



Developing Capacity: Autumn Term Highlights

As we approach the holiday season, we are delighted to share the highlights of this term in our Christmas newsletter.

This term there has been a clear demonstration of how the Children First Learning Partnership invests in its most valued resource: our staff. Building effective and happy teams both at a local and Trust level was well received on our first INSET day of the year. Beyond this leaders at all levels have engaged well with a variety of external trainers to develop their expertise and also by collaborating trust wide to lead projects and support packages for new staff and new subject leaders.

Our central team continues to develop capacity with the appointment of Mrs Lorraine Jukes as our Executive Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead. Alongside this, work by our SEND lead Mrs Liz Goodyear has ensured additional funding and capacity for SEND Leads has been provided across the Trust to enable all pupils with additional needs to be well supported in a timely manner by our SEND Teams.

Our Trust has also worked with a variety of schools outside of the CFLP to ensure the impact of our increasing capacity is shared and aids the formulation of new networks and learning partners. Long may this continue.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our partner providers who have supported us this year, our hugely talented and dedicated team of staff and our inspirational pupils for their continued ability to make us smile, fill us with pride and challenge us on a daily basis.

May I wish you all a peaceful and Happy Christmas and look forward to 2025 and the membership of Marfields Primary, Congleton to our Trust family.

Mrs Abigail Rourke

CEO of the Children First Learning Partnership



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Transforming Spaces: Estates Management for Thriving Schools

We are thrilled to share updates on our ongoing building projects aimed at enhancing our facilities for pupils, staff and the wider community. These developments represent our commitment to providing a first-class learning environment.

Kingsfield First school has recently secured the highest grade of a 5 in a recent Health & Safety audit. The audit is completed by an external assessor and looks at all aspects of Health & Safety in school.

Springhead Primary school has recently refurbished the whole of the Early Years facility / classrooms including new washrooms.

Reginald Mitchell Primary saw the installation of the new electric gates on the car park to ensure extra security for pupils.

Oxhey First School had a complete electrical rewire following a successful Condition Improvement Fund Bid from the DFE

Congratulations to our Early Career Teachers

We are thrilled to celebrate Miss Isobel Rourke (Reginald Mitchell) and Miss Megan Stephenson (Knypersley) on successfully completing their induction period as Early Careers Teachers. This significant milestone reflects their dedication, resilience and passion for education. Their hard work has positively impacted the school community and we are proud of what they have achieved.

Mrs. Rogers retires after 19 years of service at Oxhey First School

We wish you all the best for the future

At the end of October we said a fond farewell to Mrs. Rogers who is now enjoying her retirement. She gave 19 years service to Oxhey First School, always going above and beyond for the staff, pupils and parents both past and present. We want to thank Mrs Rogers for her service and wish her all the best for the future. You are missed by your Oxhey family.



CFLP Central Office and Learning Hub

The Hub offers a venue for a wide range of training opportunities such as our leader network meetings, external speakers, cross school moderation and also Exec Team meetings. This term it also has been used to host external First Aid training sessions and External Science Network Meetings.

This fully accessible facility offers state of the art heating and lighting, presentation equipment, wi fi and kitchen area.

For more information about hiring this facility or joining our training please contact us: centraloffice@cflptrust.co.uk



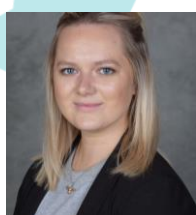
Changes to the Executive Team

From September we welcomed 4 new staff members to the CFLP Executive Team.

Mrs Lorraine Jukes commenced her role as the Executive Headteacher of Oxhey, Knypersley and Reginald Mitchell schools. She will offer strategic leadership to her schools and their senior leadership teams ensuring the very highest levels of provision and care for our pupils.

Mrs Lucy Siddorn has moved fully into the central team to become the Operations Manager. She will work closely with the CEO & CFO to ensure operational processes & procedures are managed effectively across the CFLP schools.

