

Trust Board

After three years as Chair of the Trust Board, Liam Montgomery has made the decision to step down. A new Chair will be appointed at the first board meeting in September. Directors would like to thank Liam for all his hard work and commitment to Exeter Learning Academy Trust. Our new CEO Rachel Shaw is looking forward to working with all the schools and stakeholders when she begins her role in September.

West-School Athletics Championship



Year 4 and 5 pupils from all four schools participated in the West-Exe Primary School athletics championship on the morning of July 9th. After a very competitive morning Alphington School retained the trophy. The children had a fantastic time, cheered on by many parents. A big thank you to West-Exe staff and pupils for organising the event

Ide- Annual Primary Sports Award



Ide attended the annual Primary Sports Awards at St Luke's School to celebrate some of the children's achievements. Each of these children received a medal and a certificate. They were also delighted to win the Bronze Young Ambassador Team of the Year Award and the PE Teacher of the Year Award! Well done Miss Downing. Next year we hope to hold more inter-academy events

Bowhill Celebrations

Bowhill have been running a very successful film club for many years. As a result, two children have been selected for a place on the Into Film Youth Advisory Council - their first meeting will be in London during the Autumn Term. Children in Year 6 also won awards in the UK Junior Mathematical challenge competition



St Thomas Year 6 Play- The X factory

Wow- what a great job the Key Stage 2 children did in their play. They certainly have the X factor. It was a fantastic show with some great individual performances. However, what really stands out is how the children work together brilliant singing. Thanks to the staff for their hard work especially Mr Jenkins for putting it together and Mrs Downing for all the costumes.



Alphington Enterprise Project

Mrs Williams from Alphington has just returned from her second visit to Nayamba School in Zambia

Nayamba School is a community primary school for children in rural Zambia where children who previously could not go to school due to distance and expense are now getting a first rate education. Year 6 at Alphington have been involved in an enterprise project. Pupils were given a small amount of money to start and have raised over £750 to buy scientific equipment for Nayamba School. They sold milkshakes,

lollies and bracelets. What a fantastic achievement!

Well done to Bowhill: Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE Devon).

The charity received the highest ever number of entries from primary schools in Devon, many of whom took part for the first time, including several in Exeter and Plymouth. After careful deliberation, the top prize in the Key Stage 1 category of the art competition went to 5-year-old Florence Farnell from Bowhill Primary School in Exeter. Her charming painting was entitled 'A walk in Danes Wood near Killerton'. Bowhill also had some Highly Commended entries.

Amber Dopson, Early Years Class Teacher at Bowhill Primary School told CPRE Devon:

"Florence actually asked me if we could do something for the environment, so I brought her into my KS2 art club (changing it to KS1 & KS2) and moved the focus onto art which raises awareness about the environment. Hopefully, we can use the prize money to buy resources for Bowhill's art club for next year."



New Ofsted framework September 2019

"I want to make sure that at Ofsted, we focus on the 'how' and the 'what': the essence of what performance tables cannot capture... focus on performance data is coming at the expense of what is taught in schools. A new focus on substance should change that, bringing the inspection conversation back to the substance of young people's learning and treating teachers like the experts in their field, not just data managers." – Amanda Spielman, Ofsted Chief Inspector

All schools in Exeter Learning Academy Trust are passionate about providing a broad and balanced curriculum to excite, challenge and engage all of our children. Preparing them well for the next stage of their education is vital and as a Trust, we aim to provide a curriculum, which ensures all children are ready and confident to face the future academically socially and emotionally. ELAT welcomes the changes as there appears to be a clear focus on what children are learning rather than data and outcomes. Three of the four schools have not been in receipt of an Ofsted for over 5 years and expect a visit this academic year.

Have a fabulous Summer Break and we look forward to seeing you all in September