

## BPET Central Team Newsletter – Spring 2021

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Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Staff

I can only start by thanking you so much for the support you have given your school and your children at this challenging time. We are so proud of them all and the resilience that they have shown in their learning this term and how everyone has adjusted so quickly to being back in school.

Staff and our leaders have done an incredible job in providing reassurances for the full re-opening of schools and we are delighted to have welcomed nearly 98% of our pupils back to school in the first week!

Home learning provision improved significantly across the schools too and we had some really positive feedback in our recent 'home learning review' survey where, 74% of parents said they had experienced a good or excellent level of Home Learning. 75% of respondents said their child(ren) received the right amount of work, with 64% stating their child(ren) had a good or excellent level of engagement with the home / remote learning provided. As a working parent with two primary aged daughters, I too really understand the challenge working families faced, juggling work and supporting pupils with their lessons and ensuring they had suitable food, fluids and fresh air with exercise. Well done for everyone at this challenging time.

Our staff worked tirelessly to adjust how we delivered remote lessons, often going over and above in the provision of live lessons. They implemented various ways pupils could safely interact with their teaching team, classmates and see so many 'normal' group things such as assemblies, story time, music and PE lessons. They too were delighted to see some of the feedback, thanking them individually or as a group from comments in the survey.

We are absolutely delighted to see pupils return to school, enjoying their learning in a safe and stimulating environment and already last week schools celebrated International Women's Day, British Science Week and World Book Day. We know many look forward to celebrating Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' this week, as well as the schools own enriched curriculum which remains our ongoing core focus to offer breath beyond the core curriculum.

All BPET staff have worked incredibly hard during lockdown, supporting school staff with continued professional development, investing and delivering infrastructure of our school premises, established a testing format so we can internally measure our pupils in the absence of formal testing.

Pupils too have discovered their secondary destination across four schools, two for the very first time. We are excited to see the breadth of destinations our Year 6 leavers and congratulations for all, along with those that have passed selective entry tests, as the majority that entered did. We hope that when families make their decisions we will share this with you, in the next newsletter.

Finally, as we create this newsletter, we are waiting with baited breath for our final permanent school building, Deer Park (DPS) in Richmond, to be handed to us. We can then take control and get it ready to welcome pupils after the Easter break! So exciting!

Here's looking forward to a more settled summer term, in school!

With very best wishes,  
**Mark Greatrex**  
Chief Executive

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### 2021 BPET Virtual Conference

The start of the Spring term is a time for all BPET staff to come together for the BPET conference. This year it was due to be virtually over a platform called HOPIN with two key note speakers and over 55 workshops from either external facilitators or staff showcases.

However, the PM's announcement at the beginning of the new year stating all schools were to be closed other than to key worker and vulnerable children meant that plans had to considerably change at the last minute, to allow staff to prepare for a different way of teaching again!

A very slimmed down conference was delivered. Our two key note speakers – Dame Alison Peacock and Shirley Clarke were received well with Q and A sessions for staff after each keynote. We also had three workshops running with a focus on autism and well-being.

### **Celebration and sharing of best practice across the Trust – online provision**

Throughout January the BPET Director of Education set about joining over 50 live lessons from across the Trust involving EYFS, KS1 and KS2 staff. This was a research project to gather examples of great practice in our new found way of teaching, which culminated in a showcase of best practice examples including lesson recording snippets in February.

Over 80 members of teaching staff from across the Trust joined the 'Live Lesson Golden Nuggets' session in February which referenced Ofsted's 7 top tips for remote learning and the Education Endowment Foundations remote teaching research. 100% of attendees stated they had a take away from the session and could clearly see the link between effective live teaching expectations on zoom and effective teaching within the classroom.

**Class Teacher:** *"Thank you for the golden nuggets of home learning you recently shared. I took a few really useful bits away and some small adjustments have made a really positive impact since to my teaching."*

**Senior Leader:** *"I just wanted to thank you for yesterday's session, it was brilliant and I've had some really great professional discussions with staff reflecting upon your observations. I am delighted that all bar one of our teachers attended yesterday's session (they are coming next week) and 6 of our TAs attended. I loved the last teachers video clip modelling how he provides extra challenge to individuals."*



Considering it was a very different day to that planned, staff didn't let Covid restrictions stop their enthusiasm and passion to collaborate and work as a Trust.

