

# SUCCESS ACADEMY TRUST

## SPRING TERM 2024

### *Including Everybody*



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The theme of this term's newsletter is ***Including Everybody***, with inclusion one of our Success AT Curriculum pillars and a key part of Building Leadership and Character Together.

We are proud that we welcome children and young people of all abilities and differences into our Trust schools. We believe that everyone is valued, and that everyone can succeed, whatever their background, characteristics and differences.

We are proud to have our own communication and interaction SEND unit within our secondary school, as well as both secondary and primary satellite special school bases on our sites.

We are proud of everyone's achievements, whatever their age and ability, and we are a community of schools where everyone is welcome. In this newsletter we celebrate cross phase Science projects and events, inclusive performances and competitions, and education for all.

In the words of a recent external audit in one of our Trust schools, we are proud to provide *'A diverse range of opportunities, including student leadership roles and extra-curricular activities, accessible to all students, irrespective of their background.'*

You can find out more about who we are and our offer here.

[Success AT](#)

Mandi Collins – Trust Leader





Thomas Estley was delighted to host the **Success Academy Trust Science Fair** during Science Week. A fine selection of winning family learning projects from our primary and secondary schools, which evidenced curiosity, scientific enquiry and a real passion for science learning. We were very proud of all the entries, presented by their creators, accompanied by their families, and hosted by secondary Science leaders..

Our secondary school welcomed the some of our Trust primary pupils for an afternoon of Science as part of **Science Week**. The class learnt how to light a Bunsen burner, learning about all the safety checks and setting their Bunsen Burner up in pairs. We were really pleased with their skills and following instructions. They did so well doing this that they had time to burn some chemicals, to find out what colour flame they got. They were all so confident with the Bunsen Burners by the end of the session, they will be getting their Bunsen Burner safety pass when they move up to secondary soon.





# YOUNG VOICES CHOIR

Photo by Richmond Primary



Cosby Primary





Thomas Estley Year 8 students have been exploring potential careers this half term. Students of all interests and abilities have been finding out about the skills and qualities needed in work and life after school. They have taken part in STEM activities alongside volunteers from the RAF as well as listening to the many opportunities on offer at university and what university life is like. **#thomasestleyalumni**

Meanwhile our Year Seven students have been exploring topics around safety, diversity, respect and the dangers of drugs and alcohol in personal, social and health education, pictured below.

Every child has a right to learn about and understand the society in which they live and grow, and as always, we are delighted to provide an inclusive learning experience, including students from our Birkett House satellite base, The Centre, within our learning experiences.

We are very proud of the recent results of an inclusion and diversity external audit, carried out by the Schools Students and Teachers Trust.

- *The college fosters a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere with a core commitment to equality, human rights and community values.*
- *Students are encouraged to be themselves, express their individuality and contribute ideas for change and improvement.*
- *Tailored support and specialized access for students with EHCP and autism at the Oaks and in the Centre.*
- *Strong, effective, established, partnerships that support the learning and development of targeted students from a range of backgrounds and with a variety of needs.*
- *A diverse range of opportunities, including student leadership roles and extra-curricular activities, is accessible to all students, irrespective of their background.*
- *A staff body that openly expresses pride at working at the college and determination to ensure all students succeed.*





**OUR GOAL...**  
TO PLAY AT  
CHELSEA FC

Six of Richmond's Year 5 pupils spent 4 hours bag packing in Tesco to raise funds to go towards helping their football team to play at Chelsea FC.

Customers said how well-mannered and polite they were. Such a lovely start to the new year; helping in the community and the community helping the team.

Well done !

PGL 2024

Richmond had so much fun in Sherwood forest, Caythorpe Court, craft building, climbing and orienteering.

Thank you to the teachers for looking after a great group of children.

#memories



# Supporting everyone's wellbeing



Learning South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership

8 February · 🌐

Great to hear about the work the [Hallbrook Primary School](#) Wellbeing Ambassadors are carrying out in school. They confidently shared their ideas with other schools and showcased the fantastic posters and resources available 🧡 #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek #MyVoiceMatters @Place2Be



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## SPIRIT OF THE GAMES WINNERS



The children at Cosby have participated in various inclusive sporting events throughout the spring term. After school, children have been given the opportunity to attend an inclusive sports club. The children absolutely loved this club which focused on alternative school sports such as archery, boccia and curling. In addition to this club, the children had the opportunity to attend an inclusive sports festival which they all thoroughly enjoyed! The children who attended also won 'Spirit of the Games' for their dedication, respect and resilience during the festival. Furthermore, Year 5 students were given the opportunity to learn boxing this term! The students were focusing on their gross motor skills and developing stamina during sporting activities. The children were fully engaged with each session and were always smiling during their practice sessions.

