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Welcome from our CEO, Richard Gill



And relax! After what has been an extremely busy 12 months, we have reached the end of the academic year.

At times it has been hectic, at times it's been stressful, but on many other occasions it's been incredibly rewarding - these emotions rarely change for those of us lucky enough to work in education.

However, it's the rewarding times which bring such delight that continually prove to all of us why we work so hard on a daily basis to help provide the best possible outcomes for the young people and communities we serve.

Two such examples were June's hugely successful ATLP Student Awards and Children's University Graduation events - both of which united us in celebrating the outstanding work of just some of the gifted students and staff we are lucky to have within our learning family.

I would like to say a huge thank you and good luck to all of the Year 11 and Year 13 students who are moving on to the next chapters in their lives. And, of course, good luck to our Year 6s as they move on to their new

schools in September. It has been my privilege to watch your journeys with us and everyone wishes you the very best as you continue your education or move into the world of work.

Finally, thank you. It is important that we continue to put children at the heart of everything we do. However, to make this possible, we need the very best colleagues working in our schools; colleagues who really do make a difference. I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing everyone at the ATLP staff conference when we return in September.

Richard Gill CBE - CEO
The Arthur Terry
Learning Partnership



'Benjamin would've loved it' - legendary poet's family returns to old school to plant memorial tree



ATLP Strategic Lead Jenny Maskell, drummer Asha Barnes and Deykin Headteacher Sharon Brewer with Benjamin Zephaniah's brothers Mark and Tippa, sisters Joyce and Millicent and nephew Daniel.



The pupils enjoyed African drumming to honour the memory of the famous Brummie poet.



Children performed some of Benjamin's poetry.

The family of much-missed Birmingham poet Benjamin Zephaniah joined children, parents and staff at his old school to plant a tree in his memory, in a joyous celebration of his life.

Children and staff at Deykin Avenue gathered outside for the tree-planting ceremony, performed some of his poems and enjoyed African drumming.

Benjamin, who passed away last year, was a celebrated poet, musician and actor from Handsworth whose writings, inspired by his own lived experiences and Jamaican heritage, moved people around the globe.

The poet's siblings Millicent, Joyce, Tippa and Mark - who also attended Deykin Avenue - shared memories about Benjamin and their time at the school.

Along with Benjamin's nephew Daniel and African drummer Asha Barnes, they entertained the children with poems, music and inspirational words about how they could also attain their dreams.

Benjamin's brother Mark said: "It was absolutely brilliant. I'm a bit emotional, coming back here. It

was great to celebrate Benjamin and see the love everyone has for him."

Fellow brother Tippa gave energetic performances of two of his poems, before pupils took centre stage to recite works they had practiced for the occasion - Nature Trail, Talking Turkeys and We Refugees.

Then it was over to family friend Asha Barnes to drum up some beats for pupils, who got to try their hand at drumming too.

Tippa said: "All the kids knew who Benjamin was and had read some of his work. Some of them said they were sad they never got to meet him but, every time they visit this tree, they can imagine that they're with him."

Millicent added: "What a beautiful afternoon we had. The children were fantastic. Benjamin would've loved it."



Team St Chad's meet Harry Kane.



“It’s been the best day of my life.” – Excited St Chad’s pupils revel in meeting their England heroes

Mesmerised children from St Chad’s got to meet their England football heroes and Football Association President Prince William on the eve of the European Championships.

A team of pupils from the Lichfield school competed in a schools’ tournament at England’s St George’s Park National Football Centre, where they also mingled with the stars before England departed for Euro 2024 in Germany.

England captain Harry Kane and Real Madrid star Jude Bellingham were among those who posed for pictures and chatted with the thrilled youngsters. The visit then finished in style when the schoolchildren waved off the team from their hotel.

Year 6 pupil Malakai said: “Thank you for letting me play football and meet the England players at St George’s Park. It’s been the best day of my life!”

