

## Central Trust Team Newsletter – October 2018

This is a short letter of updates from the Central Trust Team, providing news and progress from Bellevue Place Education Trust schools.

### Four OfSTED Inspections 2018 – all BPET Schools are judged Good or Outstanding by OfSTED

As BPET opened four new schools in September 2015, all these schools were due their first OfSTED inspection in 2017/18. The staff across the schools were well prepared with their Heads having developed a great deal of experience from three previous schools being inspected.

All four schools were inspected between May – July 2018, with three coming in the last two weeks of term. We are delighted with the outcomes, with three school judged as Good (Watling Park, Kilburn Grange and Halley House) and one as Outstanding (Deer Park).

The outcomes are fantastic and a huge congratulations goes out to the staff, governors, parents and pupils who make up each's school community – each report affirms the years of hard work that has gone into building these schools from the ground up. Bellevue Place Education Trust now represents a network of established schools where academic excellence and personal development can and should be expected.

**BPET trustees are so proud to say, that as an academy trust, all BPET schools are Good or Outstanding Schools – a huge team effort.**



### Strong pupil achievement across BPET with a rich curriculum offer

As part of the vision for all BPET schools, we strive to offer a broad and rich curriculum for all pupils, that develops their thinking and critical thinking skills. We continue to work hard as a group to continue to develop Philosophy for Children within the curriculum and developing reasoning skills, with a focus on maths.

In terms of published outcomes, of our combined BPET age-related expectations at the end of Year 2 in reading, writing and mathematics are **between 6% to 10% above the national averages**. For Year 1 pupils, **88%** pass the phonics checks, 7% above the national average. Finally, in Reception, pupils had an excellent first year at school, with **84%** of pupils achieving a Good Level of Development, well above the 71% nationally. These are very strong outcomes for pupils, staff and parents hard work over the year.



**As we continue to deliver the BPET 3 Year Strategic Plan, with the focus on developing a strong, sustainable organisation, developing our high quality and enthusiastic staff is important to us. This is central to the three priorities for the Trust in this academic year:**



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### Rich Extra-Curricular Offer

Schools continue to develop their extra-curricular offering across all of BPET schools. In the last term, BPET schools ran a total of **167** after-school clubs each week, with **72%** of pupils attending at least one a week. We will continue to push and expand this offer, along with reviewing our booking and payment system to cope the range offered.

We strongly encourage parents to take up this offer, to further offer the breath of opportunity for your children. We continue to develop the offer with parent feedback, through the parental survey – we hope you have an offer for your child(ren).



### BPET Chief Operating Officer Profile

Stuart Dixon started on 10 September 2018 as the newly created BPET Chief Operating Officer. Stuart will work closely with schools on the responsibility for the strategic leadership of HR, asset management and contract management. Having spent a number of years at Lambeth Local Authority, Stuart has a deep knowledge in building and contract management, along with a passion for working children and schools.

### Pojo's Creative Writing Competition Winner!

Proud to announce that Isabella Potton, aged 7, from Whitehall Park School. Isabella was the winner for her age group, 7-10 year olds and as the youngest in the category, makes the achievement even more special. She won a signed Pojo book of your choice PLUS a Story Spinner game for your school. Her fantastically descriptive story - The Mystery of the Missing Toy – can be [read here](#).

### Whitehall Park School Teachers Publish Article on TES

Two teachers from Whitehall Park School have published an article in the Times Educational Supplement, addressing the need for teaching personal finance at KS1. Writing on the popular teaching website, Jo Fynaut and Sarah Nash noted "...the life skills that today's primary school children will need are intrinsically linked to technology, and personal finance is no exception." The core leader and Year 2 teacher state that teaching needs to move ahead of the national curriculum in order to fully equip children with the future skills they will need to succeed. The article can be read by following the link: <https://www.tes.com/news/why-we-teach-personal-finance-ks1>



#### 'Why we teach personal finance at KS1'

Teaching young children about money is crucial, say these primary teachers – but our curriculum needs an update

By Jo Fynaut and Sarah Nash  
03 July 2018

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