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July 2019 Newsletter

For School Leaders, Teachers, Support Staff, Governors and Trustees



Welcome from the Chief Executive



As the end of term approaches I'm reflecting on what has been a very significant year for our Trust. It can be tempting to focus our attention on all the things in the life of our schools which are complex, difficult or dramatic, but I first want to note the things that are simply going well. We have terrific staff across the Trust; Sue Ivermee and I have had the great privilege of seeing the quality of your work when we make School Improvement visits. I am glad to say that we have not kept that pleasure to ourselves and almost all of our Headteachers and many other leaders have been involved in peer reviews. The honesty and family relationships in the Trust mean that these reviews are both supportive and rigorous and I know that Heads and Governors value the insights that they bring.

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BIG Award for Excellence in Challenging Bullying



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Congratulations to Portishead Primary School who has achieved the Bullying Intervention Group Excellence in Challenging Bullying Award.

To achieve this award the school recruited and trained 14 anti-bullying ambassadors from Years 4-6 who met as part of the school anti-bullying committee on a termly basis to plan work and review impact.

Highlights of this important work included: rewriting anti-bullying policies, an anti-bullying charter, planning lunchtime play provision, e-safety training, an information evening for parents, Proud to Be Me Day and Funday Friendship Thursday - an afternoon of friendship, activities and board games. All of these activities has enabled pupils to feel more confident in reporting and sharing concerns.



Year 5 pupils from Yatton CE Primary School brought joy to the residents of Yatton Hall Care Home at a recent visit.

The Access all Ages session, delivered by the Alive Project, allows schools and care providers to meet regularly and provide an opportunity for older people in care to feel connected with and be appreciated by children in their locality.

Alice, one of the school children who spent time with the residents, described how Derek at the care home gave her a high five as she said goodbye and told her "Ooh, I always wanted to do that!".



LSP Procurement Team Driving down Costs

In times of intense financial pressure the procurement team have been working hard to drive down costs for schools while improving scope and value offered by suppliers.

Head of Trust Services, Tim Monelle, said:

“These new arrangements offer the Trust value, quality and consistency. We are delighted to be working with local companies who will deliver excellent service whilst saving our schools money. Since 1 September 2018, cost savings as a result of contract renegotiations and bulk procurement are in excess of £400,000.”



The trust is delighted to announce the following contract awards:

- Cornish Gardens Services
- 2IT Systems
- Scomis
- ParentPay

The winning providers undertook a rigorous and competitive tender process.

All contracts are awarded on the basis of value for money and the Trust is committed to encouraging local suppliers to compete for business.

Cornish Garden Services specialise in all aspects of landscape maintenance, grass cutting and sports ground maintenance.

Managing Director of Cornish Garden Services, Matthew Cornish, commented: “I am absolutely delighted to have been awarded the grounds maintenance contract for Lighthouse Schools Partnership. I am looking forward to giving something back to the schools that educated my children and I am excited to be working in partnership with an outstanding Trust. I am a true believer in the fact that first impressions are important not only with maintenance of the grounds but also to inspire children to encourage them to play sport”.

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Chew Valley Pupils Celebrate 10th Centurion Award Ceremony



A group of enthusiastic readers from Chew Valley School were delighted to attend the Centurion Reading Award Ceremony at Downside School recently. After spending the previous few months reading books on a shortlist selected by school children from across B&NES, students discussed the books and voted for their favourite title. This year, the Centurion Award's 10th winner was the author Sebastien de Castell with his book 'Spellslinger'.

Strawberry Gardens Care Home

Congratulations to Amelia from Yatton Junior School whose suggestion of 'Strawberry Gardens' was chosen as the name of the new Care Home development in Yatton! She received a certificate and a £50 book voucher.

Amelia and the rest of the 9 finalists who all received £10 in book vouchers, attended the naming ceremony in Worle and enjoyed a lovely buffet lunch with the care home residents and representatives from Housing & Care 21 and North Somerset Council.



Kenya Trip 2019

A group of Gordano and Backwell staff and students will be travelling out to Kenya to support Mend the Gap, the charity that supports Gordano's link school in Kenya. They will spend their time working in a local orphanage as well as gaining experience teaching in their partner schools.

Students from Clevedon and Churchill schools will also be joining them on this amazing trip.



Pupils tackle plastic pollution in Portishead

Pupils from Portishead Primary recently took part in the launch of Portishead's seabin, a national first.

The high-tech seabin, the first of its kind to be installed in the UK, will remove tens of thousands of plastic bottles and bags from the sea each year and has been installed in Portishead marina, with the aim of cleaning up the coastline.



This visit follows the school's amazing work on climate change. Last month, Year 4 produced a stunning play with a very powerful environmental message which was shared by the whole school and picked up by Harvard associates!

Primary school children take part in World Environment Day



Pupils from St Mary's CE Primary School took part in a number of inspiring activities organised by Reception teacher, Sinead Cope, as part of World Environment Day on 5 June.

Children from across the school have written messages to show their understanding of World Environment Day - and these have been proudly displayed in school.

"I think we must save the environment otherwise lots of animals will die."

"I think we should stop putting plastic in the ocean because sea creatures are eating the plastic."

"The planet must be saved!"



They have also worked energetically to create their very own 'Planet Protector Octopus' out of recycled materials, which now guards the school car park!

Scooter Training at High Down Junior School

Year 2 pupils from High Down Junior School were fortunate to access free scooter safety training run by For2Feet Ltd in June. The training included:

- advice on wearing helmets and pads
- safe scooter control games
- pavement etiquette with pedestrians
- identifying scooting hazards such as cars reversing from driveways
- finding a safe place to cross the road and crossing with a scooter

The children were all exceptionally well behaved and listened carefully to the trainers and had fun!

