

Newsletter 16:

Summer Term 2022

A Message from Susannah Connell, CEO, The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mr Ball who will be retiring as a Trustee at the end of this school year.

Mr Ball is one of those people that you will not see, but who work tirelessly in the background to ensure that our vision for the children becomes a reality. He was Chair of Governors at Winhills Primary School in 2011 and was instrumental in forming our Trust in 2012 in the Queens Diamond Jubilee. One of the most modest and least self-serving men I have ever met, his infectious passion for doing what is right for our children has never changed. During his tenure we have achieved so much - grown to 14 schools, moved schools from Special Measures to Good, opened a new school.

He has worked tirelessly for the children in our Trust, giving up his free time to support our schools, and there is a generation of children who have benefitted from his ability to take bold steps for the benefit of all. We were able to go back to where it all began to celebrate his achievements together: Winhills now has a garden dedicated to Mr Ball which I know the children already love. Many thanks from all of us both past and present for all you have done.

I must also say goodbye and good luck to all the pupils leaving us for pastures new. To all the pupils moving to a new school, we will miss you. I know you are all going to be amazing in your new schools. Hold your heads up high and be proud of yourselves for what you have achieved. Year 11, you are an exceptional group of young people, about to enter the big wide world of study and work - we know you will all succeed. Take advantage of every opportunity you get and give it your all.

Finally, can I wish you all a safe and happy summer break, you all deserve it. We have staff training days on 1st and 2nd September so will see you again on Monday 5th September 2022. Until then, on behalf of everyone at The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust, thank you for your continued support, positive feedback and kind messages.

Kind regards,



Susannah Connell, CEO



Braybrook



The summer term has been a very busy, productive and happy one at Braybrook Primary Academy. We have especially enjoyed being able to welcome our parents and families back into school to attend some of the events we really missed in recent years.



Over the course of the summer term, years 1, 2 and 3 have been participating in the Young Readers' Programme. We have held three reading picnics where parents attended to hear a story being read and then did a treasure hunt for a book to take home and keep. These events were well attended and enjoyed by all.

We have worked closely with Anglian Water to provide STEM opportunities for Key Stage 2 children. Years 3 and 4 had a day of workshops in school and the year 5 and 6 girls were invited to Anglian Water to learn about different careers in engineering, build a giant Lego house and take part in a tower building challenge. The boys also

enjoyed a day of Design Technology activities whilst the girls were on the trip.

Braybrook Primary Academy thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school on Friday 27th May. Each year group created portraits of the Queen from a different decade which were displayed. We also held an afternoon tea party and games on the field, with goodies the children had made themselves in school.



On Friday 15th July we were excited to host a Braybrook Primary Academy first – The Schools Race For Life! This is a cause that has been close to the hearts of several staff and families this year in particular and so we were keen to be proactive. We created a track around the school with reception running 2 laps, Key stage 1 running 3 and key stage 2 running as many laps as they could muster! It formed part of our Sports Day and was very well attended by parents who came to run with their children to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Many of the families and staff of Braybrook sought out sponsorship and we are delighted to share with you that we raised £677.50.

Glebelands

....And finally, a term that felt almost normal! We have been really grateful to be able to properly welcome parents to all of the usual events.



We had two lovely sports days, a Jubilee Celebration day with a wonderful hat parade, and to close the Jubilee celebrations a fun dance through the decades ending with the whole school doing a dance for the 2020s; it was quite a sight and appreciated by everyone. The children were all having fun and as usual were impeccably behaved.

We have been delighted by our end of year results. They stand as testimony to the hard work of the children, teachers, support staff and parents through two lockdowns and a few hard terms between and afterwards. We always tell the children to 'try your best because nobody can then ask for more' and that is exactly what everyone did with all adults modelling exactly that to the children. We are confident that the children have now largely caught up with the things that they missed and will now be able to move on to a much brighter future.

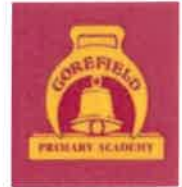


We have been fortunate to be a part of the Opportunity Area in East Cambridgeshire and Fenland. We were given a summary of our involvement and we have benefitted greatly. It has been advantageous to all the children to have the area recognised, as there is now much greater awareness of the additional barriers faced by the children of Fenland. With good results our children will continue to broaden the opportunities they have, so that they can aspire to great careers in the future. When I arrived in Chatteris, there was no sixth form provision - now many of our ex-pupils go to University to study a whole lot of exciting subjects. They are prepared for the future.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve 'Glebelands People' for almost twenty years. It is a fantastic place to learn and an equally fantastic place to work. I know that everyone will continue to work hard as a part of Diamond Learning Partnership Trust.



