

Newsletter 9:

Summer Term 2019



**A Message from Susannah Connell,
CEO, The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust**

Well, we made it! Today marks the last week of another exciting, busy and successful year in our Trust and I'm sure you'll all agree that we are ready for a rest over the coming weeks. As we look forward to the Summer break, I am reminded daily of the fantastic children we have in all of our schools. They have shown great capabilities both in their work and play, and the excellent behaviour and attitudes they have displayed throughout the year have amazed me time and again.

As ever, at this time of year we are taking time to say goodbye to a few people - we wish all our leaving staff all the best for the future. Most importantly of all, we are saying goodbye to an incredible group of children as they make their way to their new schools next year. We wish them well in the next stage of their education.

I'm sure you'll join me in thanking all the staff for the marvellous opportunities they've given to our children over the past term. Without their commitment to encourage and challenge the children, both in the classroom and beyond, our schools would not be able to organise all the tournaments, trips, performances, clubs and more.

I would also like to thank all our parents and carers for their support this year. A great deal of what we do in our schools could not be achieved without you and your co-operation. We look forward to working more closely with you all as we start the new Academic Year.

Each week I personally write to a member of staff within the Trust who has gone above and beyond the normal expectations of their role. Their hard work and dedication really do make a difference to the life chances of the children in our Trust and for that I am exceptionally proud and grateful. The staff members who have received my personal thanks in this way this term are:

Gemma Bates - Braybrook
Krystal Ball - Thomas Eaton
Sarah Smith - Roman Way
Carol Besant - Glebelands

Elaine Cornell - Middlefield
Jacqui Bargh - Kimbolton
Michelle Smith - Winhills
Martin Bane - Murrow

So as we look forward to the Summer break, I wish you all a happy holiday, and hope that whether you stay at home or go away, you have the chance to make some wonderful memories with your children. We will see you again on Wednesday 4th September, so until then, on behalf of everyone at The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Susannah Connell, CEO

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Farewell to our Artist in Residence



This fearsome creature is the work of Reception children at The Round House and Wintringham Primary Academies, who were helped by DLPT's Art Specialist Jack Cornell to make models of a T-Rex and a Pterodactyl to complement their topic work. We are sadly bidding farewell to Jack, who we have been lucky to have as our **Artist in Residence** for ten years. He has been a huge inspiration to the children in this time. We will miss him and wish him all the very best.

Taking the Stage



Throughout this term children across the Trust have been learning poems, songs, lines and dance moves, preparing for performances in school and outside. As well as requiring great collaborative work, these performances are often huge personal achievements, enabling the children to grow in confidence and exceed their own expectations.

Kimbolton's 'Summer Soirée' featured a huge number of individual and group performances. **Kimbolton's Choir** are also currently in 5th place in the WellChild Foundation School Choir of the Year Competition, with the winner to

be announced in September. Year 2 children from our **St Neots schools** enjoyed learning the seven songs needed for the **Music Festival** held at the Priory Centre in July. It was lovely for the children to experience singing in a concert setting, and to perform with other year 2 children from DLPT and other local schools. They performed very well and, as always, were excellent ambassadors for their schools.

Braybrook took part in the Cresset Dance Show, and **Middlefield, The Round House** and **Wintringham** have hosted Talent competitions, with an impressive array of confident and talented performers taking to the stage. **Middlefield's** winner Elliott (right) rocked the stage! **Leverington** worked together with **Murrow** to put on a **'Strictly Dance Extravaganza'** for the parents and families of both schools, held on the outdoor stage at Murrow at the end of term. Each class worked hard to choreograph and perform a routine of different dance styles which they performed to an audience of over 200 people! Parents were treated to displays of dragon dancing, line dancing, street dance, Samba, the Charleston and the Jive. The staff and children from both schools loved every minute!