Fellow Year 6 pupil Lucinda was introduced to Prince William

and put the questions to Kane before being filmed about her experiences by ITV and Sky News.

St Chad’s Head of School Jennifer Aitken, who managed to grab a selfie with the Prince of Wales, explained: “The event was organised by the FA for a selection of children from across the Midlands. At St Chad’s, we have Aston Villa coaches come in to work with pupils and one of them contacted me to ask if the school wanted to represent the club at the event.

“It was such a privilege to be chosen. We weren’t sure if the children would actually get to meet the players or just watch them train, so to be able to meet them was incredible. Playing football at such a fantastic venue and then meeting the team is an experience they’ll never forget.

“Once we’d arrived, we were told to expect a special guest and it was unbelievable when Prince William just casually strolled around the corner! He was very down to earth and relaxed and,

like the players, had time for all the children.

“I’m so proud of how our children conducted themselves. Staff from several of the other schools made a point of telling me how respectful, courteous and well-behaved St Chad’s pupils were.”



Prince William was the guest of honour and also met St Chad's pupils.



Lucinda was a TV star on the day.

Magical dreams come true for TV star Ella



Ella Rose has been wowing audiences with her magic.

William MacGregor has its very own celebrity in the shape of magician Ella Rose, who starred on Britain's Got Talent in late May.

Nine-year-old Ella just missed out on a place in the live semi-finals, but her family and school are incredibly proud of her achievement of realising a childhood dream to appear on BGT, be shown on TV and earn a clean sweep of 'yes' votes from the celebrity judges during auditions at London Palladium.

Dad Martin revealed Ella has been booked to perform at Drayton Manor Resort's Summer Fun Fest in early August and is already being noticed by shoppers in her home town of Tamworth.

He said: "To stand on that stage in front of all those people and perform with the confidence she did is incredible. She has always believed in everything magical and even at such a young age backed herself into making her dreams come true."

Head of School Natalie Jones said: "We are so incredibly

proud of Ella and her achievements over the last few months. Appearing on Britain's Got Talent had been top secret and we were bursting to tell everybody!

"When the news finally broke, children and staff were so excited and glued to their TV over the bank holiday weekend. Despite not making the live semi-finals, Ella did herself proud and her talent was and continues to be a joy to watch. She is WMC's own celebrity!"

Ella had the opportunity to showcase her magic to an excited ATLP audience when she performed at our Children's University Gold Graduation at the University of Birmingham last month.

You can check out Ella's magic by searching for Ella Rose Magic on Instagram and Facebook.

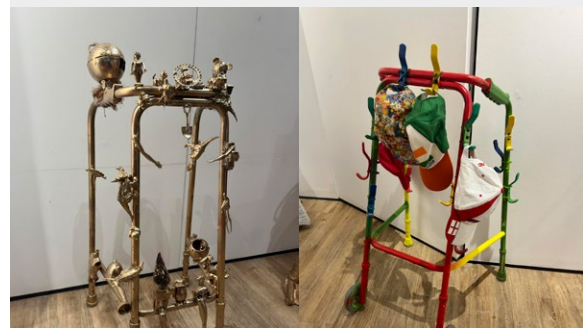
[Watch some of Ella's magic here](#)



Zimmer frames turned into works of art

Talented students at The Bridge showed their creative skills for a great cause by producing useful equipment for a Lichfield company which supports care workers and older people.

Grace Cares collects, donates and sells pre-loved care equipment to those in need and, as part of its Pimp My Ride competition, asked the community to create something either functional or artistic from a Zimmer frame using recycled materials.



The Bridge trio's fantastic work.

As you can see from these pictures, Alfie, Hassan and Jayden did a fantastic job and their entries formed part of Grace Cares' three-day competition launch at The Hub at St Mary's in the heart of the city.

The launch featured work from numerous local schools and colleges, whose young people had transformed Zimmer frames into stunning works of art.