Mrs Emily Cooper & Miss Lydia Leese have successfully completed their first term as Heads of School at Oxhey and Knypersley First Schools under the direction of our new Executive Headteacher.



KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

**Future Artists Remember Past Heroes**

Here at Knypersley First School even our youngest members recognise the importance of key community events such as Remembrance Day. Our Early Years children presented Town Council members with Remembrance Day art that was displayed within the Town Hall for a number of weeks.

Faith In Focus

This term our children, lead by Miss Massey (RE leader) took part in Faith in Focus week. Children visited a local places of worship and deepened their knowledge of a wide range of religions. We welcomed into Year 2 and Year 4, Mr Rashid and family who shared key aspects of Islam. The children build on their knowledge from previous learning and left the week with a wider world view and increasing tolerance for all communities and faiths.

Big Hearty Events

This term Knypersley First School have seen the launch of their 'Big Hearty' events. The school councilors selected two charities for their focus this year:

British Heart Foundation/ Knypersley FirstSchool PTFA.

The School Councillors have shown commitment and passion for their fundraising and have raised over £2,000 for both the British Heart Foundation and the PTFA already with many more events planned for the new year.

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KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

**Kingsfield in our Community**

At Kingsfield, we are always looking for ways to make links with our local community, especially as we are located in the heart of the town centre of Biddulph. This term our children have represented our school at a range of events, including: The Remembrance Parade, the Learners Forum at the Town Hall, carol singing at Sainsburys and Tall Oaks care home, during our MacMillan Coffee event and Grandparents Singalong. We have also welcomed the return of our Toddler Play and Stay sessions this term. Each week sees activities linked to a different theme in a friendly, welcoming environment that allows families new and known to Kingsfield the opportunity to familiarise themselves with our staff and building in preparation for their child starting school.

WOW Walk to School Challenge

We have been promoting active travel through the 'WOW Walk to School' Challenge to encourage healthier lifestyles and eliviate traffic around our school. We were very proud to discover that our school came fourth in Staffordshire and fifth in the Midlands on the Autumn term leader board!

Health and Safety Audit

On the 24th October our school was audited by the Local Authority Health and Safety team. The process was thorough and celebrated the high priority that we place on Health and Safety at Kingsfield. As a result, we were very proud to retain the top score of a Level 5!

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OXHEY FIRST SCHOOL NEWS



Our Amazing Year 4s are in the Spotlight this Term.

In October, our Year 4 pupils went on their three day residential adventure to Standon Bowers. While they were there, they took part in a range of activities and challenges which pushed them to be brave, face their fears and show huge amounts of resilience! We were so incredibly proud of how each and every one of them faced the challenges head on. What amazing Superstars!

Key Stage 1 Toy Story Museum Visit

Key Stage 1 had a wonderful, immersive visit from a Toy Museum this term! The children were able to explore how a range of different toys had developed over the years and they got to play with some of the toys that their grandparents would have played with. What great fun!

Eco Warriors are on a mission!

Eco Warriors are aiming to achieve Eco School Status this year and they have big plans! These plans include building and developing a bug hotel and bird feeders as well as increasing the number of bee-friendly plants around the school. They also plan on creating a Daffodil spiral in Spring!

Nursery Rhyme Week

Early Years loved their Nursery Rhyme themed week. They explored lots of different nursery rhymes through role play and expressive art and design. They also dressed up as a character from their favourite nursery rhyme and they loved sharing their learning with their parents during the SHINE morning.

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THE REGINALD MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Reginald Mitchell Pupil Leadership Teams

Following a successful election of the school's leadership teams (through a democratic process), the school council decided on the charities to support from the local foodbank, The Royal British Legion, Douglas MacMillian to Children in need with the emphasis that helping others is part of building a happy, healthy community and that we all have a role to play.

Pupils Aim High with the New Climbing Wall

The pupils have been delighted to open the climbing wall area on the Key Stage 2 yard. With the help of Sports funding, the school council helped to decide on making playtimes and lunchtimes more physical and exciting by introducing the climbing wall for our pupils.

