



# The Family of Learning Trust Newsletter

## Message from Shameem Hussain, CEO

It has been another busy term across the Trust.

Some trustees and I joined a fantastic trip to London with year 5 pupils from Beech Hill and Dean Field School. They travelled to London on the train and spent the day exploring the landmarks around the city. They went on a cruise down the River Thames and had lunch in the Jubilee Gardens. They then went on to watch the West End musical 'Wicked' at the Apollo Victoria. The group travelled around the city on the underground trains and had a brilliant time ending the day with a meal at Pizza Express. We were all super proud of the children who were fantastic ambassadors for their schools and the Trust. I would like to say a big thank you all the staff involved in this trip for making the day special for the children.



## Trust Changes

There are some changes across the Trust when we return in September.

### ***Beech Hill School***

With the Trust growing from two to five schools over this last year, the Trustees and I have agreed for me to step away from my role as Headteacher to take on the full time Chief Executive Officer role of the Trust. This involves me working with all the schools in the Trust ensuring that we are providing the best possible education for pupils in all the 'Family of Learning Trust' schools. Due to this change Mrs Cockroft and Mrs Bowling (Deputy Headteachers) will now step into the role of Co-Headteacher. Congratulations to both of them on their new role.

### ***Heptonstall***

A special thank you to Mr David Perrin (Headteacher) for all his hard work and contribution to Heptonstall. He will be retiring at the end of this term. We wish him well in his retirement and look forward to hearing about his travels across the USA.

### ***Shirley Manor***

Mrs Lacey left the school this term and we wish her well for the future. I would like to welcome Miss Bailey who will be the Head of School at Shirley Manor from September.

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## Congratulations Bradshaw!

Congratulations to Bradshaw on their Ofsted Inspection!

Ofsted visited the school on 10th April. This was shortly after it had joined the Family of Learning Trust. It was an ungraded inspection and Stephanie Ines Taylor HMI was in school for two days. It was a very positive inspection for the school and the report highlighted the strengths that were seen by the inspector over the two days. Below are some of the key points from the report.



***“The ‘Bradshaw way’ of learning is at the heart of the broad and ambitious curriculum. Leaders set high expectations for pupils. From the early years, pupils are nurtured in an environment rich with learning opportunities.”***

***“The school is friendly and welcoming. Relationships between pupils and staff are warm and respectful. There is a calm and caring ethos. Pupils feel safe and behave well. ”***

***“Pupils enjoy a variety of school clubs and activities. Pupils hold various positions of responsibility. These include being members of the ‘smart’ school council and eco council. Pupils are rightly proud of the successes of the school choir. ”***

***“Leaders are considerate of staff’s welfare and workload. Staff speak positively of the close-knit school community. ”***

A big well done to all the staff and pupils. I feel the report couldn't reflect enough what an amazing school, Bradshaw is! The school is now on its journey to Outstanding.

## First ever Trust 24 competition!

The first ever 24 Maths competition took place on the 10th June at Heptonstall school. 5 children from year 5 and 6 from each of the schools in the Trust took part in the maths competition playing the game '24'.

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To play this game, the children can add, subtract, multiply and divide. They need to use all four numbers on the card, but use each number only once. The children showed fantastic calculation skills all afternoon.

Well done to the team from Beech Hill who returned to school with a trophy and a special well done to Sohan from Beech Hill, who was the top-scorer.



# Beech Hill School

## Orchestra and Nasheed Performance at Halifax Minister

To celebrate our work this year with 'Music for the Many' we were invited to perform at the Summer festival. On Thursday, the school's brilliant chamber orchestra performed works by Vivaldi, Rossini and Beethoven as well as pieces that represented our cultural diversity including, Arabic, Kurdish, Palestinian and Roma music. The grand finale was a culmination of our orchestra playing with Bradshaw's brilliant choir. Watch out for more of this next year!

On Friday, the Nasheed group performed at the Summer festival. It was an breathtaking performance of Nasheeds in English, urdu and Arabic. A big thank you to all the staff who supported them and especially to Daniel Bath and 'Music for the Many' for supporting us throughout the year and giving us the opportunities to perform at the Halifax Minister.



## Lights, Camera, Score

We are extremely proud to share our final animation from the Lights, Camera, Score project with Three Stones Media:

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Well done to the whole of Year 4 who came up with fantastic original ideas and delivered them confidently!

## Bradford Literature Festival

Some of the year 5 children visited the Bradford Literature Festival at Bradford University on Monday 1st July. The children had the opportunity to listen to different authors speak about their books, their inspiration and the writing process. They heard from Liz Flanagan, Trish Cooke, Ashley Thorpe and Saviour Pirotta. The children loved listening to Saviour Pirotta tell them different Greek myths and where he found the inspiration for his books. They had the opportunity to ask the authors questions and it was great to hear the inspiration behind 'The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad' as it is a text they read in English. The children were extremely enthusiastic and represented Beech Hill amazingly!