Song and dance brought joy to the occasion.



Mere Green
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Diversity Festival unites cultures

Food, music and dancing from a variety of cultures was enjoyed by hundreds as a week-long exploration of identity and culture at Mere Green culminated in a colourful Diversity Festival.

Pupils spent the week learning about themselves and their own heritage, as well as other cultures around the world.

They each created a colourful self-portrait in the style of renowned artist Margo McDaid and the portraits were then assembled in a dazzling display in the school hall.

The excitement built up to the fantastic Multicultural Festival on June 21, when children were treated to a variety of foods from the Caribbean, India, Greece, China and Britain, including jerk chicken, chow mein, samosas, pakoras, souvlaki and fish and chips.

Music filled the air as the school's Young Voices and Rising Voices choirs performed, as well as Bollywood dancers from Mere Green's after-school club, whilst a steel pan ensemble had guests dancing to.

One of the highlights of the festival was a spectacular Bhangra dancing performance by Simran Kaur, accompanied by her father playing the Dohl Drum.

Acting Headteacher Lucia Thornton said the event was a remarkable success.

Lucia said: "We're a large, multicultural school, so we wanted to bring everyone together to celebrate diversity and it's turned out to be a fantastic event. Everyone embraced it and our children did us incredibly proud."

The festival was opened by respected education leader Ava

Sturridge-Packer CBE, who has been working with the ATLP since the start of 2024 to define our equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) strategy.

Ava said: "It's lovely to see such a mix of cultures in a natural, positive way. It's definitely something for other schools to emulate!"



Family fun at the festival.

Handball aces are national runners-up




The team savour their success at the regional finals.

Arthur Terry's under 13s handball team proved themselves to be among the best in the land by reaching the final of the England Handball National Finals.

The showpiece event pitted the ten best age group schools teams in the country against each other in a bid to be crowned champions of England and the Arthur Terry girls came within a whisker of doing so.

They were edged out 4-2 by the talented Putney School for Girls in a thrilling final which proved to be Arthur Terry's only defeat of the academic year.

Huge congratulations go to the squad which featured Erin, Aaliyah, Kira, Annabelle, Cece, Jess, Isabel, Lauren and Mia, whose brilliance, outstanding attitude and resilience has been truly inspirational throughout the year.

Arthur Terry PE Teacher Josh Tompson said: "To officially be recognised as the second-best team in England is an unbelievable achievement."

"Each of the girls gave their absolute all and defied all the odds to make it further than any Arthur Terry handball team has been before. We are so proud."

The finals took place at the University of Nottingham and Arthur Terry were in fine form to win all three games against reigning champions Trinity High School (Manchester) 5-2, Downlands Community School (Sussex) 5-2 and Northampton School for Girls 6-4. Arthur Terry then defeated Highcliffe (Dorset) 9-0 in the semi-finals.

The squad is made up of Year 7 and 8 students aged 11-13 and their journey began back in September 2023.

They soon turned on the style to win their first county competition by scoring nearly 30 goals over four games to qualify for the regional tournament.

At the regionals, Arthur Terry breezed through another competition, including earning two notable wins over the highly-fancied Stroud side to reach the nationals.



Reading awards hat-trick for Brookvale bookworms

The love of reading has brought its rewards for Brookvale pupils in the shape of prestigious awards from Reading Plus.

Reading Plus is an online reading development programme embedded in more than 1,300 schools across the UK and the Erdington primary has been named the country's 'Most Engaged Reading Plus School' (Key Stage 2) for this academic year.

Furthermore, there is richly deserved recognition for two extraordinary Year 6 Brookvale children - Reuben Wilkins and Ansh Mahay - who have earned awards for 'Vocabulary Star of the Year' and 'Most Words Read by a Pupil' respectively at Key Stage 2.