With even a virtual Mexican wave being carried out before the start of key note speaker 2! Our Trust vision 'Learn, Enjoy, Succeed' was clearly evident throughout the day.

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### BPET – Spring / Summer Assessment Plans

As a Trust we feel it is extremely important to continue the pupil and staff drive until the end of the school year, to be able to celebrate what could have been achieved if pupils had sat their SATs papers. This data will also provide us, at Trust Central HQ, with a benchmark to start the next academic year and provide any additional support schools, specific year groups, may be requiring.

Before the end of the Spring Term each school year group will have a summative assessment of where pupils are. This will be teacher led assessments.

When we return in the summer term, we will continue our focus on assessment, understanding where our pupils are and to aide planning for 2021-22 curriculum.

- A BPET SATs week will take place from June 7th – 11th 2021 for both Year 6 and Year 2.
- Year 1 and 2 Phonics screening check will take place between 7th – 18th June.
- Teachers to complete a EYFS profile, assessing the pupil's knowledge and attainment within the 7 areas of learning, for all Reception pupils.

We are so proud of the work our teachers and pupils have undertaken throughout the 2020-21 academic year that we feel it is really important to have a benchmark for every pupil.

### BPET receives ICT Equipment

During the pandemic there has been a swell of media coverage to support schools and colleges to provide IT equipment for families who do not have such devices or families with multiple siblings; meaning that access to online learning was a challenge. We are delighted that our own social media call for devices led to some local donations and we also received two batches of devices from our parent group [Bellevue Education](#). We also gained a donation of MiFi devices from [Abzorb](#) for families without any broadband services.



Most recently as a Trust we applied to the Daily Mail 'MailForce Computers for Kids' charity and were lucky enough to receive 20 laptop devices per school. That is a [fantastic 160 devices](#) for the trust, some will be given to families in need, some will be used to replace legacy equipment and others to aide 1-2-1 learning in school.

Finally, Halley House, Kilburn Grange and Watling Park Schools' were eligible to apply to education charity [Teach First](#) who in partnership with Amazon UK, funded 100 Kindle Fire 7's. These devices will ensure the youngest pupils no longer need to share during class reading. It will help concentration and also reduce the need to be sitting so close to each other whilst reading, which is prudent in the current climate of distancing where possible.

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### Halley House School Boiler Replacement Works

In the Autumn Term we were delighted to receive funding from the Governments ‘Condition Improvement Fund’ (CIF). The priority for the fund is to address significant condition need, keeping education buildings safe and in good working order, including projects which address health and safety issues, building compliance and poor building condition.

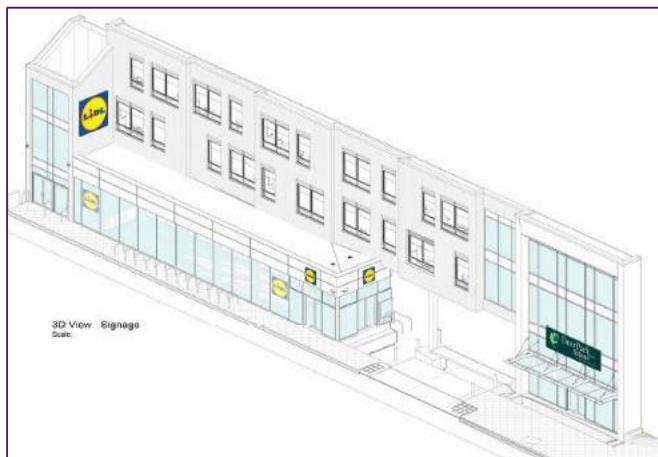
Our first project to be completed is the renewal of the failing, defective boilers and repaired defective heating controls at Halley House School, Hackney.

In recent years various contractors had advised us that general condition of the boilers was poor. Parts were available and repairs had been attempted on the boilers to try to extend their life, but they continued to fail. The school then struggled to get warm enough in all areas and some parts were actually left ‘cold. Happening more frequently and costing the school excessive amounts for temporary works, which did not address the actual issue of the defective plant equipment BPET applied for the CIF funding and was successful to receive £40,000 which covered the complete cost of the new equipment.

