

BPET Central Team Newsletter – Autumn 2019

This is an update from the BPET Central Team, providing news and progress from across the Bellevue Place Education Trust schools.

New School Year

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2019-20 academic /school year! BPET are delighted, that as our schools continue to grow every year, we welcome **40 new members of staff** across to support the 1,700 pupils, with our **360 new reception aged pupils** across the seven schools.

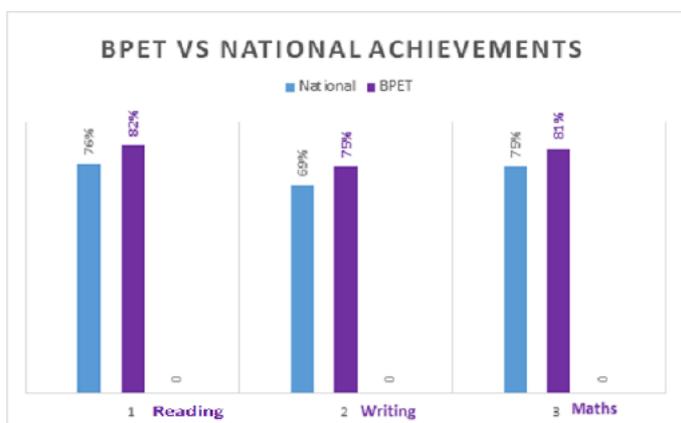
We also celebrate our first school, Rutherford House School having our very first Year 6 cohort. BPET schools continue to perform well, delivering our joint vision for pupils to receive a breath of provision, in safe, well managed environments providing the best of independent school education in a state setting.

BPET Achievements in 2018-19

Pupils across our schools achieved very well in the last academic year.

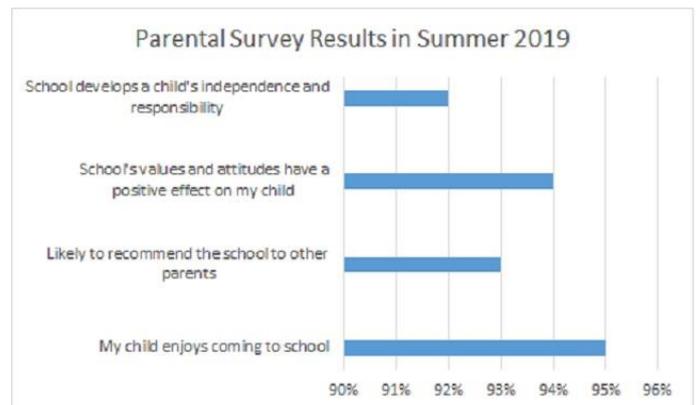
As an overview, BPET schools achieved through:
80% of pupils across the seven BPET schools achieved a Good Level of Development, **8% above** the 2019 national average of 72%
91% of pupils passed the phonics screening in Year 1 – an astonishing **9% above** the 2019 national average of 82%.

Key Stage 1 (end of Year 2) outcomes in 2019 - pupils achieved **6% above** the national average for Reading, Writing and Maths with:



Our first year of Key Stage 2 results will come in July 2020

Positive parental survey results in 2019



Your school will have provided you with your own school results from the parents survey in June 2019. We are proud that across BPET schools parents and carers:

- 1) strongly agree or agree that their child enjoys coming to school.
- 2) highly likely or likely to recommend their school to friends.
- 3) strongly agree or agree that their school's values and attitudes have a positive effect on their child.
- 4) strongly agree or agree that their school develops their child's independence and responsibility.

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Braywick Court School moves into their permanent Home Site!

What a momentous day Monday 4th November was for the staff, pupils and parents of Braywick Court School who finally moved into their wonderful new school in Bray. We send our Thanks to every member of the building contractor, Interserve, who worked so hard to get the school open for us.



Welcome to Laura Gregory, BPET Director of Education



I am delighted to have joined BPET as the first Director of Education. I bring over 18 years of experience working in a variety of leadership roles within education.

I was the Principal of an 'Outstanding' primary school catering for 3 – 11 year olds for five years, increasing the PAN, taking the school from 240 to 600 pupils with around 80+ staff.