Brookvale Reading Lead and Year 2 Teacher Siobhan Carlill said: "We are so proud of our Key Stage 2 children and especially our two Year 6 boys.

"These awards celebrate our outstanding KS2 children as well as our passionate and dedicated teachers and teaching assistants who have gone the extra mile and achieved these brilliant results.

"Our supportive whole school community of families are a key part of this and have made a valuable contribution to this exceptional success. A special word of thanks to Carol Ashford who leads our Reading Plus programme in school and shares her powerful passion for books with our children."

Brookvale poets' words of wisdom set to feature in new book

Young poets at Brookvale are all smiles after learning that their fantastic work is to be published.

Children across Key Stage 2 took part in the 'Once Upon a Dream' poetry competition held by Young Writers and some of their work is now going to be seen in print.

Teacher Hannah Willars, the new Acting Writing Lead at Brookvale, explained: "Last term, I was contacted by a company called Young Writers which hosts

a series of writing competitions each year to choose children's work for publication.

"This gives our creative writers a chance to shine as well as instilling a love for writing. As part of this year's competition, a variety of children across Key Stage 2 created poems for the Once Upon a Dream competition.

"Their creativity flourished when creating poems within the theme, from dream fantasies to aspirations.



The poetry stars are pictured showing their delight.

"A number of Brookvale children will have their work published in the book entitled 'Once Upon a Dream - A Poetry Party'. The book, I believe, will be published in August and we will be sure to present this proudly in our library!"



Stockland Green's award-winning maths students.



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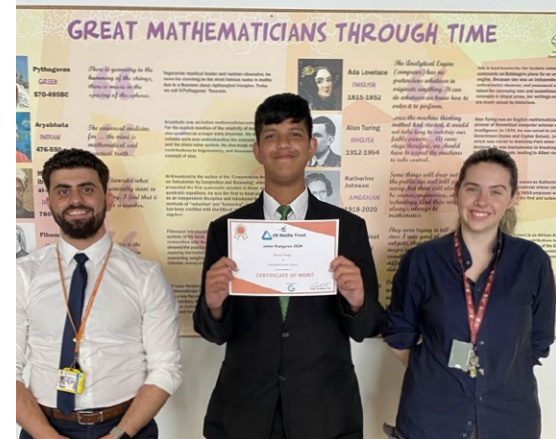
The numbers add up to mathematics success for Stockland Green students

Year 8 Stockland Green student Simon Singh had his mathematics talent recognised when he picked up the Merit award in the Kangaroo Maths Challenge run by the UK Maths Trust (UKMT).

This academic year, ten Stockland students from the Year 8 maths class entered the UKMT competition with the support and guidance of Maths Teacher Ismail Fayed and Academic Mentor Lauren Armitage during and outside lessons.

In the Junior UKMT Challenge, Simon achieved a gold position, which advanced him to the Junior Kangaroo Mathematics Competition. Three students achieved silver certificates and the rest earned bronze.

Elnaz Javaheri, Head of Maths at Stockland, said: "When Simon was preparing for the next round of the competition (Kangaroo Challenge), he benefited greatly from the help of Mr Fayed and Miss Armitage in achieving a Merit certificate.



Simon Singh shows off his award alongside Ismail Fayed and Lauren Armitage.

"To mark these remarkable achievements, we invited parents to join in recognising and celebrating their children's hard work and success. Looking ahead, the team is excited to participate in the Intermediate Maths Challenge next year, eager to build on their accomplishments and reach new heights in their mathematical journey."

A flavour of France at Mere Green

Year 6 pupils at Mere Green have signed off at the school in style by treating parents and carers to delicious treats at a French café.

Hannah Metcalfe, Mere Green's French Curriculum Lead, said: "The children work in pairs to prepare a short French dialogue explaining the menu. One takes on the role of waiter or waitress and the other is a translator.

"Paying with real money, parents order in English and the translator translates this into French for the waiter or waitress.