So in autumn 2020, Halley House School received two new condensing gas fired boilers and associated controls. The impact was save our Trust COO time for calling out and working alongside contractors, charges for temporary resolutions and now will continue to save the school money through lower gas bills every year, as well as most importantly ensuring all parts of the school are heated and warm!

Other projects being planned using funding from CIF and other grants include the lifts at both Rutherford House School, Balham and Kilburn Grange School, Brent. We hope to report on these in the next 12 months!

### BPET Final Permanent Building project comes to completion – Deer Park School



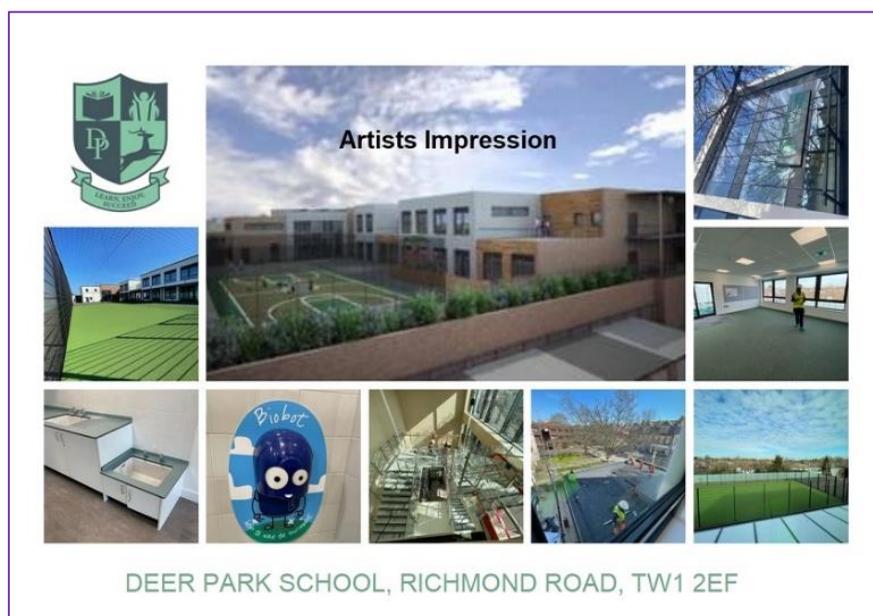
Original Artist Impression of Lidl and Deer Park School

At the time of writing this newsletter, there are just a few days left until we take control of the building on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. This gives us one calendar month, including the forthcoming holidays, to install all furniture and equipment for staff and pupils to move into the building after the Easter!

Sitting alongside a brand new Lidl supermarket, which opened in February 2021, the project has been hampered by the COVID pandemic and as such is nearly one school year delayed BUT soon it will be OPEN!

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### BPET Final Permanent Building project comes to completion – Deer Park School – cont'd



The contract to deliver the school commenced on 16 July 2018, and it is great testament to a core team of staff members from the Trust and Deer Park that the project has stayed on track and focused on providing the best possible learning environment for pupils. Special thanks to Stuart Dixon, Frances Bracegirdle and Alex Lee.

Through 2020-21, the pandemic and two lockdowns have delayed the project, as those working on the site faced issues on the availability of public transport to travel and social distancing regulations. However, the site remained open throughout and maintained all government regulations to ensure the school was completed in this academic year!

The school is built on sustainable green principles, which are at the heart of Deer Park School values and this includes heating, ventilation and sanitary equipment including BioBot hand dryers for our younger pupils. The school has a 'green' roof and will be the first primary school to operate its IT in the cloud!

The new school building brings with it a plethora of diverse learning opportunities, from the purpose-designed art room to the Astroturf multi-use sports enclosure.

Pupils have already started providing Mr. Lee, Headteacher, with exciting visions for the school library. See here two amazing ideas from (1) Bella with a 3D model of what the library could look like, including benches made of books and (2) Alex who created an amazing deer themed mural for the library walls. Final designs will be decided when the staff and teachers are onsite.



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### Home Learning Survey - Feedback

We are so grateful to all families who took time during lockdown in January and February to give us feedback on your experiences of our Home / Remote Learning provision.

