

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all our communities for another successful academic year – albeit a very different one, once again!

It has been so heartening to see how the children have come back into school life and embraced opportunities in which they have been able to take part, to make those all-important primary school memories – from swimming lessons in Year 4, through to the brilliant activity weeks that took place for Year 6. Although we were not able to organise the residential visits, I was delighted to see the fantastic outdoor learning activities taking place and hearing the feedback, an amazing time was had by all! Thank you to all those who thought outside the box to create some wonderful memories for our leavers!

We have continued to extend our school activities, where possible, and although I understand our communities were disappointed when the lockdown was extended, I know that everyone has worked incredibly hard to create alternative experiences for our children, and where possible, have retained them.

As we draw to the close of the academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the staff team across the schools in the Trust for their incredible display of determination and resilience in the face of unprecedented challenges and working tirelessly to provide the best possible learning opportunities for our children.

I would also like to once again thank all our parents and carers for your support and commitment and wish our Year 6 leavers every success in their continued academic journey - you really are today's children; tomorrow's future.

With Best Wishes,



Glenn Livingstone
CEO

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Year 6 Activity Week – Baldwins Hill, Blackwell & Halsford Park



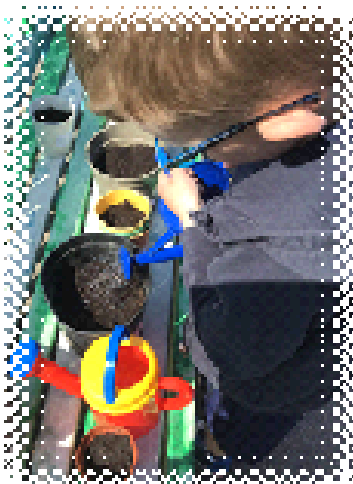
Stunning Starts

Baldwins Hill



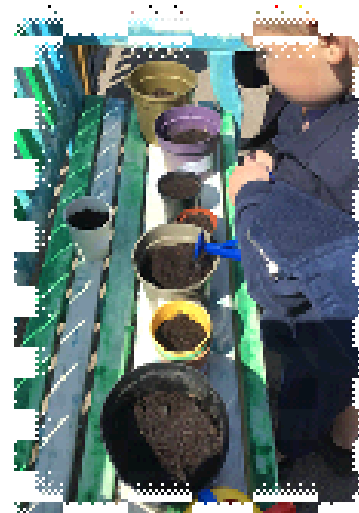
Using a map, the children at Baldwins Hill went on a hunt for clues around the school! The clues spelt out S-H-E-D and when they looked, they found pictures that looked very old!

Blackwell



We have been very busy with our new topic, 'Why is water so precious?'

We have planted our own seeds and talked about what plants need to grow. We have placed our pots in different places to see what impact the conditions have on growing plants. We have been keeping a seed diary and watering our plants every day.



Halsford Park-

'mini-Olympics' stunning start
The children couldn't believe that in Ancient Greek times it only tended to be men that could compete!



We are looking forward to seeing photos of the schools' Fabulous Finishes!



Trustee Spotlight – Peter Brooks

I first got involved with the Academy Trust four years ago when the Trust was looking for new Trustees with business experience. Having run a small manufacturing company for over 20 years, I was looking for an interest after my pending retirement. It was a good fit – and also enabled me to keep a link with Halsford Park School, where my daughters and grandson had attended. As a lifelong resident of East Grinstead, I am particularly keen to put something back in to the community that has been good to me. My main outside interest is sport – and I have played rugby and cricket for both the town clubs – and I am currently Chairman of Felbridge & Sunnyside Cricket Club.



It has been quite an eye-opening experience being a Trustee, as I had no previous knowledge of education organisation or the management of the curriculum and pupil performance. As a member of the Standards Committee, I have been able to help establish the Key Performance Indicators and also review the work done by teachers in Subject and Achievement Team Meetings. The last year has been particularly difficult in monitoring performance, however, we have been able to evaluate the Home Learning experience and the 'back to school' curriculum, which all teachers have met with maximum dedication.

The Trust Board has continued to have regular 'Zoom Meetings' so that we are able to review all areas of the Trust's business and finances including the process of bringing Blackwell School into our structure. I hope my continued questioning and challenge of the Leadership team is seen as positive and, having just been appointed for a further 4 years, I will aim to help the Trust move forward and offer a first class grounding in education for all pupils.