At **Winhills** KS2 children staged **'The X-Factor'** (see p14). Other performances and productions this term have included play-in-a-day **Macbeth** at **Thomas Eaton** (see p13), **Romeo & Juliet** at **Kimbolton** and **'Hoodwinked'** – the tale of Robin Hood – at **Great Staughton** (above, see also p6), **'Pirates of the Curry Bean'** at **Middlefield** and **Mary Poppins** at **The Round House** (see p12).

- ◇ Continuous Professional Development
- ◇ School to School Support
- ◇ Initial Teacher Training

Over 750 teachers and support staff have attended our training courses this year. Our highly successful Maths and English Subject Leader Development days at Wyboston Lakes Training Centre have attracted 150 Subject Leaders from Bedfordshire, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. We introduced new courses this year, including an Early Career Development Programme, funded by the DfE, and training sessions for new members of Trust LGBs. Thank you to all the facilitators who develop and run these courses, and make them so successful.



'Really useful and engaging. It's a shame I can't send all my staff!!' (Subject Leader – Maths Subject Leader Development Day)

'Jam-packed with essential up-to-the-minute ideas and information. Invaluable.' (Subject Leader – English Subject Leader Development Day)

'The ECD programme has provided an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas with peers and refresh my thinking' (Teacher - Early Career Development programme)

Professional Development Meetings (PDMs) for teachers and teaching assistants have continued this year, enabling all staff to share good practice and to work with colleagues across the Trust.

Our Specialist Leaders in Education (SLEs) have continued to carry out effective School to School Support work. This support is wide ranging and includes both visits to the schools being supported but also visits by them to Diamond Learning Trust schools to see and discuss good practice. We will continue to provide bespoke support to schools next year with the aim of impacting teaching and learning, helping to drive school improvement.



'None of the suggestions promoted by the DTSA have been onerous with staff well-being in mind. In fact, they have been just good practice. Ideas are designed to make our teaching more effective and enjoyable, but not make our job more difficult! This point shines out to me, compared to other providers where new ideas have always meant more work.' English Lead

'The leads of Literacy and Numeracy have felt the support has helped them to progress as leaders.' Head teacher

'Teachers in UKS2 are more confident with the content and delivery of the year 5/6 curriculum and the expectations at the end of year 6.' Head teacher

Our 2018-19 cohort of School Direct trainee teachers have successfully completed their final placements and we are pleased that all of them have secured teaching jobs with the DLPT for September. Two of our schools welcomed three final placement PGCE trainees from the Faculty of Education at Cambridge University. They completed their placements successfully and we hope to offer placements to more trainees next academic year. We would also like to congratulate our NQTs on the successful completion of their induction year; we look forward to supporting them in their careers over the coming years. The Diamond Teaching School would like to thank all mentors for supporting and coaching our trainees so well.

We look forward to welcoming new trainee teachers in the Autumn term as they embark on their year-long course to qualify.

Braybrook



The Braybrook Dancers had a fabulous time at the Cresset dance show. They time travelled back to the 80's where they danced to 'Give it Up' by KC and the Sunshine Band. Their costumes, glitter and curly 'hair-do's really helped them to play the part! All the dancers made themselves, Miss Bloomfield, their families, friends and the rest of the Braybrook Family proud with how well they performed and how hard they worked over the last few months to pull it off. Great work girls – well done and thank you!

Year 5 had an amazing day at the Warner Brother Studios, immersing themselves in the 'Wizarding World of Harry Potter'. The children enjoyed learning all about how the famous movies were made, and exploring the sets, props, costumes and animations used when filming. Children were blown away by the animations used to film the Gringotts bank scenes. They enjoyed trying 'Butter Beer', taking part in wand demonstrations and riding the flying broomstick — just like real students of Hogwarts School!



Children from Year 1 to 3 visited Serpentine Green as part of an incentive run by the Literacy Trust. The children participated in a puppet workshop, an interactive storytelling session and had the opportunity to have a go at spinning a pizza dough base. Even the adults had a go!

