

PERRY HALL MAT PARENT BULLETIN

OBE Awarded to Amarjit Cheema

Some of you may have already heard that Amarjit Cheema (CEO) has been awarded with an OBE for her services to education in the West Midlands in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

This is wonderful news for both Amarjit and the Trust and I am sure you will all join with me in sending your congratulations to her. I would also like to send my thanks to all staff within the Trust who work so hard to make their schools and the Trust what it is today.

Andrew Brocklehurst – Chair of Trustees

Happy 70th Birthday Perry Hall Primary School!

This year marks 70 years since Perry Hall School (then a separate Infant and Junior school) opened in 1949. So much has changed in lifestyles, education and the building itself from when it originally opened, so during the Summer Term children have been learning about these changes over the past 70 years. Years 2, 3 and 6 researched Perry Hall itself and discovered that the school's crest actually belongs to a family from Wednesfield – the Gough family. This family built and lived in several different *Perry Halls* in Wednesfield, Birmingham and Baltimore, USA. The rest of the school have researched and studied how travel, technology and the local area have changed over time. Our Gardening Club marked the anniversary too, by designing a planter for Wednesfield In Bloom in school colours with mini paper daffodils explaining the meaning behind it.

Birthday celebrations culminated on Friday 4th July with a whole school 'step back in time' day. Staff and children came dressed in 1949-50s clothing and took part in lessons typical of that era. Everyone had lots of fun – even during dictation and PE drills! Lunchtime had the whole school celebrating together in a street party on the playground where the children ate a packed lunch filled with party food, and were given commemorative pin badges (both kindly donated by the PTA).

The annual Perry Hall Summer Fayre, held on 5th July, also celebrated this special anniversary with the community where past pupils enjoyed sharing their memories through guided tours of our school. Children from the school showcased their talents playing instruments and singing songs spanning the past 70 years. Family members had the opportunity to see a military display, including vehicles, from the 40s and 50s and took part in playground games from that era too. Family members also had the opportunity to buy 70th anniversary mugs at the fayre, all designed by our pupils.





Spiritual Garden Opening

Last year, Stanley Road Primary children from Year 3 and 4, worked with an artist to create glass leaves to hang on their spiritual tree. The tree was made by Tim Tolkien, a local sculptor. A grand opening for this amazing space was held on Friday 21st of June - Summer Solstice, a spiritual day. The Mayor, with his wife officially opened the garden, serenaded by the choir, amongst parents, children and artists.



Stanley Road Star Fest!

In July, Stanley Road Primary School hosted their annual arts festival, StarFest. This year's theme was 'Big Art' and each class created a large scale piece of artwork for the exhibition. Many classes were able to work with the local artists who inspired their unique final pieces. The Mayor of Worcester was in attendance as well as the children's parents who were able to enjoy refreshments in the school's new Spiritual Courtyard that had been transformed into patio seating for the day. Additionally, local figures from the arts world came to view the exhibition and some even wanted to loan pieces for their own establishments.



Bird's Bush Primary School Dance Club



Congratulations, to Bird's Bush after-school dance club who had a fantastic time walking in the Tamworth Carnival parade on Saturday 29th of June. They came joint-second at the Carnival-well done. Special thanks to Mrs Huddleston for organising this for the children and big thanks also to Mrs Holmes and the parent volunteer helpers who walked in the parade with the children.

Dunstall Hill Eid Celebrations

On Monday 10th of June Dunstall Hill Primary School celebrated Eid. Activities and celebrations were held in the afternoon across all year groups, learning and fun were had by all. A huge thank you to our speaker Sumra Shafi who delivered a whole school assembly.



New Digital School Prospectus'

Look out for our new school prospectus' and videos which are due to be uploaded onto school websites over the Summer Break!

Stanley Road's will follow in September.

These fantastic online brochures really show off the great work of our schools and our wonderful children. We hope you like them.



Thank you!

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete our parent questionnaires. Your feedback is important to us and plays a vital part in our partnership with all parents and carers.



Golden Tree Award for Woodthorne



Woodthorne Primary School have been awarded a Golden Green Tree Award through the Woodland Trust.

The children have also planted 15 new trees on the school grounds and learnt about what trees need to live

Frances Wong (Class Teacher) – "What we really like is that as the children grow through the school, their trees will grow along with them. They'll always be able to check on 'their' tree".



Healthy Eating Week Activities

Berrybrook Primary pupils marked healthy eating week by making smoothies, eating fruit and learning how to stay healthy. The school put on secret recipe competitions where students from each year had to guess the fruits used in different smoothies. Smoothie workshops and a poster competition also took place which was won by year 4. The winners from each year were gifted with a fruit hamper that was donated by The Broadway Fruit Shop in Bushbury. This was a really positive experience for all children, helping them to be aware of the importance of healthy eating.



