

NEWSLETTER

Spring - January 2025



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Trust Leader

January signals the start of the spring term in schools and this brings with it a feeling of renewal, focus and a freshness for learning and experiences.

We're proud of the different experiences we strive to offer for our children and young people. Being able to participate in wider activities and experiences is part of our vision and belief of 'learning for life' and is a key aspect of enabling children to develop skills and knowledge for life and build a deeper confidence too.

As part of our vision, all Embrace staff attended our first trust conference at the end of November and were able to feel inspired and continue their own learning.

Our schools are at the heart of their local communities and we place a high priority on ensuring we join with them to both strengthen and work together in all that we do.

So let's celebrate our learning together and feel revived as we move towards the springtime and lighter, warmer days.

Spotlight



Petrina Horne has joined the Embrace Central Team as our latest addition and is one of our skilled Finance Officers.



Her favorite day of the year is Christmas Day, as it brings her family together, including her two granddaughters and her cat, Penny. In her leisure time, Petrina loves swimming and participating in body combat!

Mrs Johnson, Senior Teaching Assistant at Manorfield, was nominated as a Unison Hidden Hero by a fellow member of staff in recognition of her wonderful work around the

school and with the children - well done Mrs Johnson!



Arnesby

Our children recently enjoyed an informative visit from Leicestershire Police, where officers discussed their responsibilities related to the Rule of Law, a key aspect of our British Values.

Pupils found the talk extremely interesting, however the highlight was the Police Car, where they got to see the lights and hear the sirens in action!



Rawlins



Our Santa and Reindeer Fun Run was a great success, raising a massive £3,800 - nearly 4x our original goal!

Embrace works closely with other local networks and trusts, and we'd like to thank the David Ross Education Trust for their involvement.



Your efforts have supported a great cause and will make a real difference—thank you for your generosity and support!



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Swinford



Thank you to our Parish Council for planting a commemorative tree in celebration of our 150th birthday, which was kindly donated by Catthorpe Farm Shop! We hope that this tree will be lovingly cherished and cared for by our community for many generations to come.



Market
Bosworth

St Peter's

Our Year 5/6 table tennis team, after being crowned champions of Hinckley and Bosworth and proudly representing Leicestershire in the Regional Finals, have received a nomination for School Team of the Year at the Hinckley and Bosworth Active Awards!



Sherrier

Several of our wonderful pupils had the honour of being special guests on the Ady Dayman BBC Radio Leicester Breakfast Show in December!



Our children spoke about all things Sherrier - you can listen to the whole week here!



Manorfield



Our resident guinea pigs, Fred and Ginger, are a key part of life at Manorfield.



To help raise funds for their continued support, we recently ran a Guinea Pig Art Competition with our children and received some incredible submissions!

Our first place winners received their very own photoshoot with the piggies!



Croft

Several of our pupils recently participated in the Blaby District Youth Council's 'Hate Has No Home Here' competition!

Those participating attended the Council Chambers to showcase their artwork in front of a panel of judges, with Croft winning first place in the primary school category!



St Peter's

Whetstone



Thanks to the fantastic fundraising events organised by our PTA, known as WASPs, the refurbishment of our library is finished!



This new and improved area provides a welcoming space for our children to learn and read.



Huncote

The Huncote Elves delighted everyone with a visit to the recent Huncote Community Christmas Market.

The Christmas Grotto raised an impressive £300 for the school!

Thank you everyone!



Brockington



In December, we hosted our School Christmas Show, featuring participation from more than 60 students!

The Theatre Club students from various year groups presented a rendition of Little Red Riding Hood, which showcased our Vocal Group and soloists singing, alongside performances by the Brockington Band and KS4 bands playing musical and Christmas songs.



Great job to all involved!



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Embrace Annual Staff Conference

In November, we held a fantastic day of professional development at Brockington College, bringing together staff from our 2 secondary and 8 primary schools for an inspiring INSET day focused on Nurturing Curiosity.

The day held a range of workshops and keynote speakers, which invited staff to explore the profound impact of curiosity in their daily interactions with the children and young people within Embrace schools.

We were delighted to welcome two insightful and inspiring keynote speakers to the event; Mark Burns, who has a proven track record in developing teaching and leadership in education, and Paul Rusby, who inspired staff to gain a deeper understanding of what spirituality is and how to develop their curriculum to enhance a sense of curiosity.

Our wide range of enriching workshops and knowledgeable speakers provided staff with the space to collaborate and share their ideas.

This day underscores our commitment to ensuring children learn through the provision of a high-quality curriculum, and we look forward to seeing what our staff will be taking away to inspire and enrich the lives of our children and pupils.



Racism

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Each year, we focus on a key safeguarding issue to support the well-being of students and staff. Last year, we concentrated on harmful sexualised behaviour, integrating this theme into staff training, curriculum content and newsletter updates.

This year, we are turning our attention to addressing and combating racism through a comprehensive and proactive approach.

We will be providing additional training for our staff to ensure they are well-equipped to handle and discuss issues of racism effectively. We will be enhancing curriculums with resources that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion, helping students understand and appreciate different cultures and perspectives.

Additionally, we are planning workshops for certain year groups to foster open dialogue and learning. Where a need is identified, bespoke support will be available to address specific concerns and provide tailored assistance.

Our aim is that together, we can create a more inclusive and respectful environment for everyone.



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