Gorefield



Gorefield Primary Academy has had a busy and exciting Summer term. The great news is that our school council has begun to make a difference in the community by taking over an overgrown planter, filling it with flowers and watering it daily, now when you near the school you are greeted by this planter. A letter of thanks was received from the village council for this. Our litter picking group have also been out and about in the village, ensuring that litter is no more. This group of children were responding to a challenge set when a

group of local councillors visited us and provided the equipment to ensure we were safe and successful in this endeavour.

Continuing with our presence in the village, we also ran a stall at the Gorefield show and Pippin won a prize for the best School dog in the show.



We celebrated the Jubilee by organising a Scarecrow competition in our village and during the day we celebrated with a Jubilee Picnic lunch on our field.

At school we all ensure that we keep ourselves safe. To help us with this, we were lucky enough to have a visit from 3 of our local first responders. They worked with some of our older children, teaching them about CPR and other life saving techniques. These linked well with our swimming activities this term too.

Our Year 6 children have spent a lot of time perfecting their Peace Posters. This year the Lions Club came into school to explain the competition to our students. The theme of the international even this year is Lead with Compassion. Kyra (right) won the competition within our school, and she received a £20 gift token from the Lions Club.

Our topics this term have excited the children. Our year 1 and 2 children visited Murrow Primary Academy as part of their Enchanted woodland learning. They made smores, explored the woodland looking for mini beasts and enjoyed making new friends. In year 3 and 4 Ancient Greece has been studied. Each week there is the Reading Olympics competition, and they have created some wonderful Greek vases out of paper mache. Extreme Earth has excited our older children. They have learned about natural disasters and then used these to stimulate some great writing and talking. Our youngest children, in Penguin class, have been busy inside and out, watching some butterflies hatch and learning to swim.



Great Staughton



We have had a fantastic term at Great Staughton, with some exciting visits out linked to our topics:



As part of the term's Science unit, Plants, Jupiter class visited the Cambridge University Botanic Garden. A visit to the garden gave the children a wonderful opportunity to see and explore different plants and flowers. They had a wonderful time visiting the bog, woodland and the boiling hot green house! In the greenhouse they were able to explore the different habitats like the tropical rainforest!

Mars class had a wonderful day at Woburn Safari Park which linked in with our topic "Amazing Africa" The weather was perfect, allowing the children to see the animals. The children got to look at African animal skins and their habitats, take a ride around the zoo on the train, listened to the giraffe talk, saw the penguins dive and much more. It was a completely packed day, which we finished off cooling down from with ice creams. All of our children were a real credit to the school and no doubt slept extremely well that night!



Our children in KS2 have all worked hard over the last few weeks, learning lines, songs and dance moves, preparing for our musical performance of Cinderella & Rockerfella. The children all really excelled themselves, with so much enthusiasm being put into each and every performance. It was also lovely for us to be able to allow parents in to watch the performance too.

We are thrilled to announce that we are now officially a Silver Rights Respecting School! Our whole school community have embedded child's rights into all aspects of school life here at Great Staughton and we are all so pleased to have achieved this award.

We have hosted our end of term Rocksteady concert, which consisted of 4 amazing bands. We were blown away by the impressive array of talent! Our school playground was definitely rocking, with us even having passers by stopping to listen!

This is the time of year where we have to say a fond farewell to our Year 6 children. We are extremely proud of every single one of them and would like to wish them well in the next stage of their education.



Kimbolton



We have had another busy and successful term here at KPA. We are officially a SILVER Rights Respecting School after passing our accreditation visit with flying colours! Well done to Miss Bleakley who is leading on this journey and the pupils and staff who spoke to our assessor.



The commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was celebrated with a lot of creative work which culminated in the children's work being on display in our village church. Our Parish Council also invited the children to design a Jubilee flag competition, which was won by one of our year 6 pupils! Stanley Austin-Winter's winning entry now hangs in our school hall. Finally, we ended our week with some lovely activities, with an afternoon tea with snacks before we received our Jubilee mugs courtesy of the Parish Council.