The school is looking forward to seeing as many children as possible using scooting as a method of green travel to school and getting healthy exercise at the same time.



LSP GATEWAY

Our new intranet has officially launched!

Make sure you're registered so you can:

- **Keep up to date** with the latest LSP news
- **Find useful advice**, resources and Trust policies
- **Send a colleague an eCard** and make their day
- **Access the Wellbeing Centre** for support & tools on living a healthier, happier life
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- **Step 2:** Wait for the confirmation email, activate your account and log in with your email address and chosen password.
- **Step 3:** Browse the Intranet to access staff news, useful resources and discover exclusive discounts and offers.
- **Step 4:** Track and manage your savings in the **'My Account'** section.



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** Winners will be randomly selected and announced by 17th July 2019.*

Holocaust survivor visits Backwell School

On Tuesday 18 June, Backwell School was incredibly privileged to be visited by holocaust survivor, John Dobai. Year 12 and 13 students of history, sociology, philosophy and religion listened to John recount his experience as a young boy in Hungary during World War II. The presentation was incredibly moving; seeing pictures of John's friends and family throughout his childhood and hearing about the traumatic experiences they went through.



(left to right - Eleanor Turk, John Dobai, Becca Stansfield, Stephanie Kite and Eleanor Windsor (the students also undertook the visit to Auschwitz))

John was born in 1934 in Budapest, Hungary and his family converted to Roman Catholicism as they were concerned about the rise of fascism and the Nazi party. John's father was taken to a forced labour camp in 1941 and in March 1944 Germany occupied Hungary. Between June 1944 and January 1945 John and his mother lived in terrible conditions in houses designated as Jewish residences. Relatives were transported to Auschwitz and childhood friends were killed. In January 1945 the siege in Budapest ended and John and his parents moved to the UK in 1948, where he completed school and studied Chemistry at university.

[Read more](#)

LSP Operational Team Away Day

We held our LSP Operational Team Away Day on 13 June at the beautiful Aldwick Estate. The event was fully funded by contributions from 25 exhibitors who took part in a lunchtime Trade Fair.

This was a great opportunity for School Business Managers and operational staff to find out about services on offer to schools and network with business professionals. Workshops included GDPR, Audit Preparation, Finance and Communications.

A huge thank you to all our Exhibitors and business partners who took part in the day and to Aldwick Estate for a wonderful venue and superb hospitality.



We are delighted to welcome OK Talk Counselling, Sport 4 Kids, Avon Alarms, 2IT Systems and Scomis to the Lighthouse Business Partnership.

Employer engagement is a key aspect of our Business Partnership and can include: mentoring activities, work experience, guest speakers, links to alumni, careers fairs and networking events. Partners have the opportunity amongst other benefits to increase their community profile, get involved in business and careers related events, receive invites to business partnership events and exclusive partnership discounts on lettings of school facilities. Click [here](#) to find out more.



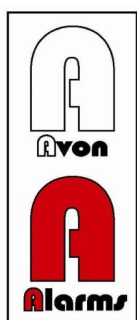
Marina Sabolova is a fully qualified, highly skilled counsellor and registered member of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). She is passionate about her work and has an extensive professional background in both the school and private sectors and provides comprehensive therapeutic support to children, young people, adults, couples and families.

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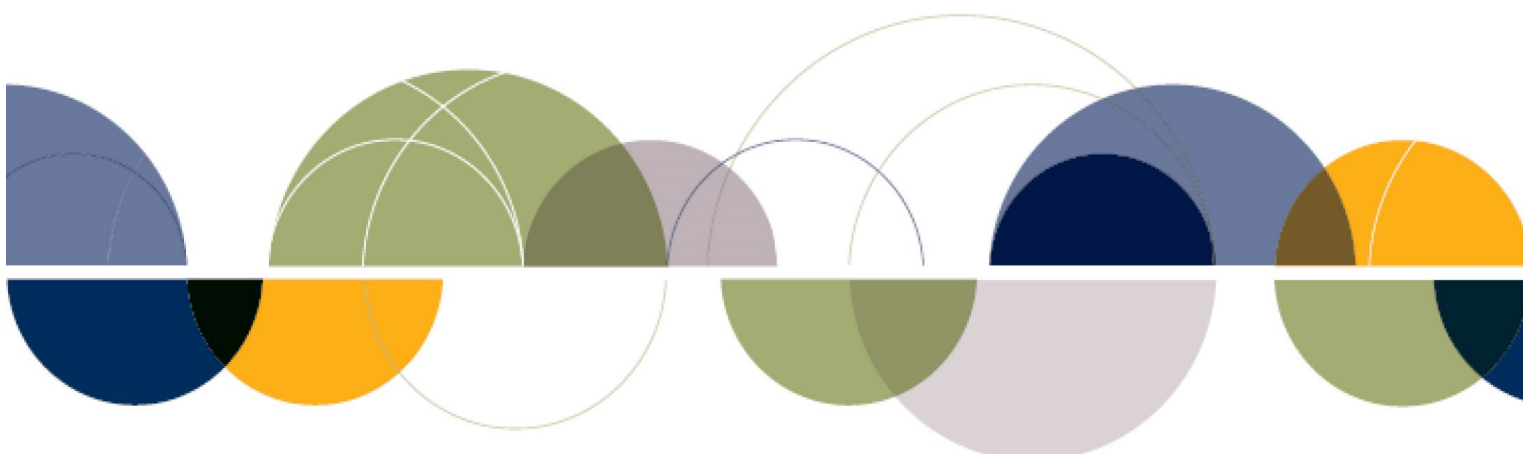
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Friday 4 October 2019 from 6.30pm

Full details and registration for your free ticket(s) via Eventbrite:

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Tickets will be released on Friday 19 July 2019