



Newsletter

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Unsung Heroes

There are many unsung heroes who enable our schools to run successfully. As well as teachers and teaching assistants, we have teams of support staff in all of our schools and within the Trust – admin staff, receptionists, site and cleaning staff, people responsible for finance, HR, data, IT systems, property and so on. We are dependent on all of them to make sure that our schools can operate efficiently and effectively, and provide the very best experience for our children and young people.

One group of people who perform a vital function that often goes unnoticed is our team of School Governors and Trustees. They are all volunteers who generously provide their time and expertise to carry out a whole host of duties, from advising and supporting leadership teams in school, taking part in staff recruitment, sitting on appeals panels and tribunals, and carrying out quality assurance. Many of our governors and Trustees bring a huge amount of specialist experience and expertise which is invaluable. Without their support, we would not be able to meet the legal requirements to keep our schools running, but above all, they provide wise counsel and practical help.

I was reminded of the dedication of our governors a few weeks ago when I learned that Mrs Tina Launchbury was ending her governor association with the Trust, as a result of the demands of other commitments. Tina has had a long connection with our schools, initially as a parent, but for over 20 years as a member of our governing bodies. Firstly she was a governor at Alderman White, becoming Chair of Governors, and then became the first Chair of the Board of Governors of the White Hills Park Federation. When the schools in our Federation became Academies and formed the White Hills Park Trust, Tina continued her role as Chair for the first years of our Trust, before joining the Governing body of Bramcote College, with a particular interest in the 6th Form. In a period of constant change, Tina was at the helm, guiding the schools through challenging times and laying the basis for the strong Trust and successful schools that exist today.

Over a period of more than 20 years, Tina has worked tirelessly on behalf of our students and staff. She has been a constant source of help, advice and good humour and has given countless hours of her time, often at meetings that extend long into the evening. On a personal level, I have always been grateful for her friendship and steadfast support. I know she will continue to be a great friend of our schools, and I thank her for everything she has done for the White Hills Park Trust.

Dr. Paul Heery
Chief Executive Officer



Welcome Back!

It has been a great to start for the Year 3 children this term, they are raring to go. Monday held an exciting adventure with a mysterious egg discovered amongst bushes on the school field.



Was it a chicken? An ostrich? No, a dragon! We have decided it recently hatched and disappeared, so if about, please beware.



Coincidentally, their new writing topic is based around the book 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' written by Andy Shephard.

During this term, the children will be writing wanted posters, instructions on how to catch a dragon and an adventure story. We hope this mythical start will inspire some fantastic writing and we look forward to sharing it with you soon.

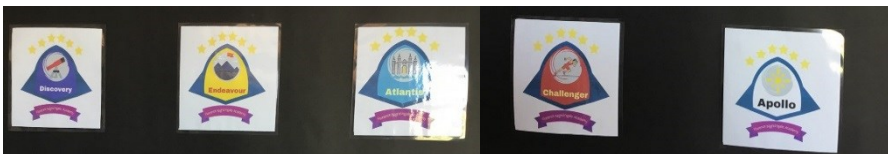
Bird Hides

Last term in Year 6 we completed a DT project looking at Bird Hides. We had to analyse existing products, design our own ideas, and create a model using paper straws and card. We then added some camouflage so that the Hides would fit in to their surroundings. After we finished creating our models, we peer assessed each other's models against a success criteria. Here are a few of our models.



New school Houses

On Tuesday the new school Houses were revealed in an online assembly to all children in school. Children have been allocated one of the five Houses of Apollo, Atlantis, Challenger, Endeavour and Discovery.



The children were excited to start earning points for their houses which are linked to our Growth Mindset Stars and school vision of 'Laugh often, dream big and reach for the stars!'.

Here are some proud Y4's showing us their new houses.



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