As part of this term's KS1 topic, Amazing Africa, we took Ash class on an adventurous experience to Woburn Safari Park so that they could get close to many of the endangered species of animals and learn about their habitats.



Oak class, during their science topic of plants, had an inspiring trip to the Cambridge Botanic Gardens.



We also planned an exciting RE enrichment day for our Year 5 & 6 pupils to explore the Christian faith through the Life path of John Newton, who lived near Olney. The day encouraged the children to consider their own life path and the role of faith. It also contributed to their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Our mesmerising end of term performance of Aladdin Trouble performed by Rowan class was outstanding with laugh out loud moments and singing that filled the hall. We were very proud of how hard they had worked so a massive thank you to their teacher Mr Greenham.

We also held a lovely garden party evening celebrating our fabulous year 6 children who will soon be leaving and heading off to their residential trip to Hilltop, before starting their new adventures at Secondary school.



King James Academy Royston



This term pupils in Years 5 to 8 were excited to participate in our week-long **Cambridge Science Centre Roadshow**, funded by Johnson Matthey. Students thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on science shows, workshops, and exhibits. The "Join the Crew" show explored the wonders and challenges of space, enabling students to find out how to get there, what life's like when you get there, and how to stay safe in space. In the "Sailing Science" workshop pupils built their own land yacht and investigated the materials and forces involved along the way! We would like to thank Johnson Matthey and the team of volunteers for funding and making this fantastic event possible.



TRANSITION DAY - Wow, what a day we had! The junior site welcomed 180+ year 4 pupils who met their Year 5 teachers for September, toured the school and had a wonderful day getting to know new friends. Current year 5 and 6 pupils also spent the day enjoying activities looking towards September, building on Year 6's transition activities earlier in the term – flame testing in the labs, making hot chocolate, food tasting, tower building, drama activities, a maths challenge, computing and Science to name a few!



Current year 8 pupils enjoyed a day of challenge and teamwork as they competed in a design competition as a group to create a cardboard model obstacle course. They also attended the Obstacle training ground in Bassingbourn where they showed resilience and determination to beat the obstacles on offer, with smiles across the board too!

Many congratulations to all our students involved in the **Young Entrepreneurs Challenge** this term. Through a range of enterprise events the two companies 'Kings Kookies' and 'Juicy Conclusions' combined to raise a fantastic £656 for local charity Garden House Hospice.



Year 10 GCSE art students visited the **Fitzwilliam Museum and Cambridge University Botanical Gardens**. Starting the visit with a photography walk to the riverside to observe punts on the Cam in the early morning sunshine, the challenge was to take photos on the theme of "Reflections". Once inside the cool walls of the Fitzwilliam Museum, the students experienced and analysed some very famous art, including the official portrait of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, an exhibition by David Hockney and the museum's jaw dropping Greek and Roman art collection. As the afternoon temperature rose, the group spent a relaxing afternoon taking photos and making sketches in the beautiful surroundings of the Botanical Gardens. The images they created will be used within their year 11 coursework portfolio.



Leverington



To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we planned and took part in a whole school arts celebration, to support our application for Artsmark Gold. Throughout the week, children had the opportunity to work with a local artist to create portraits of the Queen in the style of different artists, as well as writing, performing and recording a whole school Jubilee song with a local musician. Each class learned about a decade of the Queen's reign including its fashion and pop music. We also had a red, white and blue day with an English Afternoon tea for lunch to get into the street party spirit. To finish the week, all staff and children from Thomas Eaton came to take part in a dance session led by one of our teachers, various art activities led by our Year 6 pupils

and a theatre performance. It was a wonderful and exciting experience for all children to be a part of!

Our music provision has been one of the many highlights of our year as we have welcomed music teachers to work across the school. Private piano and guitar lessons have been popular, and Year 5 and 6 have been the most recent recipients of our weekly ukulele lessons. We have continued to work closely with 2020 Productions and Tom Harlock has been working with Year 5 throughout the term. Children have worked in groups to learn the keyboard, bass guitar, electric guitar or drums to rehearse and perform Ed Sheeran's 'Bad Habits'.



