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A TERRIFIC TERM OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE FALLIBROOME TRUST!

It is a pleasure to write the foreword to our Trust-wide newsletter and reflect on a term of success and growth for The Fallibroome Trust.

We have a lot to celebrate with our schools' results reflecting the hard work of last year and a couple of our schools attracting national attention: Fallibroome by featuring in the Sunday Times Parent Power top schools list and Broken Cross Primary achieving a top 5% for ranking in progress in Maths. Such success can be attributed to the depth of collaboration that characterises the Trust. Primary colleagues have worked together on Writing projects in years 3 and 6 and Secondary leads for English, Maths, Science, MFL, PE, Performing Arts, SEND and Pastoral matters have shared best practice and resources. In addition Drama and PE students have enjoyed working together at the Shakespeare Festival and during GCSE PE moderation sessions.

We have also enjoyed two major conferences, for Governors and Staff. Both conferences reflected on the 'characteristics of high performing organisations' and enjoyed a combination of expert presentations and best practice exchanges. Governors approved the IT strategy for the Trust and staff took part in a vibrant 'Teach Meet' in order to present and receive teaching and learning strategies that are having impact in our classrooms.

The principle of collaboration has been extended by our partnership with the Aspire Trust in Macclesfield. We have submitted a joint bid for significant funding to support writing in years 6 and 7 and extended the project to Primary schools in Winsford; we are travelling hopefully and expect a decision in January.

May I finally welcome Upton Priory School to the Trust, with effect from February 1st. Our application to incorporate Upton into the Trust was approved by the Regional Schools' Commissioner last week and we look forward to working with one of the largest primary schools in Cheshire East in the New Year.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the staff, governors and parents associated with the Trust for creating such success this term. The examples below illustrate how our pupils have represented their schools with distinction and we look forward to further progress next term.

We have grown to an eight school Trust and demonstrated how the principle of shared values and a commitment to collaboration can benefit students and staff. We are now one of the largest Multi-Academy Trusts in Cheshire and should share a sense of pride in our collective achievements.

As we approach a well-earned break may I wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

With thanks for your continued support.

Peter Rubery
CEO / Executive Principal



by Polly Broadhurst
Headteacher
Adlington Primary School

In the run up to Christmas every child at Adlington Primary school took part in an Elf run in aid of East Cheshire Hospice. We raised over £700. We had intended to run around the school field but due to the weather the children did laps of the playground. Each lap counted as part of the 'Marathon Kids' initiative we are part of this year. This initiative aims to keep children fit and active – each child is trying to run the equivalent of a Marathon during the year!



by Richard Craven
Headteacher
Nether Alderley Primary School

Reception pupils celebrated the end of their first term at school when they took part in the infant nativity play, Angel Express. The pupils, who started at Nether Alderley in September, have settled in really well, helped by their Year 6 buddies. Mrs Moore, their teacher, reports "This year's Reception class are a lovely group who enjoy learning together. They have had a great first term, are progressing with their learning and enjoying school life at Nether Alderley."





by **Donna Lewis**

Headteacher

*Broken Cross Primary Academy
and Nursery*

Autumn has been another busy time at Broken Cross.

Our Nursery provision has gone from mornings only to full time and numbers are growing steadily, providing children with a fabulous start to their educational journey. We have also set up what we are calling a communication group, which is a classroom within our setting, that has been structured similarly to a resourced provision as a temporary measure to support our most complex pupils in year 1 and Reception.

We have done this in collaboration with Ruth Wangermann from the CEAT team, in response to a situation in which we found ourselves. Currently we have 7 pupils who access this, 5 mornings per week, and 2 experienced staff who run it. It has been up and running since September and the impact on the progress of those pupils is phenomenal.

We have been taking part in a number of small scale research projects with the EEF and Cambridge University which is leading to high quality discussions around effective teaching and learning. Some of these will continue into the new year and we will keep our eyes peeled for anything else of interest to us as a school.





by Francis Power
Headteacher
The Fallibroome Academy

Fallibroome has had an excellent first term.

We have been ranked in the top 20 schools in the North West for the quality of our A-Level and GCSE outcomes (a position that rises to 3rd when selective schools are removed from the list).

We have launched our new behaviour policy and this has had a positively transformational effect on the culture and atmosphere in lessons.

Our sports teams continue to impress across a range of disciplines and many of our other extra-curricular teams compete successfully in a growing range of pursuits.