As a trained Ofsted inspector, I have also supported around 10 Ofsted inspections a year as an additional inspector.

I now look forward to working with all of the BPET schools to continue to drive the high standards expected, while providing a sense of challenge and evolving development within my newly established role for the Trust. I have an initial focus on the School Improvement Strategy, Trust assessment, CPD and collaboration.

SchoolsBuddy Booking and Payment System

A key part of the BPET schools offer is our extra-curricular activities and we have recently undertaken a review and change to our booking and payments system, to equip parents and staff with the best resources to receive and provide quality services.



SchoolsBuddy has been introduced as a bookings system to replace ParentPay and simplify the bookings process behind wrap around care and after school clubs. This system was trialed for a year at Rutherford House School with great success before being rolled out to the rest of the BPET schools.

We hope you have found SchoolsBuddy to offer a fairer and well-organised service for bookings and payments.

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Recognising Staff

BPET staff are our greatest asset to delivering this vision and we are focused on investing in their success and development as an individual and group. Pay is also important and the BPET Board approved a 2.75% cost of living pay award in September salary for all teachers and leaders (support staff increases was confirmed last year).

This uplift is over and above each individual team members 'performance' pay award which reflects their own personal achievements and success and keeps our salary scales in line with other local schools pay.

Safeguarding Training

We are grateful to ECP Limited, specialist Education Child Protection training provider, who on our 4th September INSET Day delivered Safeguarding Training to all new members of staff and those who the Head wanted a top-up, across BPET.

Hosted at Rutherford House the training provided attendees with vital information on the updated 'Keeping Children Safe in School' and it is also focused on E-Safety which is such an important topic even at primary school level, when children start to use Apps, Games and email to communicate with others. The high quality training was warmly received by all.

Forthcoming Professional Development Training

As mentioned, the continued personal development (CPD) of all BPET staff is one of our highest priorities and this year we are delighted to have several collaborative training sessions booked:

- **BPET Maths** expert Robert Wilne will provide 5 days to each BPET school, with a focus on maths reasoning, planning our maths curriculum and delivering high quality maths lesson.
- **BPET Emerging Leaders** – Our experienced education consultant, Nigel Battey will deliver three sessions for our Emerging Leaders programme. This is the second year we have run this programme, has proved valuable for staff development to the next stage of their career
- **BPET Senior Leaders** - There will also be '**Senior Leader**' training for our senior leaders, as a next step to the Emerging Leader, to further develop their skills to continue to deliver the BPET vision and high quality leadership, across a school.



This is an extract of a new joint schools advertisement which has been launched in November 2019

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BPET Schools Digital Promotion

BPET are delighted that every school has now received an Ofsted visit and are all judged as 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.

This is no accident but a clear strategy by BPET and its school staff to deliver the best of an independent school education in a state setting/environment. To continue to attract excellent new talented staff and ambitious new pupils and families we are committed to work with you, our current families, to tell our local community all the great things we offer and do for our children.



In a digital age the most effective way to do this in on social media, therefore, we encourage you all on whichever platform you use – Facebook, Twitter, Next Door or other pages to regularly take the time to Follow, Like and Share our posts.

Regular checking and review of our school websites will also help you keep up to date with what is happening across the school's curriculum, enrichment, extended provision and PTA's.

Brexit – implication for BPET as an education provider

Deal or No-deal Brexit could, in time, impact on BPET as both an employer and as an education provider. We employ staff who are EEA or Swiss citizens and we also have children from these countries, enrolled in our schools. While we have no legal obligation to share information on the EU settlement scheme, it is in our best interests to inform both staff and parents alike of the scheme.

Here is the HM Government information for families on the EU Settlement Scheme:



EU CITIZENS APPLY TO THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

If you are an EU citizen¹, you and your family members can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue to live, work and study in the UK.



To apply, you need to be an EU citizen or a non-EU family member of an EU citizen. This includes those with a UK permanent residence document.



You do not need to apply if you have indefinite leave to remain or enter, or you are an Irish citizen, but you can if you want to.



The online application checks three basic principles: **identity**, **UK residence** and **criminality**. Support is available if needed.



You can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme from 30 March 2019.