Being back in a normal routine means the Summer Term has been filled with lots of enrichment opportunities for our pupils. Our Year 5 children were fortunate to watch a performance of Swan Lake at the Royal Opera House; our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in a football festival at Peterborough United with our Year 4 team coming out as overall winners (and unbeaten!); Year 5 also enjoyed another visit to the Leicester Space Museum following their Science learning on Earth and Space; the whole school took part in the Virtual Big Sing; Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Sandringham to consolidate their History topic on Queen Elizabeth; Year 3 enjoyed a day out at the Sealife Centre and finally, Year 6 were able to go on their final residential trip to Hilltop. We were also lucky enough to relaunch our Summer Fayre and this was well received by parents – getting the community spirit back was great!



Middlefield



Another jam-packed term full of exciting new learning opportunities for the children here at Middlefield. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a special event. All classes got involved with a special afternoon playing traditional games and a picnic on the field.



There's also been a buzz about school! The children were lucky to receive a visit from Mr Beesley the beekeeper! (Great name!) He brought in his observation hive and shared some amazing information with the children, including demonstrating using the smoker and explaining its purpose. The children were fascinated by his suit, particularly when he put on the veil. Each child had the chance to spot the Queen bee and at the end of the session they had the opportunity to sample some honey. Mr Beesley was very impressed with children and spoke very highly of their manners, knowledge and questioning. Mr Beesley is a neighbour of our school and said if we see any honey bees in the school grounds, particularly the allotment garden, then they would almost certainly be his bees.

We invited John Willis from *Power 2 Inspire* to Middlefield. John was born without fully formed arms and legs. He told us about his mission to advocate for people with disabilities and how we can be an inclusive school by learning how to play adapted games and sports. The children learnt 3 different Paralympic sports: boccia, goal ball and sitting volleyball. The children quickly realised that adapted games are not as easy as they thought. He definitely inspired the children to show resilience because during sitting volleyball, when they couldn't get the ball over the net, they never gave up! They tried and tried again! John's quote 'practise makes progress' is one to truly think about, we must always keep trying, even when we make a mistake because it will help us improve and make progress. It was a truly inspirational visit.



It's been great that school trips have all returned this year. EYFS enjoyed their trip to Hamerton Zoo; KS1 had a blast at the beach supporting their topic 'Seaside'; Years 3 and 5 went to Paradise Park whilst Year 4 loved their adventure 'glamping' at Grafham Water! And by the time you read this, Year 6 will have returned from their amazing residential adventure at Hilltop. These trips are invaluable as they allow the children to experience the wider world, challenge themselves physically and emotionally, learn independence and engage with their peers and teachers in an informal setting.



Murrow



This term has been incredibly busy and rewarding. With the wonderful weather that we have been having, our children have been able to swim every day. For the first time this year, a group of our Year 5 and 6 children will be going to Wisbech Pool to try out their life saving skills in a pool where they cannot touch the bottom. Some of our older children have been helping the younger ones out in the swimming pool too. In addition to our swimming this term, we hosted our first sports day for two years. It was a fun filled event with all children taking part, and even Pippin made an appearance in the long distance race for KS1! Our cross country team took part in a the County competition and our Football team attended a tournament at the Peterborough United football stadium.



With the warmer weather our outdoor woodland area has flourished. We used the donation of plants from a local nursery to make it a haven for mini beasts, bees and other insects. Our bug hotels and bird boxes are full.

Our learning this year has been varied and exciting. Year 5 and 6 have explored Extreme earth, looking at Volcanoes, Typhoons, Tsunamis and other natural phenomena. Our year 3 and 4 children have explored Ancient Greece, and our Year 1 and 2 children have learned about Enchanted woodland. We were visited by the children from Gorefield Primary academy to show them our woodland in school.

We all took part in a whole school science day where we explored chromatography, which recycling materials are the best to use to stop an egg from smashing when it is dropped, and we also carried out an investigation to see which glue was best - home made or pritt sticks. Continuing with the theme of Science, our Year 5 and 6 children had a visit from a local secondary school who supported them in another exciting investigation.

Our jubilee celebrations saw the whole school spending a day with a collapsed timetable – we played and danced outside, we made banners, we created art master pieces, we learned about the reign of our queen and had a fantastic time doing so. Part of the celebrations also included hosting our Scarecrow competition for our village. The winning entry depicted the queen and her corgis.



Roman Way



At Roman Way we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with an afternoon of sports, games and fun on the school field. The children enjoyed a picnic, and also enjoyed receiving a special Jubilee book as a keepsake.

WOW DAYS!