Year 4 tasted a little of 'The Magic of the Musicals'. After practising songs from 'Oliver' at school, they then spent the day at the Cresset Theatre, rehearsing and singing with pupils from schools across Peterborough. The children experienced working with a team of professional directors and singing specialists, led by William Prideaux. The day culminated in an evening performance for parents and members of the general public, accompanied by an orchestra. This was an exciting opportunity organised by 'Peterborough Sings' and funded by Arts Council England, as part of the current Peterborough Singing Strategy.



Glebelands

Another busy term at Glebelands. We have particularly enjoyed the summer term because it has shown just how much we have all grown in terms of our learning over the 2018/19 School year.



Foundation Stage have now definitely got the measure of their learning! They have enjoyed their many different activities and have all the skills that they need to take into Year 1. The current Year 1 have managed to build on the characteristics of learning and have made amazing progress, as seen in their Learning Journeys for the year.

Year 2 have been **fascinated by farming**

life this term. Their regular face time sessions with their farmer friend (right) have raised many interesting questions, which he has been able to answer. The children have been very excited to learn what a farmer does each day. They are now considering careers in farming and haulage.



Year 3 have been into chocolate, not healthy eating but a fascinating business, as witnessed by Year 5 who called at Cadbury World on their way home from Chester. At least one person is now aspiring to be a chocolate taster! Year 6 put all their learning about trade to good use in the 'Fiver Challenge' (below right). This pays for their own special Reward Day so profit was really important to them.

Year 6 have reached the end of their time with us. They have made great progress and leave us ready for the challenge of secondary school. They enjoyed their last 'Country Dancing' on Friday morning. This was the culmination of our summer events which we share with parents. Year 6 also ably led our sports days earlier in the term.



At the end of this week all the children will receive their end of year reports and share their learning journeys with each other and with parents. It is exciting to see how it builds each year. We hope that next year will bring even more joy in learning, when each and every person continually improves on their personal best.

Great Staughton



We welcomed 21 fathers in for a delicious fish and chip lunch on Friday 14th June. The dining hall buzzed with chatter and everyone enjoyed the event. Many thanks to our lovely cook Diane for all her time and energy in planning and cooking the meal.



Our **end of term performance** was a swashbuckling rendition of Robin Hood the musical, '**Hoodwinked**'. The children really excelled themselves this year; every word could be clearly heard in the singing and much enthusiasm was put into their performances, including some solos which were sung with confidence. We are all very proud of how hard they worked. We also have some amazing parents who produced costumes fit for the West End and helped with all the extras that made the performance special, including fantastic lighting and a forest canopy over all the

audience!

Our small school raised the amazing amount of £447.77 at our recent '**Travelling Books**' Book Fair, which gave us back £208.66 to spend on new books for the school!



We are very proud to announce that we have been awarded the **GOLD School Games Mark Award** for the third year running! This is a government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of high quality sport and competition across the school and wider sporting community. A fantastic achievement!

A number of children were invited along to visit the members of the **Great Staughton Friendship Club** this term. They read their books beautifully to the ladies and gentlemen and even had a sing along with the members of the club.



Well, what an amazing **School Games Morning**! The children showed all of the Olympic and Paralympic values in bucketfuls – we are very proud of everyone! The weather was perfect, music was great and the refreshments delicious - but of course, and most importantly, we all had fun! Thank you to everyone who came along to support and cheer our teams on. A special thank you to all the children, staff and of course our wonderful sports crew who have worked so hard throughout the year.



Well Done to KPA's brilliant mathematicians who won the Longsands **Year 6 Maths Challenge** in a field of fourteen teams! Superb team effort.

We are delighted to announce that KPA has been awarded the **Primary Science Quality Mark Gilt (PSQM Gilt)** in the recent round of awards from the University of Hertfordshire - an excellent achievement for our small school.



In the wettest of conditions, without fuss, but lots of smiles, fun, laughter and a little song, Reception to Year 6 have worked their muddy little socks off with Mrs Tickle. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Alice, Imogen and Chloe from St Neots Marks & Spencer who gave us their time and generous donation allowing us to create our new **Sensory Garden**.