Here are some of the comments we received ...

*“Story time and being able to chat freely with her [Braywick Court School](#) teacher as they would in school is lovely and a real positive. The zoom calls and structured time table for whole day and the work allocated to keep the kids busy during school hours was fabulous.”*

*“I find it exceptional at the moment - his teacher is remarkable at keeping 12 or so 4/5 year olds engaged and learning / progressing and his progress continues to be noted. Thank You [Deer Park!](#)”*

*“I genuinely am so impressed with how [Evendons](#) have approached this difficult situation. I feel there is tremendous care placed on wellbeing and love shown to the children. I recognise this situation is impossibly hard for all teachers and want to thank you all for everything you are doing.”*

*“We really appreciate all the time and energy that has gone into providing quality teaching, interesting resources and activities at [Halley House](#). The daily PSHE session to start the day is particularly valuable for connection and starting the day well.”*

*“We would like to thank Mr. Farrell, Head Teacher of [Kilburn Grange](#), for taking his time each week to make an appraisal video for each class. Children love to watch his speeches.”*

*“The [Rutherford House](#) teachers are so positive, encouraging and motivating! The children are so proud of their work and happy to be able to share online with classmates!”*

*“I’m very pleased by the remote learning provided by the staff at [Watling Park School](#) and I would like to say a big thank you for the support and hard work. My son has been challenged every day by his teacher in order to improve his abilities/ knowledge and his teacher is always available to help if needed. Thank you.”*

*“I am incredibly grateful for the provision you are giving us at [Whitehall Park](#). You also keep improving things, asking us for feedback, checking in with us etc., all of which is very much appreciated.”*

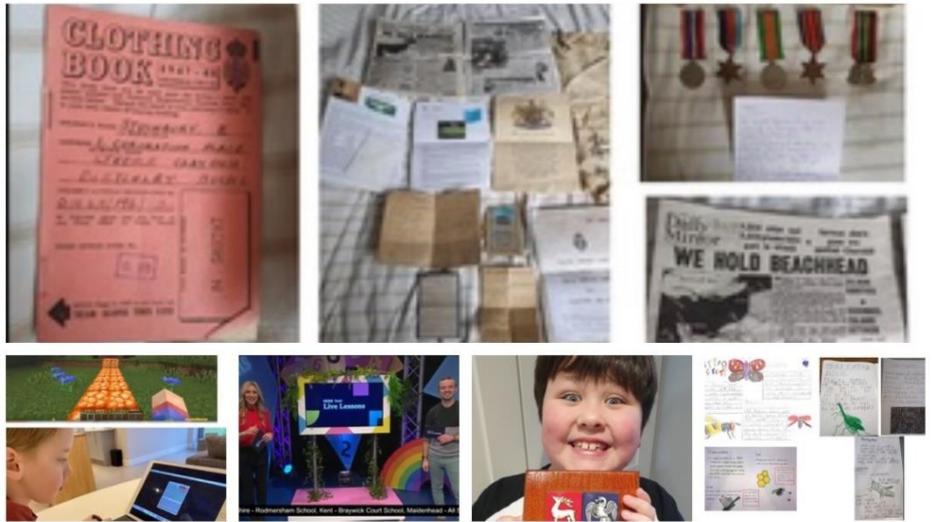
**We hope you like the celebration of Home Learning from all our schools  
on the following pages ...**



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This term has been full of online learning, online topic workshops and also using technology for things like 'Minecraft Math's' at **Braywick Court School**.

We were delighted to see how year 6 pupils studying World War 2 could gain so many artifacts from their families! Look at these medals, newspapers and documents!



One super hero of Braywick Court School, Ryan, was award a community award by Maidenhead RFC for his ongoing litter picking at Braywick Park. Well done, what an example to us all!

Another exciting shout out was for the whole school, on the ticker-tape during BBC Teach, BBC WinterWatch TV show! As it was being watched and learned from by Year 1 who have been studying insects this half-term!



As well as the new school building project, it has been business as usual for the staff and pupils of **Deer Park School** who have created amazing amounts of work during Home Learning.

Many have achieved great personal challenges, athletic, musical or artistic.