Key Stage 1 had their WOW Day to start their new topic 'From Field to Fork'. The children used a variety of fruits and vegetables to print on fabrics to make picnic blankets. They made a list of the different things they needed for their picnic and they followed recipes to make jam, cheese or ham sandwiches. The children helped the adults to pack their picnic and went onto the school field to enjoy the picnics they had planned and prepared. They had fun all afternoon.



Key Stage 2 also had a fabulous WOW day this term. They participated in different sports activities, made pictures of Medusa and made crowns.



Last year Nursery were very lucky to be able to watch some cute, fluffy chicks make their journey into the world from eggs. These were kept in our Nursery for all to see. They are now fully grown chickens and came to visit us in Nursery this term. The children were thrilled to see them, and one even laid an egg!



The Round House



Congratulations to Natasha, Stephanie and Charlie who won the St Neots Rotary Club Writing Competition. Natasha also won the regional competition with her 'Diary of a Plastic Water Bottle' and ended up coming third out of the whole of the UK and Republic of Ireland. What a fantastic achievement!

Four Year 5 children competed in the Maths Challenge Cambridgeshire Final. They worked incredibly well as a team, discussing the extremely difficult maths problems, and they came first out of 80 schools in our region. We are incredibly proud of them.



All the children created portraits of Queen Elizabeth in celebration of her Platinum Jubilee. They also made crowns, flags and bunting for a picnic on the field where they sang songs and signed the National Anthem.

Year 2 were visited by an African drummer and enjoyed watching him perform as well as learning a rhythm to play on a range of different African drums. Year 6 had an amazing time at the Young Voices concert at the O2, singing their hearts out and enjoying the atmosphere.



There have been lots of trips this term, with Reception going to Johnsons Crocodile Farm to see the animals, KS1 going to the beach in Hunstanton to explore, paddle in the sea and to build sandcastles. Year 3 visited Paradise Wildlife Park as part of their topic on Africa and Year 5 travelled by train to visit the Mosque and Cathedral in Peterborough. Year 5 also visited St Neots library and did some geography fieldwork in St Neots. All the trips were a huge success and the children were a credit to the school.



Year 4 spent two nights at Grafham Water staying in their new bell tents. They had a fantastic time trying lots of new activities such as raft building, archery, high ropes and the legendary Grafham Challenge. They also enjoyed toasting marshmallows over a fire pit in the evening.

Years 5 and 6 performed their end-of-year show, Moana in front of a live audience. They had to learn Samoan for some of the songs, ensuring the correct pronunciation and tone. The singing was fantastic and they also crafted the props, costumes and backdrops.



Thomas Eaton



The Summer term has been busy at Thomas Eaton Primary Academy with lots of exciting things happening for the children. A highlight for our Year 5 children was participation in Bikeability where all children learnt how to cycle safely on the roads around the village.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a highlight and we worked closely with Leverington Primary Academy to celebrate the event. Our whole school visited Leverington for the day and the children took part in a range of Jubilee themed activities. Throughout the week, to help commemorate the event the children also wrote their own Jubilee song and produced art work based around the Queen with local artists and musicians.



The children loved the Roving Book Company coming to school. The book fair was fabulous as it gave the children the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in a number of high-quality texts! The choices were unlimited and there were a wide range of books for all ages. Not only did it mean children were able to purchase books to take home but we also raised some funds for school.

Our Year 2 children had a fun filled day at Church Farm which supported their learning in Science. Lots of fun was had by all with lots of animal encounters, learning about animal care and a tractor ride! The sun was shining and the children had a wonderful time as this was their first school trip as primary age children.



One of our main highlights for this term was our theatre visit by M&M Productions. They visited the school and performed The Hobbit. All children were completely engaged in the performance, and it was an experience that for many they have not had before. Many of the children went home telling their parents about the giant dragon that we had in the school hall!

Winhills



We have come to the end of another term and another year at Winhills. It seems like only yesterday that all the children started their new classes. Summer Term has been really busy with so many opportunities for the children. Across the school our students have enjoyed trips out of school. Our youngest children visited Paxton Pits where one of the highlights was pond dipping. KS1 and Year 3 went to Hunstanton with their buckets and spades and had lots of fun digging holes and making sandcastles. Year 4 and 5 visited Colchester Zoo where they got to see animal displays and ask questions of the zoo keepers. The children loved seeing the huge range of animals.



With the end of the school year comes the time to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. We will really miss them as they have been assets to our school across the years. To make the last few weeks as special as possible, the children have performed a play to their parents as well as having their own farewell 'Garden Party.' The end of the term also gave them the opportunity to visit Hilltop outdoor centre where the children took part in climbing activities, a walk to the beach and swimming in the pool amongst other things.