For more information, visit [gov.uk/eu-settled-status](https://www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status).

¹ EU citizens used throughout refers to EEA and Swiss nationals, who are all eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

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News from across the BPET Schools

Braywick Court School Water Aid Superhero Aariya raises over £650

Aariya, inspired by learning about superheroes and the whole school fundraising for the toilet twinning initiative when she was in Reception at BCS created a story about a young girl 'Laila' who was poorly from drinking dirty water being rescued by a Water Superhero.

The superhero cleaned the dirty water and as a parting gift left Laila a special gem which she could use to keep the water clean.

With the support of her parents a fundraising page was set up and having gained coverage on the Maidenhead Advertiser online website she has now raised over £650.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/water-girl>



Deer Park receives new Climbing Frame

The pupils from Deer Park returned to school in September to a new climbing frame, including a slide, in their playground.

They were all so delighted when they saw it and have been playing on it ever since.

The equipment was provided to Deer Park by Achieving for Children in recognition of the expanded 2019 Reception year group.



BPET COO cycles from Calais to Cassis to raise funds for KGS and WAT

BPET Chief Operating Officer, Stuart Dixon, and his cycling buddy Ashvin de Vos have spent half-term 18 – 25 October cycling over 1,000km from Calais to Cassis.

The challenge is to fundraise £5,000 to be shared between Kilburn Grange and Watling Park Schools, to enable them to invest in extras such as Play equipment and iPads.

They have currently raised just under £2,000 so if you can support them please donate here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stuart-dixon>

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Halley House gets a Graffiti Life Mural

At Halley House School, children in Years 2 and 3 were fortunate to participate in an arts workshop in the Summer term, led by Graffiti Life, where they designed, planned and created beautiful imagery to improve our school grounds and celebrate our global natural environment.

Graffiti Life kindly donated their time, resources, creative skills and boundless positivity during the Summer holidays to complete the quite spectacular, vibrant mural on the corner of our school building.

It was a wonderful start to our year when we saw children and families rounding the corner in September, with mouths dropping open in delight as they reached the school! The mural provides a real talking point for our whole community, and our children have a strong sense of pride in their involvement in the fantastic project!



Kilburn Grange School's 'Coach K' wins Brent's Active School Hero Award

Fantastic recognition for Konstantina Giachnaki, who is fondly known at Kilburn Grange School as 'Coach K' has won Brent's Active School Hero award for inspiring children through sport.

Konstantina's main message to her pupils is *"Sports teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like it to win and lose, it teaches you about life."*

Head Teacher Sonia Mallick said *"Her lessons are fun, energetic, informative and engaging. The children adore Coach K and they look forward to their P.E lessons through-out the week and that is why she has been chosen as Brent's winner."*



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Rutherford House Court School achieves Silver Award for the 2019 Wandsworth School Games Mark

The Wandsworth School Games aims to encourage pupils to actively participate in sport to their best potential, to ensure their health and general wellbeing, to provide enjoyable and positive experiences that will encourage them to have a lifelong passion for sport.

Schools in the borough report their achievements in school and across inter-school competitions and are then awarded an overall 'mark'.

Wandsworth School Games

SOUTHFIELDS ACADEMY



Sports Subject Leader, Jim Richards said *"I am so proud of the children who took part this year. I understand we were so very close to receiving gold, so we have something to aim for in 2020."*

Whitehall Park School celebrate Fit for Fencing Winners



We are so proud of three students from Whitehall Park School - Nico, Rafael and Oscar – who competed in the Annual Fit for Fencing Competition. Oscar played really well and got through to the second stage. Nico played outstandingly and was in the finals and came second and Rafael came in a close third.

They are all extremely proud of their achievements, as are we and we are so delighted to see have this sport as a weekly enrichment lesson in our schools.

Watling Park School riddle writers published in 'My First Riddles' Book

Early Years Foundation Stage Teacher and Phase Leader Hetal Wader is so proud of 15 pupils who have had their riddles published in the South East Young Writers book after submitting entries into a fun competition earlier in 2019.

The competition encouraged younger pupils to use their senses and imagination to create their own original riddle and we are so delighted that so many 4 and 5-year-old pupils were included in the final printed book.