Meanwhile, we have other pupils working as kitchen staff getting the food ready to be served.

"The café is a fantastic event and a real celebration of the pupils' time at Mere Green. It's great for parents to hear what their children have been learning and for the children to take some time to relax once the hard work is done!"

This was the third French café event at Mere Green. Here's to next year when it will be bon appétit once more!



French fun was on the menu at Mere Green.



Four-midable Arthur Terry footballers secure clean sweep of trophies

The triumphant squad with PE teachers Mr Holliday and Mr Byrne.

Arthur Terry's Year 11 footballers have swept aside all before them to win all four tournaments they competed in during 2023/24.

The talented team at the Four Oaks school have enjoyed incredible success in winning every match they have played during the entire academic year.

The trophy haul began with a showpiece event at Sutton Coldfield Town FC, where the team convincingly defeated local rivals Plantsbrook in a match organised by Pro Direct Academy Birmingham.

Plantsbrook were defeated again in the District Cup final a couple of months later when another superb performance secured a 3-0 victory at Hollyfields in Erdington. Arthur Terry had reached the final thanks to 6-1 and 4-2 wins over Saltley and John Willmott respectively.

Following the previous year's Birmingham Schools' Cup win at Villa Park, the target was to defend the trophy and retain their status as the top team in their age group in the city.

Arthur Terry's campaign began with victories over Lordwood (10-0), Turves Green (1-0) and Tudor Grange (2-1) to set up a semi-final against the notoriously strong Bishop Challoner, who were seen off 2-1 thanks to a very gritty performance.

Arthur Terry produced their best performance of the season in this year's final at Aston Villa's Bodymoor Heath training ground as they recovered from a 2-0 deficit to power to a 6-2 triumph.

The victory booked a place in the District Super Cup Final in which a clean sweep of trophies was completed thanks to some brilliant finishing in a 6-0 win against King Edward VI Aston School.



West Coventry girls crowned county five-a-side champions



WCA's County School Games champions.

West Coventry Academy's Year 7 girls' football team had their shooting boots on as they triumphed in the Level 3 County School Games five-a-side tournament in Rugby.

Victory in the Coventry Level 2 tournament had ensured qualification for the county competition, in which the WCA squad of solely Year 7 players went up against teams fielding both Year 7 and 8 students.

However, WCA rose to the challenge to win four matches and draw one to clinch glory.

Karen Weston, Subject Leader of PE, said: "The girls were absolutely

fantastic. They played some great football and scored some wonderful goals."

WCA defeated Kenilworth 3-1, Nicholas Chamberlaine 3-1, Ernesford Grange 6-0 and Harris Academy 4-2 and drew 2-2 with Tudor Grange.

Congratulations to the winning squad which featured: Amy Morgan, Gracie-Mae Kavanagh, Elsie Nason, Georgia Roberts, Eve Layfield, Isabella Onyeani, Aoife McGranaghan, Charlotte Pointer and Skyla Woodroffe.

There was even time to celebrate victory with a McFlurry from McDonald's.

Coleshill racing star Jensen has the drive to succeed

A talented young racing driver from The Coleshill School is in pole position for a successful career in the motorsport industry after dedicating his spare time to winning on the racetrack.

Thirteen-year-old Jensen Powers has been spending weekends karting for four years and is proving to be a top competitor - finishing third in a 36-strong field in a recent event.

Jensen said: "When everything is going right for me on the track it's a great feeling. There's the adrenaline going round me. It's good fun trying to overtake people, going faster, but there's a lot more to it. Braking and setting the car up right are really important."

According to Jensen's dad, Scott, the young driver's love of motorsport started from an early age.

He said: "Jensen's always been car-mad. In fact, it's hard to believe, but his very first word was 'car'! He first went karting when he was six - we tried lots of different taster sessions and he ended up loving it. I've always loved cars myself, so I've supported him at every step."