We had one of our **regular visits from our PCSO Richard Braddick**, but this time he brought his patrol car, which the children of Puddleducks, Ash and Oak thoroughly enjoyed. He also spent some time in each of the classrooms talking to the children and interacting with them. A fun time was had by all!



Our **summer fete** was a seaside theme with donkey rides, Punch and Judy and much more. We raised a staggering £1,800 from the event! Additionally, through the PTA Charity Run, an astonishing £1,000 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support by the children at KPA, to help people affected by cancer.

Along with children from Great Staughton, our children enjoyed an interesting and fun day out at the **Lifepath Bunyan Day at Elstow Abbey**. Pupils had the opportunity to explore the Christian faith through the Lifepath of John Bunyan, who lived in the area and whose life is detailed in Moot Hall.





Leverington

As a whole school, we have had a really enjoyable Summer Term. Our pupils enjoyed lots of sensational starters and fabulous finishes for their Summer Term topics, helping them to become fully immersed and engaged in their learning.

Our Reception children have continued to grow in confidence and independence and have absolutely loved their '**Dinosaurs Roar!**' topic. Class 1 have taken part in **Wisbech Reads** festival. Along with all the other primary schools in Wisbech, the Year 1 children were presented with a signed book before meeting the author after a variety of reading based activities took place in the town. This was a well-organised and exciting event which the parents got to be a part of too! To end their 'Sun, Sea and Sand' topic, Class 1 enjoyed a trip to **Hunstanton and the Sea Life Centre**.

Class 2 had a trip to **Framlingham Castle** (right) to launch their 'Castles, Knights and Dragons' topic. They really enjoyed exploring the castle grounds and finding out what it would have been like to live in a castle.



To begin their '**Chocoholics**' topic, Class 3 visited Cadburys World in Birmingham. They found out all about the history of chocolate, how chocolate is made and discovered facts about the Mayan civilization. They also enjoyed a 4D chocolate cinematic adventure!



Class 4 were visited by the **Exotic Animal Encounter** as a start to their 'Deadly 60' topic. They learnt about all the animals that can be found in the rainforest. The class also had a debate about whether animals should be kept in zoos and wrote a balanced argument to express their views. They finished with an exciting **trip to Banham Zoo** (left).



Class 5 had an amazing time on their trip to **Stibbington** (right) for a World War II experience as part of their 'Blitz and Peaces' topic. They took on the roles of evacuees and enjoyed spending the day in role – they even liked the spam sandwiches for lunch!

Class 6 have worked hard all term for their SATs. Towards the end of the term, they have enjoyed transition events to their new secondary schools, ready for the big move. They have been a fabulous year group and we wish them well for the next step on their educational journey!

Both KS1 and KS2 enjoyed their **Sports Days**, which had been redesigned and relaunched by our PE coordinator, Miss Adamson. This allowed the children to show their determination, sportsmanship and competitive side as they took part in a series of events including the flat race, hurdles, a slow bike race and team relays.

Middlefield



Summer Term Trips

Year 3 & 4 had a wonderful day at **Bhaktivedanta Manor** learning about Hinduism. They enjoyed a cart ride pulled by oxen, learned about looking after the plants and animals on the farm, walked through the George Harrison memorial garden, has a tasty vegetarian lunch, learned about the different murtis and shrines and dressed in traditional clothing. The staff in the temple were extremely impressed with their attitudes and behaviour throughout the day.

Year 5 had a great visit to the **St Neots Fire Station** learning all about animal safety, safety around the home, traffic safety, fire safety, internet safety, water safety and first response.

Following a fascinating visit to **Woburn Safari Park**, where they were able to demonstrate their own knowledge in the talk on habitats and adaptations, our Year 1 & 2 children wrote thank you letters to the staff at Woburn, concentrating on describing their favourite experience of the day. They edited their work with a friend to improve on it, before making a neat copy in a letter format.

