Thomas Estley's Seussical the Musical. Congratulations to everyone involved and thank you for all the support. What a wonderful show!

THOMAS ESTLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
 Presents  
  
**Seussical Jr.**  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

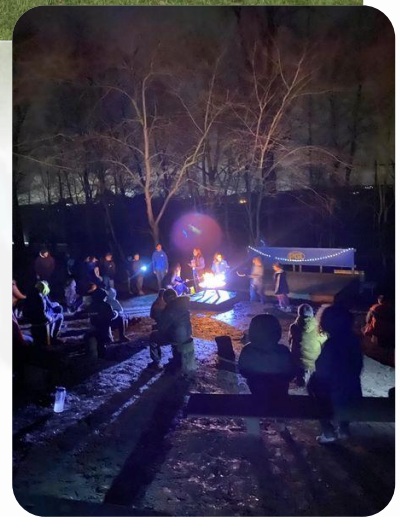




Richmond's residential headed off to Caythorpe this month and tried rock climbing, paddle boarding and canoeing



Many parents may have seen Richmond Community Foodbank after school in January. They are delighted to be working in partnership with 'Neighbourly' & Aldi Hinckley to provide this for their school community. They are hoping to hold a food collection every Monday.




This month was **British Science Week** and as part of this, children dressed up as something linked to science to celebrate all things amazing! The children will also be taking part in a science day to practice their investigation skills!





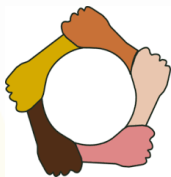
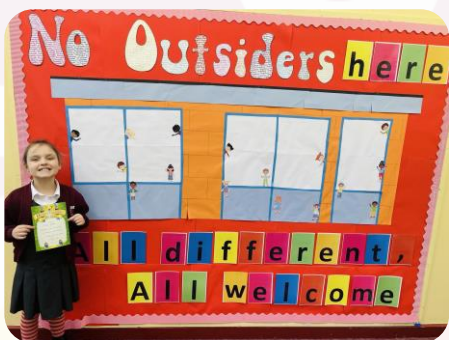


*Hallbrook's Year 5 had a super day at Beaumanor Hall. A day in the life of a Victorian, they certainly looked the part*

Hallbrook are waiting with anticipation for their end of term school disco – Happy dancing!! 







As part of the No Outsiders work, Cosby have a focused assembly each Monday. As the term has progressed, the children have become more confident when talking about **equality and diversity**, and some have asked to be part of the assemblies as they feel passionate about the topics we discuss. Molly, in Year 3, took the first pupil-led assembly and discussed our motto: 'All Different; All Welcome' at Cosby. The pupils really enjoyed the assembly and engaged well with Molly who is already looking forward to the next one!

Cosby have really enjoyed a range of different sports this term and have taken part in more experiences, clubs and competitions than ever! Year 5 even had a team of archers visit, in order to experience the sport of archery for the afternoon

**Lorna Townsend - Head of school**





THOMAS ESTLEY

## PRESCHOOL

Thomas Estley Preschool children had the opportunity to make a Mother's Day card for Mummy or someone special in their life.

They used lots of different mediums and techniques to create their cards which are totally unique to each child, as they each see the modelled idea in their very own way.

Preschool will be looking at planting, growing, food chains and life cycles during summer term. They started by making cress heads, children listened carefully to instructions to add cotton wool to pots before spraying them with water and sprinkling on their seeds.

Children learnt that seeds need to live somewhere warm and be kept a little bit moist, a windowsill is ideal. They also learnt that seeds come in lots of shapes and sizes. They will continue this theme during the spring and summer, and their first job is to sow wildflower seeds at the front of the playground to create a habitat for mini beasts, especially bees and butterflies.

We couldn't forget the fun in the snow, the children were so excited to see snow, we bought it inside to create an Arctic themed play tray and built a snowman - the pictures speak for themselves!

**N Sadler – Preschool lead**

This is one of our preschool friends, Charlie.

Charlie has achieved a **23km sponsored bike ride** throughout January to raise money for charity.

Charlie has been quite poorly recently and struggling with his own health but despite that when he has felt well, he has been out on his bike. Charlie's Mummy and Daddy are so proud of him that they shared this photo with us. They say: 'It's for a charity called **4Louis** who are a charity that support families through miscarriage, still birth and child loss.

In particular they create boxes for family that contain lots of things to help create memories with their lost ones. They had a challenge for January for people to raise £20.23 so Charlie decided to take part and actually raised a total of £1080.40

Well done, Charlie, what an achievement. We are all so proud of you!