With his ambition, hard work and passion, Jensen is on the road to an amazing career in the motorsport industry.

He said: "I'd like to be a racing driver, but I've got to be realistic. Engineering or working with cars would be great too."

Scott said: "The school has been very supportive, especially (Headteacher) Ian Smith-Childs. It's great to see how much Coleshill value extracurricular stuff, even if it's not academic."

Coleshill School Headteacher Mr Smith-Childs said: "We are so

proud of what Jensen is achieving on the track. He's a great example to his classmates about how hard work and dedication can lead to results."



Jensen Powers is starring on the racetrack.

Children teamed up in
their love of music.



ATLP Partner Programme gets off to a flyer

Business leaders from across the area attended the launch of the ambitious new ATLP Partner Programme.

The scheme aims to connect businesses while improving educational opportunities for our 11,000-plus students.

Launched at Arthur Terry School, the innovative Partner Programme will bring together students, parents, businesses, organisations and alumni, with the aim of enhancing education, empowering learners and providing profitable networking opportunities.

Hosted by ATLP's Chief Finance and Operations Officer Simon Smith, the launch provided the programme's first networking event, after local businesses, charities and entrepreneurs heard about the huge opportunities that lay ahead.

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Simon explained: "We have 11,000 children and, when you equate that into wider family and communities, that's close to 25,000 parents, carers and wider family that we have an impact on, in the communities that we serve.

"Fundamentally, we put children at the heart of everything we do and the ATLP Partner Programme aims to give businesses an opportunity to get involved and contribute to that ambition, while also making genuinely useful connections of their own."

'Spring of Sound' unites quartet in a spectacular musical celebration

The main theatre at Arthur Terry was filled with the vibrant sounds of music and dance as four of our schools joined forces for the hugely successful inaugural ATLP Spring of Sound.

Mere Green, Hill West and Slade choirs teamed up with the Arthur Terry music band for this celebration of music.

More than 160 parents eagerly witnessed the extraordinary talents of their children, who performed with heart and enthusiasm as they showcased individual numbers that highlighted their unique musical styles.

Hill West dazzled with their rendition of 'I Just Can't Wait To Be King', Slade rocked the stage with their performance of 'Rockstar' and Mere Green captivated the audience with a special solo in 'Hit The Road Jack'.

Adding to the excitement, the children learned a country dance skilfully led by Mrs Hands and the Mere Green Dance Troupe, who wowed the audience with a hula

hoop performance to 'Dance Monkey'.

Arthur Terry musicians showcased their exceptional musicianship to inspire the younger performers with their skill and dedication.

Annie Undzhiyan, ATLP Music Lead (Primary), said: "The event celebrated the very best of music and dance that our Partnership has to offer, embodying our shared vision for outstanding music education.

"It was a delight to see 85 children from different schools come together, support each other and share their love for music.

"The success of 'Spring of Sound' paves the way for more collaborative events in the future, fostering a community of shared learning and artistic expression."



A golden occasion as Children's University stars graduate in style

Hundreds of ATLP students donned gowns and caps in a special 'graduation' ceremony at the University of Birmingham.

The celebration recognised students who have achieved their gold graduation award from the Children's University - an innovative scheme which puts a focus on extracurricular activity and personal development outside the classroom.

The award-winners had dedicated at least 100 hours to activities with themes as varied as arts and culture, languages, mental health, science and maths and sports.

The impressive scope of the achievements was celebrated in an exciting ceremony featuring students from Arthur Terry and Coleshill secondaries and Mere Green, Coton Green, William MacGregor, Curdworth, Slade, Greysbrooke and Two Gates primaries.

Children's University CEO and guest speaker Sonjia Peers

said: "The programme is a really big opportunity for children to become well-rounded individuals. The opportunities that they get involved in take them on a journey for life."

Coton Green Year 3 pupil Fran Williams told the intrigued audience: "I have enjoyed so many clubs both inside and outside of school including karate, swimming and drama. Taking part has really boosted my confidence and self-esteem and given the confidence to stand here in front of you all now.

