

# All Through the Year



## Trust Update

### Dear parents, students, staff and governors

The academic year has got off to an excellent start. Across the campuses pupils settled very quickly and there has been a very positive atmosphere with a purposeful attitude in and out of the classroom. As we begin our seventh year as an all-through Trust, the benefits in terms of transitions become ever clearer as pupils move up confidently to the next phase and their teachers continue with the agreed curriculum and assessment routes mapped out by our all-through subject teams.

Alongside all the day-to-day benefits and routine cross-phase activity, there

have been a number of extra activities from this year's Trust calendar. We have focussed on these in this edition. The pupils' participation has been superb and we both congratulate them and thank all the staff who have made these experiences possible.

This September our numbers have hit a new high as more and more parents are choosing the all-through option. You can learn more about us by contacting us to arrange a visit.

Our website is [www.burytrust.org](http://www.burytrust.org).

### The PE Action Days

Alongside the regular specialist teaching, clubs and festivals provided by the Trust's Sports Partnership, there were special days for **year three at Horringer Court** and **year five at County**. Both year groups enjoyed a carousel of sports run by sports leaders who all did an excellent job. **Activities included basketball, body combat, dance, dodgeball, handball and trampolining.** Pupils loved being at the bigger campuses and experiencing all that is on offer. We thank **Mr Marshall** and **Mr Kent** for organising it.



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# National Poetry Day

Over a hundred pupils aged from **seven to fourteen** from across our five campuses celebrated this annual day at County Upper led by **Mr Pollard** and performance poet, DrayZera, pupils explored the structure and use of language in poetry before applying the techniques learned to create their own

poems around this year's theme of freedom. At the end of the day, there were some excellent performances. Everybody had a lot of fun and learned a lot about both language and teamwork.

**Well done to all who took part!**



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# The European Day of Languages

To help celebrate this special day, **County Upper and Tollgate** worked together to enhance the regular modern foreign languages teaching at Tollgate. On the day, **'A' level language students studying French, German, Japanese and Spanish** led activities with the primary pupils, along with the upper phase students who regularly help at Tollgate. With the aid of national dress, some art materials, dance, music and food, pupils experienced a range of languages and activities.

We thank **Mrs Quittenton** and the sixth formers for an excellent day.



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# The Rainforest Experience

Year four pupils from Barrow and Tollgate joined with **year six** students from Horringer Court and Westley at **Horringer** to extend their geography programme of study. They learned about the animals and their habitats in the various layers of the forest. They then produced artistic representations of those animals and their habitats for display. Some excellent work was produced and we thank **Mrs Kemp, Mr Whitwell** and **Mrs Bateman** whose assistance on the day was invaluable.



# Forces, Space and Flight in action

Last summer a number of **STEMM Ambassadors across the middle and upper phases** were trained by the Institute of Physics to lead activities with younger pupils. STEMM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Medicine. All the ambassadors, now at County, undertook their first assignment and worked with the **whole of year four at Tollgate** to enhance their science curriculum for this half term. The year four pupils responded magnificently and the older pupils did an excellent job.

**Mrs Korth** at Tollgate wrote, *"Thank you so much for a wonderful afternoon. Your young science ambassadors were able to captivate our 38 year fours for a whole two hours. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to try so many activities and they learned such a lot in that time. We are all looking forward to the rest of the days this year."*

We congratulate all those who were involved and **Mrs Payne and Dr Hanfrey** for organising the event.



# The Model United Nations Conference

We held the second of two special days which replicate the pattern used by the UN. Following on from the first day in July, 'delegates' convened again at County, all dressed smartly for the occasion. **Pupils from year six to year thirteen were involved**, all in mixed-age groups with each team representing a country. The debate and resolutions all revolved around the **current situation in North Korea and nuclear warfare**. **The standard of discussion was exceptionally high and the whole day was led incredibly well by the sixth form.**

We thank the staff across the campuses led by **Ms Reahn** for a very topical, thought-provoking day.



# The Drama Festival at the Theatre Royal



After months of hard work, pupils from **across the middle and upper phases** presented an evening of **classical drama** at the Theatre Royal. During rehearsals sixth formers had worked with the younger ones on their performances. 'Bill the Bard' guided us through extracts from a range of classical drama including 'Odysseus and the Cyclops', 'The Importance of Being Earnest', 'The Crucible', 'Pygmalion' and 'Death of a Salesman', interspersed with extracts from Shakespeare. Along with 'Bill the Bard', the continuity of the performance was enhanced by **music played by a band from County Upper created to form a specially written score** for the occasion.

We thank **Mr Jermy, Mr Lloyd, Mrs Stevens, Miss Wilsoncroft** and the Festival's Director, **Miss Lacey**.

We congratulate the large number of pupils who took part.



## School Games Mark



This is a Department for Education led awards system. It recognises schools' commitment to ensuring competition across the age range. We are delighted that County Upper, Horringer Court

and Westley have been re-awarded the Mark at Gold. For the first time, Tollgate were also given a bronze award. We congratulate the PE teams across the Trust.