**The Oaks at Thomas Estley is our specialist SEND unit which offers a small number of secondary aged children with communication and interaction needs specialist support and therapy to enable them to participate with confidence in mainstream learning**

Students in **The Oaks** alongside class 7D, ASDAN and the Gardening club have been working on the garden area of the Oaks to make it look amazing.

They have worked together to carefully plan the project, being resourceful with the materials that they had to make something that would be both pretty, and that would encourage wildlife to thrive in our garden.

The students have since been working on putting their plan into action and have had great success. They learnt the proper way to use tools and equipment and got their hands dirty, digging, painting and planting.

They have planted hedges along the outside fence, built a flowerbed with wooden borders, and even made some bug hotels for the local wildlife to enjoy.

We're looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labour as the weather improves and they can spend time outside in the lovely garden they have created.









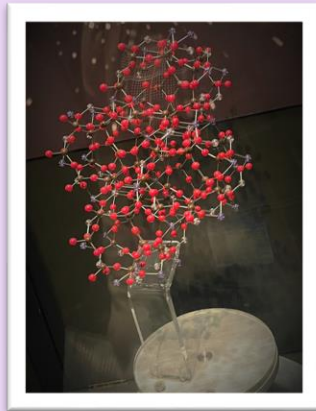
At the beginning of the term  
 Science teacher trainee, Hannah  
 visited

The Natural History Museum...

"I had the pleasure of visiting the  
 Natural History Museum with a  
 group of year 8 students and the  
 Science department.

It was amazing to see how much  
 the students enjoyed seeing the  
 different aspects of science come  
 to life.

What a great day!"

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 that you are passionate about?*

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It has been busy at **our primaries** for sports. They have had the opportunity to access cricket lessons, led by a cricket coach from Leicestershire County Cricket Club's 'Chance to Shine' programme. Their aim is to provide all young people with the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket. In addition, the coaches are leading an after-school club for Year 6, to develop their cricket skills.

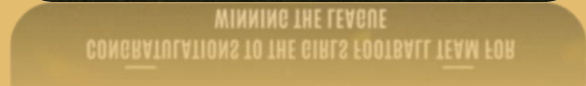


Earlier this academic year, the Trust have seen a primary basketball team finish runners up at the Hinckley area finals therefore making it to the Hinckley & Bosworth finals last week.

In other sporting competitions this term, a year 6 dodgeball team finished 4th in the Hinckley & Bosworth finals and our Key Stage 2 new age curling team finished runners up at the Hinckley & Burbage finals. "As always, we were impressed by everyone's sporting team ethos, as well as their determination and effort. Well done to all who participated"



**Hallbrook's Girls football team are league winners this term!**







What an incredible few weeks of sport we have had at our primaries!! Some Yr 4 children got to take part in a **skipping festival** run by Skip 2 Be Fit. The afternoon was spent learning to skip as well as competing in different challenges.

One year 5/6 **basketball** team finished runners up in the district finals **New age Kurling** in KS2 is a sport new to all the children and we came 2nd over all missing out with the last throw of the game.

**Gymnastics** was for children from year 2.4 and 6 with children having to compete in three tricky routines, all doing a superb job. One year 2 team finished 4th, yr 4 finished 2nd and yr 6 finished 3rd - a fantastic performance and effort by all. It was also fantastic watching the girls support and encourage each other, great job!

**Dodgeball** for some year 3/4 and 5/6 saw 2 exciting afternoons and the children had great fun! Brilliant to see so many smiles!

In **Netball**, some yr 5/6 teams warmed up for the upcoming festival with a matchup against Sketchley Hill. With both games finishing in a tie, all the players from both schools were a real credit to their school.







We are incredibly proud of recent **cross-country** achievements. One of our primaries was awarded the Challenge Cup for the most participants over the two races, which is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to all who took part. Their Year 3 girls and Year 4 boys achieved 2nd place overall, with Year 6 achieving 3rd place. As a result of this, they have also had eight children qualify to compete in the County Finals, which is amazing! A special mention to Isabell in Year 3, who was crowned the overall winner for Year 3 girls - phenomenal! A huge well done to all who took part - we are very proud of you all.



Our secondary school's U16 Girls Footballers put on an amazing display at their Blaby & Harborough League final, beating Kibworth 8-0. A complete team display earning every one of them player of the match. They dominated from the start and never really looked like conceding. Ms Kav is very proud of the girls. They are now through to the County Quarter Finals v Humphrey Perkins from Loughborough







Happy Easter!

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