Emotion Coaching Recognition for Bird's Bush Primary

Bird's Bush Primary School are delighted to be the first school in Tamworth to be accredited as an "Emotion Coaching Organisation". This is about supporting the emotions and behaviour of children in school and helping them to develop a range of strategies to regulate their own behaviour and emotions. Jo Davies is the lead coach and has trained all of the adults in school in this approach. Every classroom has a 'Regulation Station' and some children have their own Regulation stations or boxes for when they are feeling anxious, upset or angry.



Ofsted Recognition for Dunstall Hill Primary

Well done to Dunstall Hill who received a letter of recognition from the Regional Schools Commissioner on their recent Ofsted result following their inspection in April 2019!



The school, who achieved a rating of 'Good' with elements of 'Outstanding' in their inspection were delighted with the result. The school joined the Trust in 2016 as a 'Requires Improvement' school and have been on quite a journey. This outcome is a real testament to the hard work of all staff, pupils and the community within the school – Well Done!

Teaching School Update

This Summer term has been an incredibly busy one for the Teaching School.

As well as school-to-school support, which has been provided to schools both within and outside of our Trust, the following training has taken place over the term:

- Me First! Putting PSED at the Centre of Effective Practice
- Next Steps for Literacy Leads
- Charging Towards SATS Reading
- Developing Communication and Oracy Skills
- Helicopter Stories
- SEND Training
- Curriculum Development
- New Ofsted Framework
- NPQML and NPQSL Delivery



The Teaching School have also continued to provide ITT providers with placements for students and provided high quality monitoring.

If you would like to find out more about our Teaching School, please visit the website

www.perryhallteachingschool.co.uk or email teaching.school@perryhallmat.co.uk.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

A group of children from **Berrybrook Primary School** in Year 5 attended the PCA Masters Cricket event at Fordhouses Cricket Club on 11th July. The children played in a Rocket Fuel Batting Competition (all for fun). Then met ex England cricket internationals Mark Alleyne, Craig White, Phillip De Freitas, Owais Shah, Alex Tudor, Matthew Hoggard, Mark Ramprakash, got their autographs and had some photos taken with them.



Bird's Bush Primary School are massively proud of their Area Sports team for representing the school in June against some other Tamworth Schools. Their team came an honourable 4th and showed a real 'Never Give Up' attitude.



Woodthorne Primary School have also recently established a girls football team, which has been incredibly successful. The Woodthorne Primary cricket team remains unbeaten all summer term – Well done Woodthorne!

A group of Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils from **Dunstall Hill Primary School** attended this years Unified football tournament at the Wolves Dome in Aldersley Leisure Villiage. The boys played a total of four games winning three and losing just one, putting them in outstanding 2nd place finish in our league. The boys behaved themselves impeccably and Dunstall Hill are incredibly proud of all their performances and their representation of the school.

Perry Hall Primary School represented Wolverhampton in a Unified Football competition on Wednesday 19th June where they completed in a league format and achieved an impressive 2nd place. As one of the top two teams of that league and for the first time ever ,they will be **representing Wolverhampton at the Black Country games.**



Perry Hall Girls Rounders Team won their game last week - well done also to the boys who competed well.

Inter- MAT Sports Competitions

On Monday 10th June, Dunstall Hill hosted the first (of many) Inter-MAT competitions – girls's dodgeball. The girls were eager to take part and show off their powerful throws, dodging, blocking and leadership skills. They played brilliantly and Dunstall Blue won the first round of the tournament, making it to the final. It was a tough game, but the girls fought until the end, narrowly missing out in the final to Woodthorne Primary School.

- 1st – Woodthorne – 30 points
- 2nd – Dunstall Blue – 30 points
- 3rd – Dunstall Red – 24 points
- 4th – Bird's Bush – 20 points
- 5th – Berrybrook – 8 points



Following on from this fantastic joint sporting event was the first Perry Hall MAT KS2 Cricket tournament that took place at Woodthorne earlier this month. Well done to the Woodthorne cricket team who won this event! We cannot wait for the next Inter-MAT competition!

Sports Award for Bird's Bush Primary School



Bird's Bush primary School are delighted to announce that they have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and they are delighted to have been recognised for this success. Bird's Bush are extremely proud of their pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, and all those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made competitions possible. As part of the application, the school were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and they are pleased that the hard work of everyone at Bird's Bush has been rewarded this year.



Woodthorne Fundraising!

Woodthorne Primary School PTA have been busy this year with nearly £5000 raised for a new sounds and lights system. Special thanks to our own Miss Tittley who has put her heart and soul into this challenge organising numerous events. Discos, karaoke, quizzes, film nights and enough hotdogs to feed the 5000. Other charity events have raised the following £1300 Children in Need, £400 Comic Relief and £900 RNLI. Thanks to parents for their generosity. Early Years teachers and children also took part in a Pyjamarama and came to school in their pajamas to raise money for the book trust.