Pyjamarama!

Middlefield's **'Pyjamarama' Day** was a great success and we raised £170 for The Book Trust. The children enjoyed being in their PJs for the day (as did the staff), as well as listening to stories, designing their own book covers and some also drafted their own bedtime story. It was lovely hearing about some of their favourite stories, old and new.



Sporting Successes

The Year 6 boys had a wonderful day at the County cricket finals in Peterborough. They played some excellent cricket and were very supportive to each other and their opponents, finishing a very commendable 4th overall. The Year 4 boys also won all their matches and came out on top of their tournament.

Middlefield's Year 4/5 Boys' Football Team reached the football County Cup final. They played some really beautiful football in really hot weather and were all a credit to the school. Great skills, effort and sportsmanship on display throughout – as they were on our Sports Day this year!



This term has been very busy. It started with two new members of staff joining us. Their positive impact has been felt already. One effect is some morning mentoring with children – a wonderful time spent ensuring children are ready to learn. Another new impact felt is the **Active Learning Group**. So far they have planted some wonderful flowers around the school, harvested our strawberries and blueberries ready for jam making, sanded and painted our outdoor summer house (right), and many other tasks around school. School is looking so much smarter now. Well done boys.

Our year 6 team worked so hard leading up to the KS2 SATS. The children showed resilience and collaboration and did the school proud. On the

Friday of SATS week we held a **Community Day**. In the morning the children baked and decorated cookies and cakes, to be given to members of the community to take home in hand-decorated paper bags. In the afternoon the children completed an extensive litter pick exercise in the village – the whole community benefitted.



day, both organised by The **POSH**. Their sportsmanship and skills were shown at their best level and the children represented the school immaculately. We have also hosted our **Sports Day**, where this year the Blue Whales came out as winners. There was a lot of fun had on the day with the water race ensuring we cooled down. During the term we also had a blind visitor come in and explain how his recovery has been helped through a game called Goal Ball. Our KS2 children also got to play.

The summer term is always a busy one for sport. Children have competed in a cricket and a football



Our Year 5 Maths team (right) took part in the **Cambridgeshire Maths Competition** – coming a very close third behind Leverington and another Wisbech school.

Our Year 5 and 6 children all took part in **Bikeability** where we spent three days getting wet on the roads around Murrow. The challenges were difficult, but everyone achieved their potential and now know how to be safe on the roads.



As well as the **'Strictly Dance Extravaganza'** (see p 2), which was a huge

success, there have been a number of other exciting curriculum-based events and trips. Our Zebra class were lucky to visit **Welney** where they spent the day looking at bugs and small beasts. Year 1 and 2 have had a trip to **Hunstanton** as part of their "Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside topic". The year 3 and 4 children have hosted the **Greek Olympics**, proudly wearing sashes that they have sewn and printed.





There are plenty of green fingered children in our Nursery at Roman Way Academy - they have been experimenting with setting and growing beans. We wonder if they grew as tall as the beanstalk in Jack and the Beanstalk?

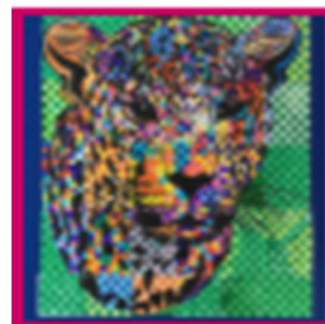
We had lots of parents visiting our classrooms to watch their children in action with their topic work at our recent **Topic Morning**. All the children were excited to show their parents what their topic work involved.



KS1 classes Pine, Hawthorn and Loganberry at the **Hunstanton Sealife Centre** earlier this term. They had a picnic lunch and enjoyed some time on the beach with an ice lolly afterwards. The children had the opportunity to visit the rockpool area where they were able to handle some interesting sea creatures.

enjoyed a lovely day

In KS2, these beautiful pictures have been created with each child designing a separate part of the animal and then putting them together to form a whole. This was part of their **Tropical Rainforest** topic this half term.