The standard of work has been outstanding with so many great pieces of work submitted. They certainly have plenty to display in their new school as soon as it opens!

The whole community has embraced their school values and we know, like all our schools, parental support and encouragement has been amazing!



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It's been a zooming term at Evendons Primary school, with all lessons on zoom or through google classroom, we know the children have loved live remote lessons! However no amount of online learning beats being back together – seen here with Year 6 enjoying British Science Week!

Pupils who have been in school throughout, said a lovely thank you to Key Workers with their rainbow balloons and then on World Book Day, Derek of Milkshake TV sent a video to say Thank You to all the staff, pupils and parents for being amazing!



From Mrs. Syms "In many ways, it's hard to fathom that our children are on the brink of emerging from another lockdown, when 12 months ago we were about to go into our first.

We have learnt many lessons (both children and adults; literally and figuratively!), navigated numerous challenges, enjoyed many successes and ultimately emerged all the stronger for it.

Transitions in and out of school, whether planned or at a moment's notice, have been conducted calmly and smoothly to provide as much stability and consistency as possible for our children (despite the shifting sands) and I am incredibly grateful to parents, carers, staff, our wider BPET community and of course our children, for making this possible. I am also so proud of our fantastic staff team at **Halley House School** for always finding ways to use and refine their plethora of skills and knowledge, for never failing to find a smile, and for always holding our children at the centre of everything they do."



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**Kilburn Grange School** has been busy at home with each year group getting very creative!

We have been delighted to see Art, Cookery and Modelling pictures shared with us. As well so some amazing online learning, great creative writing and maths!

As a school, they set up a YouTube channel, where we have posted a poem from the staff to the pupils and been able to make videos of pupils enjoying the snow in winter!

We really look forward to celebrating Red Nose Day, World Book Day and just being back in school together over the next three half-terms!



**Year 6 Anderson Shelters**

**World Book Day 2021**

**Report**

**For Reflection**

**For Reflection**

**For Reflection**

**For Partnership and Excellence**

**Virtual College**

**Care Values**

**Well done to this Year 6 pupil who passed her first LAMDA exam with a distinction, and a score of 90%. She is one of those students to have achieved this grade in the history of the Let's Act drama school (in 19 years)! Wow! What a star.**

**Well done to this Reception pupil who has amazed us throughout this term with her amazing phonics and writing skills, and received a Head Teachers award. Well done to all!**

**Well done to this Year 6 pupil who got a high 100% in her grade 5 performance piano exam. To manage this through lock down was big having to record (appear 30 times) a spoken intro and all a piece in a row without stopping the film showed enormous resilience. We are proud!**

**Well done to Anasrah, who learnt how to use Google Earth to search London and showed her teacher. She found**

It has been a full on term at **Rutherford House School**, with pupils completing great work at home or in school for our key worker families, some of which is shared here.

Students have also achieved great things in their personal time – Lamda exams, piano grades and technology challenges. Well done to all.

RHS celebrated a virtual World Book Day, had an amazing zoom World Math's Day and great fun with Times Table Rocket. Pupils have had plenty of competitions, set through school lessons and newsletters including drawing our heroes, drawing or creating things that reflect our school values.

Overall though, we agree it's GREAT to be BACK!



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What a great array of learning our pupils have completed this Spring 1 during Lockdown Learning from pupils **at Watling Park School**, including Space, Great Fire of London, Measuring, Building and Cookery.

The whole school also had a 'uniform day' on zoom thanks to Zak in Yr. 4 who sent a very persuasive video request to Mrs. Q!



From Ms. Tyler 'At home, our **Whitehall Park** pupils have been doing an amazing job at continuing their learning remotely. From Reception to Year 6, we have been busy learning about the importance of London transport, the moon and outer space, exploring the Romans and ancient Greece, and getting to know the characters of The Iron Man.

The resilience to the disruption to their learning has been admirable and everyone, pupils, parents and staff; have done so well in supporting each other and ensuring we got through this tough time together. We have the same determination and motivation to finish the year **together!**



We at BPET are so proud of our staff, our pupils and parents, we would like to Thank You all for your ongoing support to your child(rens) Teaching and Learning as together we **'Learn, Enjoy and Succeed'**