He said: "In education, what we aim for always is for you to have these magical moments and build up life skills. It's really important you have these experiences as you go through your educational journey.

"You'll remember today for the rest of your life."

Read more about this fantastic event below.

"Children's University offers something for everyone and I would recommend everyone joining in."

Ian Smith-Childs, Secondary Strategic Lead for ATLP, stressed the scheme's importance in a speech to the children.

ATLP's Children's University stars graduate in style





Students were given awards and certificates in recognition of their outstanding contribution to school and community life.

Outstanding Partnership students enjoy a day to remember

More than 100 students from schools across the ATLP were recognised for their wonderful achievements during an inspirational ceremony at Drayton Manor Resort.

The ATLP Student Awards 2024 honoured prize-winners in the Charity Fundraiser, Community, Contribution to School Life, Creativity, Extracurricular and Special Endeavour categories.

All award-winners were given plaques and certificates in recognition of their significant contribution to school and community life, after being nominated by their schools.

As an extra treat, the young people and their families were given free entry to the theme park to enjoy the rides and attractions.

Now an established annual tradition at ATLP, the inspirational Student Awards reflect not only outstanding achievement but also recognise students who have overcome adversity or helped others.

ATLP CEO Richard Gill praised the collective achievements of the students.

He said: "This is one of the highlights of the year for ATLP, when we bring together our growing family of schools to recognise students who have really gone above and beyond.

"The strength of ATLP is in the way so many different schools, serving different communities, work together through shared values to ensure our students reach their full potential."



Thank you and goodbye Helen!

St Michael's Headteacher Helen Robertson is leaving us at the end of this school year after an incredible 25 years at the Lichfield school.

Helen, pictured with our CEO Richard Gill, has made a huge contribution to the lives of young people and the wider community in Lichfield.

Richard said: "Anyone who has worked alongside Helen has found it to be both a pleasure and a privilege and she will be greatly missed. Helen is the epitome of putting children at the heart of everything we do."

Enjoy the next chapter of your life Helen.





Anna waves goodbye after epic journey

The ATLP will bid a fond farewell to Primary Director of Education Anna Balson when she retires at the end of this school year.

Anna has enjoyed a 15-year career with the Partnership, which she joined in January 2009 as Mere Green Headteacher.

Anna, who has spent 31 years working in education, shared some thoughts about her time with us as she prepares to enjoy early retirement.

She said: "What a ride! From the early days when (Hill West Headteacher) Dr Beth Clarke and I explored with (then ATLP CEO) Sir Chris Stone what it meant for Hill West and Mere Green to academise and being welcomed into the new five-school ATLP, to now!

"Who knew that the ATLP would be the Trust of choice for so many? I think we all did, because of the warm, generous people that 'work' here day, in day out, championing children and striving for excitement and opportunity for all. I think each and every one of you are wonderful.

"To the primary team in particular, I am endlessly grateful for your dedication, hard work and collaboration. Together, we've overcome some huge challenges, celebrated successes and pushed the boundaries of what some people thought possible.

"You've been more than colleagues; we've laughed, we've cried and most importantly we understood what made each other tick. I'll never forget you!

Anna Balson is looking forward to a well-earned retirement.

Anna had some warm words for our current CEO Richard Gill.

She added: "Richard, I have immeasurable gratitude for your guidance, trust and support, which has always been given generously and with a supportive arm around me. I'm honored to have been part of your leadership team and to have walked (sometimes sprinted!) part of this journey with you. You'll Never Walk Alone."

As for the future, Anna said: "I wish you all many, many more successes and happiness."

"Keep looking after each other and properly talking to each other. Pick up the phone and go and see each for no other reason than to say 'hi'. I know the future holds great things for each of you individually and for the ATLP.