This year our wonderful children, parents and carers formed a **Royston in Blue**

team and took part in the event to raise funds for a very worthy cause – the **Teenage Cancer Trust**. Every Roman Way child who took part received a home-baked biscuit in the shape of a medal.



What a fantastic group of sporting children we have at Roman Way! Our children represented our school with great talent in a number of sports at this summer's **Schoolympics**. Children were lucky enough to try a whole range of different sports, expanding their repertoires with games such as paragames, golf and multi-skills. Everyone earned a medal because everyone was a winner.



The weather was glorious at last for our **KS1 and KS2 Sports Day**. Our children looked super in their new coloured bibs. The competition was high, as too was the enjoyment of taking part in all the different events. All children were awarded a certificate and a sticker. Congratulations to the Green Team who came in first place.

The Round House

The Year 5 & 6 **end of year performance** was a production of the much-loved 'Mary Poppins'. It is fair to say that each showing was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, and there was no need for a spoonful of sugar for this medicine to go down! There were some beautiful solos sung by different members of the cast as well as some excellent renditions by the whole chorus. Well done to all involved!

All classes took part in the '**Fiver Challenge**' for the first time this year. Each class was given £5 to start up their own business or enterprise idea with the aim being to make as much profit as possible. The children voted on their ideas of how to spend their £5. There were a range of activities including home-made lemonade, plant and hand-made bookmark sales and even a spa where children could get tattoos and their face painted! Any profit made is being used to buy resources for the school, chosen by each class.



Year 2 had a fantastic **trip to The Fitzwilliam Museum** in Cambridge. They looked around the grand entrance of the museum, saw beautiful mosaics and statues which had recently been re-painted gold and visited the galleries. The children did some observational sketching of the different parts of the museum using the skills that they had been taught in the ICE Zone, and produced some fabulous sketches.



This term the children at **Forest School** have experienced all types of weather. In the unexpected cold, the children have been independently lighting the fire in order to cook a variety of different food and drinks to keep them warm. For the brief, but welcomed heat wave, the children aimed water pistols at a variety of targets – which of course included their friends!

Years 1, 3, 4 & 5 visited the **Life Education Bus** and learnt about healthy eating and the human body. The older children also learnt about making safe choices, particularly with regards to alcohol, smoking and drugs, friendships and about being assertive rather than aggressive in difficult situations. All the children learnt something new and we were impressed with their thoughtful responses.



Thomas Eaton

Thomas Eaton's children were fortunate to participate in the **Outspoken** project. They all enjoyed riding different types of bikes and developed their skills in balance, coordination and bike maintenance over the four week project.



Our talented sports ambassadors visited **POSH** for an exciting and energetic day of activity, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Back at school our super Play Leaders have been entertaining and engaging the younger pupils at playtimes and lunchtimes.

All of our children have worked with the coaches from **Cambridge Rugby Club** over a number of sessions to develop their teamwork skills.

Our Sports afternoon was very successful with all children taking part and many spectators cheering them on!



All our pupils have participated in **educational visits** this term; Our Preschool and Reception children visited **Hamerton Zoo**, Years 1 / 2 children learned about the Anglo Saxons at **West Stow**, Year 3 visited **The Tower of London**, Years 4/5 visited **The Fitzwilliam Museum** in Cambridge to find out more about the Ancient Egyptians, and our Year 6 are visiting **Gulliver's World** as a well-earned reward for all their hard work leading up to their SATs.



Our Year 6 pupils spent a day working with Louise to create their own "**play in a day**". They spent the day exploring the text of **Macbeth** and in the afternoon, they performed their own most wonderful rendition of this classic story. The audience were spell bound and thoroughly enjoyed the show!