And then we had our production of Sister Act. As a statement of what can be achieved by a first rate education in the arts, this couldn't be bettered. It also served to remind everyone in our community (students, staff and parents) that we are all very fortunate to belong to such a remarkable school.





by Michael Shaw
Headteacher
Gawsworth Primary School

The Autumn term at Gawsworth has been an active and successful one. We have continued to develop our writing through the second year in the Primary Writing Project and we are seeing a great amelioration in both the quality of and attitudes to writing.

We have enhanced the use of technology within the school as the teachers have all had training on their new touch-screen whiteboards and have been amazed by the functionality within them. We have been working hard on our 'Growth Mindsets' and such positive attitudes to learning are apparent in each classroom.

We gained our SportsMark Gold Award in July and we are aiming to keep up the strong development of our physical activity and sports. We have further strengthened the range of extra-curricular clubs that we offer and have implemented the 'Mile a Day' initiative as part of the thirty minutes activity agenda for each school day. Our Year 5/6 tag-rugby team won the Macclesfield Tag-Rugby tournament and will go through to the Cheshire finals. We are also hoping to make the National Pop-Lacrosse finals for the third year running.

The teachers have had training on Mindfulness and children in Years 5-6 have been having lessons each week on Mindfulness as part of our drive to improve emotional health and wellbeing. So it has been a supremely active term, physically, mentally and academically.





Upton Priory School
"Discover through learning, discover your potential"

by **Emma Burnage**

Headteacher

Upton Priory Primary School

We have had a lovely couple of weeks in the run up to Christmas.

The Cheshire East Hospice Elf Run has raised an incredible amount of £2828.09, the school choir sung at the United Reform Church along with Gawsworth Primary School, our pre-school and nursery performed a spectacular Nativity, our Drama Club amazed us with a fabulous panto, our Year 1 and Year 3 children participated in the Christingle, our KS2 carol concert was superb and we have had Christmas with the aliens in Reception and Year 2.

We have also had the Year 6 Enterprise afternoon which was fabulous and showed off the hard work of our Year 6 children.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all our children, parents and staff. This term has been an amazing one with lots to be proud of and celebrate. A massive thank you must be said to the staff for all their hard work and dedication.

Lastly, I can confirm that our application to join the Fallibroome Trust has been confirmed. We will formally become a part of the trust in February 2018 and we are all very excited about this next chapter.





by Amanda Bassett
Headteacher
Whirley Primary School

It has been a busy term at Whirley. The new staff are settled in well. We are extremely pleased with the appointments of the new Deputy Head teacher and Year 4 teacher. The children have all been working hard on Talk for Writing and have enjoyed an author day, anti bullying performance and a trip to the theatre, all providing a great stimulus for developing writing.





by **Amanda Harrison**
Headteacher
The Winsford Academy



The school has had a VERY busy term and I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment which staff have shown in giving up so much of their time to work with the young people we serve.

Events include:

- An all-girl assembly to empower our girls and raise aspiration, led by Mr Hicks. The highlight of the assembly was all of the females, staff and pupils singing together loudly. The atmosphere was electric.
- Shakespeare Festival – an absolutely fabulous showcase of talent by the staff and students at the Academy to perform A Midsummer Night's Dream (Pictures are on the website.) We were inundated by lovely feedback and comments from the public.
- Year 9 Drama visit to the StoryHouse Theatre in Chester was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the students' behaviour was impeccable.
- Year 9 trip to Chester Stadium to take part in athletics training was a real showcase of talent and students benefited from using such a great venue.
- We held a drop down Spanish day in collaboration with The Fallibroome Academy recently. All students were given a range of tasks for the day and were not allowed to communicate in anything other than Spanish. This proved very successful and the students felt their oral skills were really tested.
- We hope this will support their performance in the oral element of the upcoming examinations.
- Year 11 have been privileged to attend several taster college sessions across John Deane's, South Cheshire College and West Cheshire Vale Royal College. The colleges have also been in to deliver assemblies, provide careers advice and drop in sessions for students.
- On the 18th October, we hosted an Innovate My School Day. With support from the Innovate My School team, Headteachers and senior leaders from across Cheshire came together at the Academy to look at innovative ideas for teaching and learning and ways of managing the financial pressures facing all schools. There were several key note speakers and we will be looking to hosting one again in the future.
- The performing arts team put on a celebration of dance show which was, as usual, of very high quality. The students performed brilliantly and it was a real highlight of the term.



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