"I'm off to eat carbs for lunch and fall asleep disgracefully in the afternoon, just because I can!"



Elliot becomes Head of School at The Bridge

The Bridge Academy in Lichfield has a new leader determined to help the all-through school on the next stage of its journey.

The new Head of School at The Bridge, which joined the ATLP in the summer of 2023, is previous Assistant Headteacher Elliot Payne.

After an interim period as Acting Headteacher, Elliot has taken the reins from James Morris, who has left to embark on a new challenge as Director of Education at the Solihull Alternative Provision Multi Academy Trust.

An excited and proud Elliot, pictured on July 8 on his first day as Head of School, said: "I am very much looking forward to getting started and realising our mission of 'nurturing and empowering young people to be School Ready, Work Ready, Life Ready'."

Good luck Elliot!

Meet Lucie Baker – Dunstall Park Primary School’s first nursery teacher



Arthur Terry SCITT protégé Lucie Baker is relishing the next chapter of her ATLP career after being appointed as the first nursery teacher at Dunstall Park Primary, which opens in September.

Lucie is hugely excited to start teaching the first influx of children at our new Tamworth school having spent a term apiece working at Mere Green and Two Gates.

Lucie, who was a high level Teaching Assistant in Norfolk for two years before relocating to Sutton Coldfield to join our SCITT in September last year, said: “I am thrilled to be appointed as nursery teacher at Dunstall Park.

“I am so excited to join such a lovely team of inspiring teachers who have already made me feel a part of our growing Dunstall Park family!

“I have learned so much knowledge and valuable insights during the past year as an Associate Teacher. Learning whilst teaching has been fantastic.

“Early years is where I belong. It is my true passion to make every child’s early years experience as happy, nurturing and fulfilling as I possibly can.

“Before I joined the Arthur Terry SCITT, I worked in primary schools where I grew up in North Norfolk, including a private school Gresham’s Pre-Prep’, where I was lucky enough to teach a few celebrity children!”

When she is not ‘Miss Baker’, Lucie enjoys running, long walks, attempting to cook a complex recipe, reading a good book and discovering new music. She added: “I love returning home to Norfolk to spend time with my gorgeous family who live by the seaside.

“For now, though, I am eager to begin my teaching career with the ATLP, where I can continue to do what I love whilst surrounded by amazing professionals who can help me to grow even further. “I’ve helped build the Dunstall Park curriculum, the team really understands the local community and I can’t wait to get started.”



A sneak peak of ‘home’ for Dunstall Park’s first pupils

Excited children got the first glimpse of their new surroundings when the first influx of pupils at our brand-new Tamworth school Dunstall Park Primary enjoyed site tours.

Nursery and reception youngsters, accompanied by eager parents, donned hard hats and were able to look inside their gleaming building and outdoor spaces in early July.

As the project heads towards completion in time for the first intake of pupils this September, parents and pupils received an exclusive preview of the new school alongside staff including Head of School Natalie Harris.



Head of School Natalie Harris and Primary Strategic Lead Suzie Norton meet soon-to-be Dunstall Park pupils.

Heading into the final works, decorations and flooring finishes continue, with external paving and landscaping works being finalised.

We can’t wait to see all of our excited children and their families at the start of September as the latest additions to our learning family begin their educational journeys with us.

New Starters

ATLP - Central Team

Ciara Beckett
Catering Assistant

Anam Ahmed
Catering Assistant

Ian Clayton
Site Assistant

Vincent Amoah
Site Assistant

Crystal (Chui Shan) Kwan
Catering Assistant

Sally Parker
Catering Assistant

Cheryl Sinclair
Catering Assistant

West Coventry

Daniel Mulcahy
Teacher of PE

Alexander Clarke
Teacher of Geography

James Matthews
Subject Leader for Geography

Joanne Kerr
Careers Adviser

Matthew Gerrard
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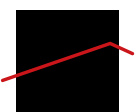


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