Winhills

The KS2 **end of year performance** was '**The X-Factor**', which follows a school, 'St Dithers', on the brink of closure after being deemed 'average' by Ofset. A range of talented teachers and pupils, including Simon Trowell and his X-Factor judges are brought in. Eventually, the old pupils and teachers decide to fight back as Simon's evil plot comes to light – the result was a very funny and entertaining show, with some wonderful songs and dances led by Years 3, 4 and 5. Well done to all the Year 6 children for learning their lines and performing so well on the night - they were a credit to the school.



At **Woburn Safari Park**, Year 1 and 2 were able to see a wide range of animals that they have been learning about this term. During the road safari they saw elephants, giraffes, lions, tigers, bears and much more. As part of the foot safari, they had a talk from one of the rangers about the meerkats, where they shared their own knowledge, and learned lots of amazing facts about these little animals.

Year 3 were extremely lucky to visit **Buckingham Palace**! They had their own tour around the Royal Mews and the Queens Gallery. During the tour of the Queen's Gallery, they learned all about Leonardo Da Vinci and took part in a creative writing workshop which they have used to help them with their poems in English.



Year 5 had a fantastic visit to the **National Space Centre in Leicester**. They learned about astronauts and their space suits, finding out about how they live in space by stepping inside a replica of part of the International Space Station. They also climbed the iconic rocket tower to discover all about the Russian-American space race and Apollo 11 which landed on the moon fifty years ago this month.

Reception visited **Paxton Pits** earlier this term. They had an amazing time where they got to try lots of different outdoor activities such as Pond Dipping. The children all came back to school so excited to tell everyone about their trip. Paxton Pits staff commented on how well behaved all the children were.

This term children at Winhills have continued to benefit from visits to and from **BOSCH Rexroth**. The reasoning behind this is to help embed a love of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) at a younger age. BOSCH Rexroth worked across the school in Years 1-4, with Year 5 and 6 visiting their site. They have been focussing on how hydraulics can be used to move an object. The Year 3 and 4 classes took part in a range of engineering activities. They worked well in teams, launching rockets across the playground using their own force. This project has not only been fantastic in improving the children's love of STEM but also has been a great community link, showing the children a range of different jobs on offer in the local area. It is a partnership that will continue into the next academic year.



Wintringham



The children took part in their **first Sports Day** alongside The Round House pupils. They had running races down the track, an egg and spoon race and an obstacle course. They had also previously used their throwing and jumping skills, and these results were added to the Sports Day results. They thoroughly enjoyed the day, as did the parents and carers who came along to support them.

The weather was fairly kind for our **trip to Paxton Pits Nature Reserve**. The children (and adults) had so much fun mini beast hunting and pond dipping. The children also went bird watching in Hayden's Hide where they used binoculars to see a heron flying across the lake and a cormorant swimming across it. They also used a variety of natural materials to make an Otter Holt and then their very own nature crown. The children behaved very well on their first school trip and were an absolute credit to the school. Well done everyone!



The children have loved their **Forest School** sessions this term. They recently visited Auntie's Wood where they gathered on a big log, ate an ice pop and listened to a letter written from Twig the Tree Elf who had left a special story for them. They then found their favourite stick and decided what made it so special to them. They played hide and seek with their stick and imagined that it was not really a stick but something else, just like in the story. Some of the children turned their stick into back scratchers and others into unicorn horns! They then made their stick into a journey stick by collecting items from around the woods and adding it to their twine.

Huge congratulations to Tisha who very bravely danced to 'I Just Can't Wait To Be King' from 'The Lion King' in front of all the children from both schools in **The Round House and Wintringham Has Got Talent** show. She was one of the youngest contestants and secured third place overall. Well done Tisha.



We have been very busy this term planning how we would spend our five pounds from the '**Fiver Challenge**' to try and make as much profit as possible. The children really enjoyed learning how to make lemonade and helping to sell it to parents and children after school. We combined our profit with the Reception classes at The Round House, and will be discussing with the children what to spend it on.



Wishing all the children, parents, staff,
volunteers and Governors at all our
Diamond Learning Partnership Trust
schools a happy, healthy, summer break!