



A message from the Trust Chief Executive Officer

It is hard to believe that we are now approaching the end of another academic year as it seems such a short time since I reflected on the end of the last academic year and the impact of the first lockdown as a result of the pandemic. We are now a whole year further on and the pandemic is very much still with us, but I am pleased to say that the we have all been able to return to some level of normality over the past weeks and our children have really enjoyed and benefitted from being in school both academically and in terms of their well-being. It is huge credit to our amazing staff and school leaders that our children are bouncing back following the 16 months of disruption to their education and personal development. I am sure that you will all join me in thanking the staff in your children's NPAT school for their commitment and dedication to supporting you and your children over the past year despite the anxieties and challenges of the pandemic.

It has been a real joy to see the brilliant work that the children have produced as a result of studying the Shakespeare play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. During visits to schools this term not only have I had the pleasure of reading some extremely high quality children's writing, the art work produced working with the visiting artist Anne-Marie Cadman is truly exceptional. This learning was showcased in our fabulous virtual performance with music, drama and dance written and performed by NPAT children being shared with parents, wider families and friends of NPAT far and wide. We are so proud of our commitment to the performing arts and to bring alive our vision of '*educational excellence, creating opportunities and enriching lives*'.

This year, despite the pandemic, we have still been able to progress our Trust education targets forwards, particularly focusing on further developing our NPAT curriculum framework. Huge thanks go to our amazing team of curriculum writers who have worked so hard to further evolve our teaching framework and to Anna Carter, our NPAT curriculum leader who has led and coordinated our curriculum development work. We are really proud of the high quality curriculum that we are now providing for our children.

Finally, at the end of such a long and challenging year, I would like to thank my own team here at the central office who work tirelessly to ensure that NPAT runs in an effective and efficient way, who are always here at the end of a phone or email to answer queries and support our schools to be effective and sustainable. It's been a long year and we are grateful to have had their support and guidance.

Thank you all for your continued support for our schools. I hope that you all have a lovely summer break, stay safe and healthy, and enjoy some family time together ahead of the new year starting in September. Have a great summer and a lovely break.

Julia Kedwards



A message from Anna Carter, Trust Lead for Curriculum and Professional Learning

With the summer holidays in sight it is a wonderful time to reflect back on the past academic year, its challenges and successes.

Schools have adapted to the ongoing challenges that Covid has brought to our RSC programme this year, with remote learning, distancing measures in schools, and ongoing bubble closures. Despite all of this however, teachers and children have still engaged enthusiastically with A Midsummer Night's Dream, our play for this year.



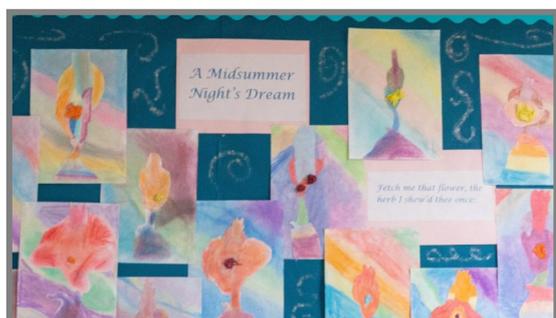
Upton Meadows



East Hunsbury



Artwork created by children across all trust schools, alongside our artist in residence Anne Marie Cadman, brought the visual arts to the performance for the very first time. Truly spectacular!



Thorplands



Headlands



Many of you will have tuned in last week (possibly after the football) to our virtual performance comprising of music, dance, drama and song writing, developed in partnership with the brilliant Silhouette Youth Theatre practitioners.



Thorplands



Abington Vale Stirling

Approximately 3000 children and 200 adults tuned in to watch the matinee performance at school and around 250 device logged into the evening performance. We may not have made it to the Derngate, however NPAT children still managed to showcase their talents and skills against all odds.

Our wider curriculum development continues in Humanities, Science, RE and Art. This term a working party of teachers from trust schools have been working with a subject matter expert from the Denbigh Computing Hub in Milton Keynes to develop our computing curriculum. An exciting next phase of our curriculum journey.

We are drawing to the end of another disrupted year, with news filtering through of how schools might operate under new guidance regarding from Covid. Staff will be working hard to ensure that school life continues safely and positively in the new academic year.



Simon de Senlis

Have a wonderful break over the summer and we look forward to welcoming your children back in September.

Kind regards,

Anna