The children were then invited to an Aspiration Active day whereby they competed in various different activities including wheelchair basketball and martial arts.



The Oaks is a unit within Thomas Estley that focuses on supporting students with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) to engage with mainstream education and to develop skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

We are incredibly proud of everything our Oaks students have achieved over the past few years; including the creation and maintenance of the Oaks garden, making their own board game, and writing, producing and starring in their own highly acclaimed film “How the Grinch stole the Oaks”! Some of our Oaks students have also stepped up and taken on extra challenges by taking part in the college student leadership programmes, we have several “Reading Rangers” who work to encourage their peers to read, and our students take part in staff interview panels as well as student voice.



### ABOUT OUR PRE-SCHOOL SPRING TERM DAYS

Children in preschool have been taking part in some activities linked to kindness, being friends with everyone and treating everyone and every living creature in the same way.

We have been learning how to care for living things (plants and animals) in just the same way as we care for each other.

We have shared a book called kindness which has helped us to think about ways to make sure we include our friends in play, using nice words to make sure everyone is involved and thinking of ways to make our friends feel better if they are sad, by asking them to join in with our games.

Preschool are also taking part in Move it March and learning to judge space and cooperate with each other, during animal HIIT classes and yoga. They are having a visit to the leisure centre and are sharing photos from home when they exercise



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We have been making **Mother's Day** gifts for people who are special to us. We joined in with **World Book Day** and the children came dressed up for school, we had a group discussion about our favourite book; Harry Potter, The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe and Room on the Broom' came out on top. The children have enjoyed our annual **Easter Egg** competition, 'I wonder who will win', and they received a chocolate treat for entering!

Football is always popular within out of school club too – there is always a range of activities to enjoy.



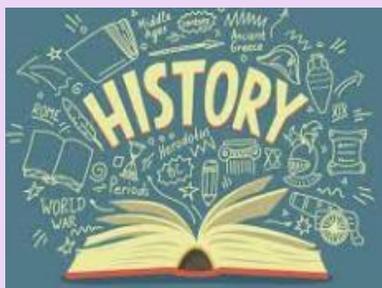
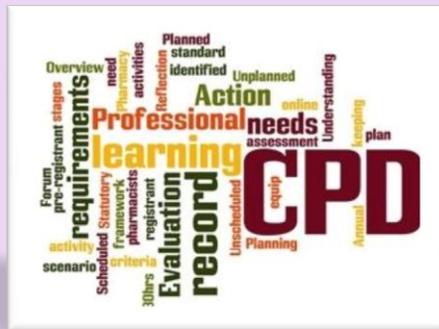
Our Trust SENCO leads meet regularly to discuss provision and quality first teaching strategies for children with SEND. Like all our Trust networks, this offers collaborative space to share best practice and spend quality time together discussing our schools developing best practice for our children and young people.



The Trust's Learning Alliance, TELA, have organised and facilitated 28 primary & secondary networks this term for teachers and leaders. These are informal networks to help teachers develop their skills and knowledge and enhance their professional practice and development. They also provide an opportunity to share best practice and ideas within the alliance of TELA schools



*"A very well-run session with some useful discussion"*



*"Nice to talk and share ideas - a rarity during the normal school day. Looking forward to the next one"*

**We are currently recruiting for initial teacher  
training applicants  
Starting 22nd August 2024**



**DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS  
INTERESTED IN TEACHING?**

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**#everylessonshapesalife**

There is always so much sporting success across our Trust..  
Year 6 Hallbrook pupils competed in the District Tournament and came  
an impressive third place.

Thomas Estley's U13 girls football represented Leicester City at the Eastern Region  
tournament at Doncaster Rovers FC playing 10 matches.



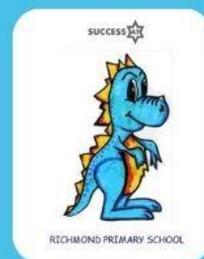
Wow another year, another fantastic set of cross country results!

We have been awarded the Challenge Cup for the school with the most participants over the two races, which is a fantastic achievement!

Our Year 4 girls were crowned over all winners and our Year 5 boys achieved 2nd place overall. As a result of this, we have also had six children qualify to compete in the County Finals, which is amazing! Also this year our year 5/6 Athletics team finished 5th out the Hinckley and Bosworth indoor athletics championship. A truly outstanding effort.



# RUN AND FUN



Keep up to date...



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