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As we start to leave the wintry storms and weather behind and look forward to springtime, I always feel a sense of excitement and anticipation at this time of year. I have seen this across our schools and love noticing the way our pupils share this sense of excitement, as part of their learning.

As a trust, we are committed to wellbeing for everyone across Embrace and started this term by meeting together virtually to hear from an inspirational speaker as part of our trust-wide INSET day. This gave us time to talk and consider how we will keep our own wellbeing a focus and plan ways to support our school children too.

As leaders, we are working hard across Embrace to develop all aspects of our curriculum to ensure it motivates and engages pupils. Through ongoing development and training, we share our ideas and good practice as a group of schools, which strengthens what the children learn, as well as how the learning takes place. This is especially important now, as schools work towards making sure that children feel confident and are able to achieve their potential. We are working hard to support and check that all our children can show this, and enable them to also feel happy and well, alongside being a confident learner.

I hope you gain a flavour around some of this exciting curriculum development within our newsletter.

Embrace Shared Service Team

There have been two additions to the shared service team since last term. Julie German has settled into her role as payroll officer since starting in January, working three days per week, Monday to Wednesday.

We are delighted to welcome Tom Chambers to the team as estates and compliance manager. Tom started in post at the beginning of February and has already visited most schools in the trust. Tom is busy working on the set up and roll out of an online compliance system called Every, which will support trust schools to meet health and safety requirements.

Embrace Art Competition

107 art entries were received and selecting 18 winners to have their art framed and displayed at the Embrace office was a difficult job indeed! There were four overall winners who received an additional prize of art equipment and a WHSmith voucher from the trust leader and everyone who took part received a certificate of congratulations and a small treat.



Clockwise from top left:

- 11-16 Winner:** Ava from Brockington
- 7-11 Winner:** Poppy from Swinford
- Under 7 Winner:** Amelia from Swinford
- Mixed Media Winner:** Max from Brockington

Bishop of Loughborough



On Saturday 5 February, Brockington College was honoured to host a special welcome service for the new Bishop of Loughborough, the

Rt Revd Saju Muthalaly. Over 100 guests attended, including dignitaries and representatives of different faiths within Leicestershire and the Bishop of Leicester, the Rt Revd Martyn Snow.

Learning Across the Trust - Arnesby

In January, Arnesby CE Primary School took part in an exciting whole-school 'maths challenge day'. An external company set up some exciting 'escape room style' challenge zones and each class was set a different problem to overcome. The children worked together, sharing their knowledge, to find codes to win the challenge.



Learning Across the Trust - Brockington

Year 9 students at Brockington College recently enjoyed a visit from the Army Careers Centre and

gained a real insight into the army and the wide variety of career opportunities available.



Learning Across the Trust – Croft



Year 5 and 6 at Croft CE Primary School have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their writing through the rich and wonderful text of the novel 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan.



Meanwhile, Year 3 and 4 pupils have been busy learning about the Battle of Bosworth.

Learning Across the Trust – Huncote

Huncote Primary School's cross-country team enjoyed running at Prestwold Hall recently and did extremely well. The Year 3 boys' and girls' teams came fifth and the Year 5 boys' team came fourth. Special congratulations to the Year 5 girls' team who, as you can see, were delighted to come first!



Huncote: The Year 5 girls' cross-country team enjoying their recent success. Well done girls!

Learning Across the Trust – Manorfield

The pupils at Manorfield CE Primary School have been writing to the authors of their class reads, allowing them to engage with the texts in new ways and think about the author's inspiration and motives behind their writing.

A recent book-swap event proved very successful too.



Learning Across the Trust – Sherrier



At Sherrier CE Primary School, EYFS children really enjoyed learning all about the Chinese New Year. Year 2 have been making models of early modes of flight and

Year 6 pupils made these fantastic World War II scrapbooks to present their learning in.



Learning Across the Trust – St Peter's



Year 1 and 2 at St Peter's CE Primary School had a fabulous pirate day, linking with their topic, 'Land Ahoy!'.

The children had brilliant

fun dressing up and making pirate treasure maps, flags and hats and then eating an amazing pirate lunch. The children loved learning about all things 'pirate' and were especially thrilled when they got to throw wet sponges at their teachers! The day ended with an exciting treasure hunt around the school to find and collect pirate chocolate coins.

Learning Across the Trust – Swinford

At Swinford CE Primary School, Seals class have really enjoyed learning all about the weather this term. In English, the children researched non-fiction books to find key facts about different kinds of weather and wrote weather reports using time connectives to show sequence throughout the day. They especially enjoyed performing their weather forecasts to the class like real weather presenters!

