

NEWSLETTER

Autumn - November 2023



Sharon Mullins
Trust Leader

The autumn term has always been a particular favourite of mine during my time as a teacher and school leader and signals fresh beginnings and new starts.

It has been lovely to see our youngest pupils start school across our primaries whilst our Year 7 students begin the next stage of their educational journey at secondary school.

We have welcomed our new Head teachers; Ruth James at Arnesby CE Primary School and Paul Bolstridge at St Peter's CE Primary School plus our new Head of School at Croft CE Primary School, Anthea Lawton and the new Head of School at Manorfield CE Primary School, Ellen Thompson. Felicity Clarke has become Executive Head teacher at both Croft and Manorfield.

It has been a pleasure to visit all Embrace schools since the start of the new academic year and I have been able to see first-hand the learning taking place in classrooms and have taken time to talk to our children and young people. This my favourite part of being Trust Leader and a real privilege.

I hope our first newsletter of the year gives you a flavour of the learning, activities and successes across Embrace schools.

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Staff spotlight



Louise is our experienced governance professional who leads all aspects of governance across our schools and is our Clerk to the Board. She advises and supports our Local Governing Boards as well as reviewing, updating and writing key policies.



When Louise isn't at work she enjoys spending time with her children, grandson and dog. She loves attending concerts and volunteers with a local conservation group. She is also currently learning how to play golf! Louise loves steak and ale pie, however she makes a mean spaghetti carbonara.



Jaime is loving her new role as Acting Assistant Headteacher at Manorfield and continues to work alongside the Trust's ECTs in her role as Trust ECT Lead Mentor. She is passionate about her roles and works hard to support all staff in all

aspects of teaching and learning but also in providing that safe and trusting relationship to support the ECTs in their early careers across the Trust. She loves a chat, encouraging ECTs to do the same at their half-termly 'Nice to Natter' ECT session.

Out of school, Jaime loves to go swimming, watch films with her family, play the piano and sing. Her favourite food is cake of any variety!

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Arnesby

Our Courage class have been thoroughly enjoying their recent Art topic, 'Prehistoric Pots', in which they have been learning about Bell Beaker pottery.

Pupils have been sketching pots and experimenting with clay to make pinch pots, roll coils, and score and use slip to join two pieces of clay. They have also looked closely at the patterns used on Bell Beaker pots and tried to replicate some of the patterns using natural objects such as sticks, stones, shells, rope and their fingernails!

In the upcoming weeks, Courage Class will be tasked with designing and making their own Bell Beaker style pot.



Rawlins



Our Year 10 student, Jack, recently competed in the Tennis Leicestershire County Championships and was crowned the 14 and under County Champion in both the singles and double events – what an achievement!



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Swinford



As part of their History topic, Stone Age and Iron Age, our Turtles Class visited Beaumanor Hall and got to spend the day experiencing Celtic life. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the trip and are now experts in warrior training! Upon their return to the classroom, the children got to express their artistic side, experimenting with chalk and charcoal to create Stone Age cave paintings!



Sherrier

Before the summer holidays, a group of Sherrier pupils walked to Woodmarket House Care Home in Lutterworth, to read to a selection of their residents in honour of National Writing Day. Using the approach 'Writing for Pleasure', the children created a range of different genres and topics that residents thoroughly enjoyed reading



St Peter's



Our Ofsted report has been published, stating what we already know...St Peter's is a **GOOD** school! We are looking forward to making the school even better and continuing to improve the learning experience for our children.



This half-term our students have focused on poetry. Each class learnt and rehearsed a poem to perform to the rest of the school in our Friday sharing assembly. After the children had performed, our staff had the challenge of voting for their top 3 poems. After adding up the scores, the winners were Year 1. **Well done all - great work!**

Manorfield



On Friday 10th November, we held our annual Remembrance Service. The children were all impeccably behaved and showed the upmost respect during the service.



Every year group marked the occasion with some creative artwork, which some children held during the service. The children sang and signed 'Blue Birds over the White Cliffs of Dover', observed a 2 minute silence and sang the National Anthem.

We also asked families to send in loose change to create our poppies on the playground. We were able to create a number of poppies and have raised money for The Royal British Legion.



Huncote



Brockington



At the start of October, we celebrated the KS3 Young Leaders Award, which is a character-building educational programme that aims to grow the confidence and resilience of students in leadership. Our Year 8 students worked extremely hard throughout the last academic year to complete various volunteering projects and make a difference in their local communities. **Well done all!**



Croft

A pupil in our Year 6 class recently won a competition to name a Gritter for Leicestershire County Council! The chosen name was 'Ready Spready Go.'



The newly named vehicle visited Croft Primary School on Friday 10th November and the children had the opportunity to climb on board!



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