Stanley Road Marathon Challenge

Richard Hickman from Stanley Road Primary School challenged himself to run two marathons in memory of a close friend who sadly died last December from Leukaemia – one in Brighton and one in Stockholm. In support of this worthy cause, the children at Stanley Road Primary have also pledged to complete their own Stanley Road Marathon Challenge and have signed up to run the same distance as a marathon during the summer term. 32 Children in total have started running a mile every lunchtime with the aim to run the complete 26.2 miles. All children have demonstrated great commitment and enthusiasm so far!



Details on how you can donate to this worthy cause can be found on the following link: https://www.gofundme.com/se7en-signs-of-hope-fundraiser&rcid=r01-15578559458-e4ddcdf48f39491b&pc=ot_co_campmgmt_m

Comic Relief Fundraising

Well done to all of our Trust schools who through 'own-clothes-days', bake sales and staff vs. pupils football (to name a few), collectively managed to raise an impressive **£2500** for Comic Relief.

Project GIVE



Berrybrook Primary School have signed up to Project GIVE, which will form part of the PSHE curriculum.

Project GIVE launched in September 2018 with the aim to tackle period poverty (being unable to afford sanitary items) and period stigma (missing school due to stigma associated with menstruating) by delivering fun and engaging workshops for all pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 in Wolverhampton schools. Alongside this, they also gift a box to school for pupils to use, this will be topped up for free as often as needed.

Successful Funding Bids for Trust Schools

Oaks are a company commissioned by the Trust who over the last twelve months have worked with our schools individually to help identify areas of need and potential opportunities where funding could be applied for.

To date, collectively across the Trust they have raised close to £24,000 through these funding applications. This money is funding some fantastic projects - ESOL family project at Dunstall Hill, a sensory garden at Berrybrook, football equipment at Bird's Bush Primary to name a few. There are a number of applications in the pipeline which we are waiting to hear back from and are hopeful for further success. We'll keep you posted!

Perry Hall Primary School: Supporting The Community

Over the course of the academic year, Perry Hall's pupils, staff, PTA and families have raised a phenomenal **£7099.51** for charities and causes within school.

This included an amazing £1886.95 for repairs at our local church, St. Thomas', £570 for both Children in Need and Red Nose Day, £288 for the Scouts' Cuboree and £709 to contribute towards the Year 6's leaving party through our Enterprise Week. Early Years pupils, sang their socks off to raise money to develop outdoor environment! Together the children raised a total of £402.70.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, effort and sponsorship this year!



Alfie Baugh

Alfie Baugh, son of Nicola (Berrybrook Primary Staff member) has won the Princess Diana Award for his incredible fundraising achievements. This July, Alfie will be going to an Award ceremony at the House of Lords in London to receive this special award. Alfie is a remarkable young boy who has done an incredible amount of fundraising from the young age of 8. Just some of these are listed below:

8 years old - Alfie raised £680 for Red Nose Day by baking 200 cakes and selling them from home.

9 years old - Alfie organised and ran a McMillan coffee morning at Waitrose Penn, Wolverhampton. Alfie had a meeting with the manager and persuaded him to close their restaurant so that Alfie could have it for the coffee morning. He asked them to donate the tea and coffee and two members of staff to serve people, invited the mayor, the rotary club and the Express and Star along with around 200 guests and he raised over £2000.

10 years old - Alfie walked 90 miles from Manchester diabetic centre to Wolverhampton diabetic centre for diabetes U.K. and raised £5000

11 years old - Alfie read a story about a 5 year old boy from Codsall, with cerebral palsy called Leon. Leon's family needed to raise £80,000 for surgery which could give him his only chance in life to walk and live pain free, but they were still short of their target. Alfie read his story and contacted the family offering to help. Alfie walked 100 miles from Alder Hey hospital in Liverpool back to the wolves ground and raised £8750 for Leon. This amount took Leon over his target and Leon had his surgery last October and is doing really well.

Alfie also went to London this year and walked the 12 bridges of London challenge for diabetes U.K. and raised £600.

12 years old - Alfie is walking 120 miles from London to Birmingham this August for the West Midlands Land Air ambulance who looked after his dad last Christmas when he had a massive bleed on the brain.

What a remarkable young boy – an inspiration to us all!



Dear Parents

As this academic year draws to a close, I am once again filled with pride reading this bulletin which is jam-packed with the wonderful work that goes on in our schools and their surrounding communities.

I would like to thank you all for your support over this academic year and wish you all a very safe and fun-filled summer. To all of our Year 6 leavers – I wish you all well for the next phase of your learning – remember to always try your best!

Amarjit Cheema (OBE) CEO