# Dean Field Primary School



## Congratulation on the Gold Mark Award!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the panathlon, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 3v3 girls' football tournament and 1<sup>st</sup> in the year 3 & 4 orienteering.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

## EYFS Mark of Achievement

We are very proud to announce that our Early Years and Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) have been awarded the accreditation Mark of Achievement and are now a certified Dingley's Promise setting!!

The training reflects our commitment to inclusive practice in the early years and has provided our staff with the practical skills and knowledge to support the growing number of children with SEND.

A massive thank you to all EYFS staff for their hard work completing the course and continuing to provide our Dean Field children with the best possible education and care!

## Rights Respecting Silver Award Winners



Congratulations to all the staff, pupils and school community for achieving the Rights Respecting Silver Award. The award recognises the school's commitment to putting the UN Convention on the Right of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart of the school's practice to improve well-being and to help children realise their potential. We will continue our journey to ensure all pupils feel valued, have a voice and participate in whole school improvement and will now work towards achieving the gold award.

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# Bradshaw Primary Academy

## Golden Wellie Award Winners

Golden Wellie Award winners for the term had their Forest School Fire treat.

Even though it was extremely hot, they didn't let this spoil the fun still to be had making a fire and cooking some delicious marshmallows. They toasted them carefully, then made them into smores with crispy biscuits and had these with delicious hot chocolate. They then finished with some very challenging games of hide-and-seek!



## Choir Performance

The last few months have been a very busy time for the choir. It all kicked off with an appearance at the Halifax Gala where they performed. It was truly a team effort with many families and staff giving up their day in the holidays to support the choir.

In June they were invited to perform at the Calderdale Music's "Voices Together" event at the Victoria Theatre, Halifax. The audience loved their performance of "Feel Good" and the children all enjoyed joining in with choirs from other Calderdale schools in songs such as "Power in Me" and "This is Me."



Halifax Gala  
Victoria Theatre



Music for the Many Festival



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It didn't end there! The choir was invited to perform 5 songs at the Music for the Many Summer concert at Halifax Minster. They were thrilled to share the stage for the first time with their Family of Learning Trust friends, Beech Hill School and their fantastic orchestra. This is hopefully something we will see more of. What a night!

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# Heptonstall Junior and Infant School

## Cefn Lea

One of the highly anticipated events of the summer term, for Oak Class, is the residential. This year we went to Cefn Lea! Mr Perrin has been organising trips here for the past 20 odd years! It was a fabulous trip—the weather behaved and lots of fun was had! What a wonderful way for our Y6 leavers to remember their last term by!



## Whole School Trip to Gulliver's World

On the 6th June the whole school went to Gulliver's World for a day out. This was the second summer whole school trip (last year we went to Blackpool Zoo!). Much fun was had by all—our Acorns were especially brave trying all the rides!! Huge thank you to the PFA who funded the cost of the transport!



## Country Fair

In a nod to Mr Perrin's impending retirement the PFA had themed this year's Summer Fair as Western one (Mr Perrin loves all things "Country music and cowboy"). It took place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

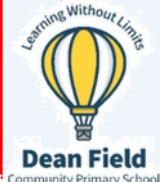


Even the Maypole dancing was country music themed. There were visiting bands, hobby horse jumping and a cowboy/cowgirl photo shoot booth amongst lots of other stalls and fun. A root-tootin' time was had by all! After the Fair Mr Perrin wrote to the parents and said:



*"I am well aware that the theme was chosen in 'honour' of my retirement and I find that extremely thoughtful, kind and touching and is something that I will remember for always."*

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# Shirley Manor Primary Academy

## School Trips

Children at Shirley Manor have been enjoying their school trips this term. This included visits to the Coal Mining Museum, York, Lytham St Annes, Go Ape, Piglets Adventure Farm and Magna. All the children loved their Experiences.



## Community Involvement

During the Summer Term Members of our School Council, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Thomas were invited by The Friends of Towngate to help tidy up. They did some weeding and litter picking as well as planting some pots for the 2024 Wyke in Bloom. They were joined by other members of the community along with our local councillors and council wardens.



On Sunday 23rd June 2024 Mrs Cooper and some of our children were invited along to the home of the Bradford Bulls Rugby League Club. The children were treated to a private hospitality box with food and drink and the balcony to watch the game between Bradford and Doncaster Rovers. The club chairman gave all the children a season ticket so that they could watch any home game this season. The children were able to have a look around the dressing rooms, watch pitch-side as the

players warmed up and had the pleasure of carrying the club flag to the centre of the pitch before the game kicked off. The children met all three of the club mascots, Bull Man, Bull Boy and Bull Girl. Following the game, the children joined the players and coaching staff on the field to take photographs and collect autographs before leaving for home. They all had a great day especially as the Bradford Bulls won the game!



**On the behalf of our Trustees, I would like to wish you a restful summer break.**

**Mrs Hussain (CEO Family of Learning Trust)**

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