School Visits and Enrichment Days which Support our Exciting Curriculum:

Reginald Mitchell have had a wonderful time complementing the curriculum with educational visits. Early years visited Amerton working farm, Key Stage 1 visited Peak Wildlife Park, Year 3 and 4 participated in an enrichment day, Year 5 visited Bewdley Museum and Year 6 went to the Maritime museum. A fun, knowledgeable time was had by all!



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CASTLECHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Community Links to Promote a Love of Reading at Castlechurch

After the sad loss of one of our community partners, Mr Timothy Forde, the SPAR shop on Cape Avenue in Highfields wanted to mark his contribution to school life with a permanent tribute.

As a result, the Timothy Forde Library was created. Spar have kindly donated a Reading Library Trolley, full of books, in the name of Tim. The legacy of his contribution will live on at Castlechurch as school receives a new set of books EACH term from the SPAR. One set for the library and another set to give as rewards within school. We have created a snug corner in our school where the children can come and curl up with a new book as part of their free time. Spar continue to support us by running competitions each half term, they display our artwork and reward prizes for the winners! We would like to thank them for everything they do!

SPAR's SPOOKY HALLOWEEN COMPETITION!

SPAR asked the children to design spooky pictures to help their Halloween window displays look spooktacular! The winners received a chocolately prize!



WINNERS OF THE BOOK COVER COMPETITION!

SPAR launched the Reading with school campaign with a book cover competition! Our designs were displayed in the shop windows and a winner was chosen.



The lucky winner was Rebeca, with her Goodnight Mister Tom design! She was lucky enough to win a laptop and chocolate selection!

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SPRINGHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Enjoying and Enriching Learning

The children have worked hard all term and are making great progress in their learning. This has been enriched through clubs, visits and activities in school.

The year 6 children spent a week at Standon Bowers where they showed great resilience and teamwork as they took part in new – and sometimes challenging activities! Some classes visited the Blists Hill Victorian Museum and took part in computer programming at Newcastle College. Our nursery children visited The New Vic Theatre's Tale Trail performance of The Three Musketeers.

Activities in school included a TT Rockstars activity day, a visit from a theatre group, a Harvest Assembly, PTFA Winterfest and disco, workshops with actors and directors from The RSC, and of course Christmas Performances. Clubs have included sports, eco-schools, reading, art, ICT, choir and board games. They will be ready for a Christmas holiday!

Springhead Children help prepare a Road Safety Day at Affinity Shopping Centre.

The children designed posters and helped make and test cars for the Road Safety Day at Affinity Shopping Centre. This was an opportunity to think about how to keep safe on the streets, especially when it is dark. The three children in the picture won the poster competition.

The day was organized by PCSO Colin Stepney. The day he visited Springhead was his last day in the job. He has worked with the children at Springhead for 20 years. We all thanked him and wished him all the best for the future.

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Stronger Together: Building Bonds, Breaking Barriers!

The CFLP staff stepped outside of their schools during the September INSET day on the 2nd September and into an unforgettable experience on our Outdoor Adventure Team-Building Day! This action-packed event was designed to break down barriers, ignite creativity, and foster stronger connections among team members and schools. Staff boosted their morale, enhanced communication and simply had fun together, the day provided a perfect mix of challenge and camaraderie.



Our carefully curated outdoor adventure activities pushed teams to think on their feet, collaborate under pressure, and trust one another to succeed. From exhilarating obstacle courses and relay races to problem-solving challenges, axe throwing and climbing, every activity was designed to promote teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills in a real-world setting.

When staff feel energised, supported, and appreciated, they are better equipped to create an engaging, positive learning environment for pupils and are more able to offer emotional support. Whether it's offering guidance, addressing concerns, or creating an inclusive space where all pupils feel heard, energised staff are better equipped to support students' emotional and social well-being and is a key priority for the Children First Learning Partnership .



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