The summer term has provided a huge number of competitive sports opportunities from cricket tournaments to football and hockey competitions. The children were all superstars and loved every minute of representing Winhills.

The end of the term also saw the Key Stage 2 children taking part in a 'Rock Wrangle.' The children loved doing their 'Times Tables' to music. Congratulations to Lilly our overall champion.

Winhills said a fond farewell to Alan Ball who has been one of the Directors of the Diamond Learning Partnership Trust for over 10 years, helping support the education of the children at Winhills. Before that, he was chair of our Governing Body. We have created a little area with a bench that the children can use to remember all the hard work that he has put in. We are planning to add to the area in the autumn with some fruit trees.



Wintringham



We have had another lovely, busy, active term at Wintringham! Our children joined The Round House for their school trips with Reception being amazed by the crocodiles at Johnsons Crocodile Park, KS1 enjoying the beach at Hunstanton (especially paddling in the sea and making sandcastles), and Year 3 seeing all the animals at Paradise Wildlife Park. Year 4 spent two days on a residential trip to Grafham Water where the children scaled great heights on the high ropes, built rafts to take onto the lake and tried archery, amongst other activities. In the evening, everyone completed the Grafham challenge where they had to complete an obstacle course blindfolded, with a well-deserved toasted marshmallow to follow before sleeping in bell

tents. They all had a wonderful time.

African Heritage Day Earlier this term each class had an African drumming session with a visiting drummer who taught them some rhythms and demonstrated his skills. In the afternoon, the children created some African masks, African style jewellery and copied some beautiful African patterns. The children really enjoyed learning about African culture and asked lots of fantastic questions.



For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the children created some fabulous artwork and bunting to decorate the school. They sang some songs beautifully, enjoyed snacks in the grove and then played outdoor games such as 'Find the Queen's Corgi' and horse racing on the field. A royally fun day was had by all!



Pre-school have been focussing on farm animals this term. They have been exploring the stories 'Rosie's Walk' and 'The Little Red Hen.' Activities have included mark making in flour, making bread, weighing flour, small world farm activities, counting different numbers of animals, and exploring dough with different textures in it. Outside, the children have been busy planting tomatoes, courgettes and peppers and they are hoping for a good crop.

6th which was a superb effort.

They also attended a Tennis Festival at St Neots Tennis Club where they learnt some new skills and showed great enthusiasm during the afternoon.

We have been very busy with sports events this term. Some children from Wilson Class competed in a KS2 Ten-Pin Bowling event, in conjunction with the KS2 Panathlon, at St Neots Eat 'n' Bowl. It was a fantastic morning with several strikes being scored! Out of 15 teams, Wilson class came





DIAMOND

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

- ◇ Continuous Professional & Leadership Development
- ◇ Initial Teacher Training
- ◇ School to School Support

We have been delighted to be able to provide a wide range of professional development opportunities for our own staff and teachers from the local area this year.



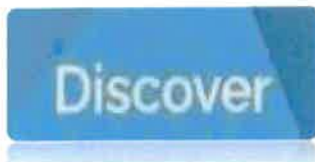
Over 800 participants have attended our own courses and network meetings with evaluations demonstrating high satisfaction with the delivery and content of courses. Early Reading training for DLPT Early Years staff was led by The Learning Lady, this refreshed and reinforced good practice for teaching reading, giving lots of practical ideas to use in the classroom. It has been great to be able to run some face-to-face training again, so we hosted 6 days of National Professional Qualifications training for Best Practice Network.

Our Early Career Teachers also benefitted from in-person group training as part of the national Early Career Professional Development Programme. We would particularly like to thank everyone who has organised, written and facilitated courses this year.

Our trainee teachers have all completed their training year, gaining Qualified Teacher Status and securing their first teaching jobs, some in DLPT schools and others in the local area. We wish them well and are sure they will enjoy teaching their first classes. Thank you to their mentors and host schools for all the invaluable support and advice you have given them.



We have recruited our next group of trainee teachers and they are keen to start their placements in September. We look forward to welcoming them to some of our schools. We are very pleased that four DLPT Teaching Assistants will also be training to teach next year and wish them every success.



Staff continue to access the information, research and resources on Discover, our DLPT portal. New features will be developed next year.



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