

## Pickwick Papers – Edition 15 – Term 5 – May 2023

### Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

I hope you have all had a great Term 5 and are looking forward to a sunny break next week!

We have recently changed our Trust telephone number, so if you would like to contact us for any reason please now use 01249 717090.

You can also contact us via email and follow us on Twitter: [admin@pickwickacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:admin@pickwickacademytrust.co.uk) and @PickwickTrust.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and fantastic break – enjoy the sunshine! I look forward to seeing you in Term 6.



### Aloeric Primary 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Aloeric Primary School so it's been a busy term with lots of exciting events happening!

Pupils have worked on an art installation created alongside art company 'No Added Sugar' to brighten the school hall, a new mosaic welcome sign has been designed and made by the children with artist Emma Leith, and new playground markings have been laid giving the site a lovely splash of colour.

As well as a whole school visit to the pantomime – oh no they didn't! – the children have enjoyed recent visits from 'Kelly's Donkeys' who brought with them miniature ponies, donkeys and goats. In addition, they have taken part in a musical workshop and concert where the children learnt all about the different roles and instruments used in a rock band.

Aloeric also had Paralympic athlete Katine Hart and an England Paralympian football coach visit the children, who took part in fundraising circuit training sessions with them.

### Train as a Teacher!

Pickwick Learning is running its Initial Teacher Training Programme again next year for primary applicants, in association with North Wiltshire SCITT.

Why train with us? Learn to teach 'on the job', observing and working alongside our experienced practitioners based in schools within our Trust.

If you are interested in becoming a teacher and would like to find out more please visit our website:

<https://www.pickwickacademytrust.co.uk/initial-teacher-training-itt/>

### Clerk to Governors

We are recruiting for a Clerk to Governors at Gillingham Primary.

Please email / ask at the school office for more information.

### Twitter

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## Environmental Working Group Update

Work continues under the umbrella of the Environmental Working Group. Members met on the 29 March when a draft Environmental Strategy for the Trust was tabled. This provided a vision for our approach to Sustainability and Climate change, and has split the work required into three target areas – School Estates, Education, and Operations and Procurement.

The group were also presented with a prioritised analysis of the projects for carbon reduction that are required at each school, following the review of the Heat Decarbonisation Reports by our Local Governance Committees. Members are now working on a Trust project for LED light installation, further investigation into our options for solar panels and the development of instructions for boiler settings to reduce energy consumption.

Alongside this, a meeting has been held with our caterers in the South Hub to support them to make their menu as sustainable as possible. This will then be extended to all school catering teams.

Finally, feedback was provided to the group on a meeting that pupils of the schools in the South Hub had participated in which enabled the sharing of ideas to promote Eco Friendly practice at school level. We are now looking to roll out this approach to schools right across the Trust.

## Winterslow's Coral Reef Project

Winterslow is involved in a ground-breaking eco-engineering project that aims to restore coral reefs and support marine life by developing sustainable artificial reef systems. The project links the school with a research team called the Future Oceans Foundation. The school is experimenting with growing its own piece of coral reef in a tank (complete with three clownfish 'Nemos') which can then be used to help restore reef around Bali.

## Parent Webinars

[Resilience for Learning and Well-being](#)

[Helping your child with anxiety](#)

[Digital Parenting](#)

## Our schools

Pickwick Academy Trust is made up of 9 community and church primary schools across Wiltshire and North Dorset and is organised into two hubs.

We have the privilege to be responsible for the education of nearly 3000 children, and we employ over 400 staff.

To find out more about our schools click on the links below:

[Aloeric Primary School](#)

[Corsham Primary School](#)

[Gillingham Primary School](#)

[Greentrees Primary School](#)

[Ivy Lane Primary School](#)

[Ludwell Primary School](#)

[Pitton Primary School](#)

[Queens Crescent School](#)

[Winterslow Primary School](#)

To watch a short video about each school, click [here](#) and select a school from the coloured tab.



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