

CEO Newsletter September 2019

Welcome back to a new school year. The month has flown by already amidst pupils settling in their new schools and classes.

The summer has been a flurry of activity with various building work going on across the Trust. Some of it has not been glamorous - gutters, boilers, roofs - but if it had not been done come the winter months some of the schools might have been rather cold or wet! We are delighted that the new build at Helston opened on time. Pupils and staff are getting used to navigating their way around the new layout. The College aims to hold an Open Day later in the term for you to come and have a look if you are not going along to the College Open Evening for Y5/6 pupils.

We are also really pleased that Trannack have their new classroom block. The old building was demolished in the first week of the holiday and the new one in place for the start of term - a real feat. Well done to everyone especially the site team, project managers and construction crews for making this possible. The Headteacher Emma Stritt said 'the classes are wonderful, clean, bright spaces which the pupils love. Credit needs to go to all the staff who have worked extremely hard at both ends of the holiday to ensure a smooth transition for the pupils and also to the contractors who have worked around the clock to ensure deadlines and regulations were met. It was a huge team effort. The pupils have responded very well to their new classrooms. It has been a fantastic start to the new year.' One of the pupils said 'I love my new class. I am very excited to be back.' Another said 'it makes learning easier'. That is our aim: to provide excellent learning spaces for the children. There are more projects in the pipeline for 2019-20.

We welcome Richard Lawrence to the role of Deputy Executive Leader of the Trust. This model will replace the Hub Leader model adopted initially. Mr Lawrence will continue as Head at Halwin alongside this new role. Paul Hunkin is now the Executive Head of Wendron School along with his ongoing responsibilities as Head at Crowan School. Brett Dye will continue in his role as School Improvement Lead to broker support to schools via the Teaching School.

At half term, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Andrew Orme, Head at Breage School. Mrs Jayne Banner from Parc Eglos will become the interim Head for the remainder of the year.

Four schools have also welcomed new Assistant Headteachers: Ian Allt (Landewednack), Sarah French (Cury), Pauline Turner (Coverack) and Matthew Goad (Crowan). They are really enjoying their new roles and have hit the ground running!



Mr Allt can be seen here with Choughs Class (Years 2-3) when the whole school and the Little Lizards Nursery took part in Jeans for Genes Day – a charity they proudly support each year.

This year our schools have been set a challenge to gain Eco Schools status. Some schools already have the bronze or silver award and they are aiming to move to Gold or Platinum! Mullion School have just gained SAS Plastic Free School Status! Well done and huge thanks to Helen Norton and the school council. We are pleased that we have been able to repurpose some of the boilers from Helston College which were virtually new but could not be used in the new building as it has air source heating; the 'old' boilers have been used to upgrade boilers elsewhere in the Trust. Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle. How about setting a challenge with your family? We would be interested to hear what is happening in our community. If you can help the schools to do more, do please get in touch! We will update you with our progress.

You might not know but Church school have two inspections: Ofsted and SIAMS. Late last term, Wendron School had their SIAMS inspection. The inspector was really impressed with the school and judged it to be Good. The next grade up in SIAMS is 'Excellent' when the school is considered to be a beacon for other schools. It is incredibly hard to achieve and the school is well on its journey towards this judgement. The inspector gave the school a couple of actions points to support its development. Well done to everyone.

Finally, congratulations to all the pupils on their superb GCSE and A level results. We are so proud of them. Thank you to all the staff - both teachers and support staff - for their hard work and commitment to the children. We wish all those going off to university, apprenticeships and into Post 16 all the best. We know they have received an excellent start on their learning journey and we look forward to hearing of their achievements in the months ahead.



Kind regards

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