

The Summer Term has rapidly flown by and now we find ourselves at the end of another very successful academic year at Solent Academies Trust. There are so many achievements to capture and reflect on it's impossible to summarise in just a few words! Please read below some of the highlights from across our trust.



Sharon Burt, CEO

My sincere thanks to everyone across our communities for your commitment, perseverance and care for our pupils.

Summer 2 Spotlight Focus

Mary Rose Academy Highlights

1. Full curriculum review and refresh, resulting in exceptional feedback from Dr Calvin Pike who confirmed that we are "pushing the boundaries of what 'outstanding' looks like' and 'removing the glass ceiling'.
2. Significant and innovative partnerships have been built with our colleagues across Health and Social Care which have had a direct, tangible and highly positive impact on improving pupil outcomes. Collaboration and shared-solution finding have been championed by all involved!
3. The Family Support offer at our school has grown significantly, with two new Family Support Workers appointed and the engagement of families with this offer has increased further. There has already been some fantastic feedback. This has fed into our achievement of a Challenge Partners Area of Excellence in the area of whole community, stakeholder informed Wellbeing provision.



Littlegreen Academy Highlights

1. Ofsted inspection, graded 'Good' in all areas.
2. Careers curriculum across the whole school has been improved significantly, as evidenced by the compass plus evaluation.
3. Pupils' Personal Development has benefited significantly from the increased provision of therapeutic interventions and personalised timetables implemented by the team of Personal Development Assistants.



Cliffdale Primary Academy Highlights

1. Phase leadership groups have established effective distributed leadership, quality assuring teaching and learning through a triangulated, non-judgemental and open approach to understanding need.
2. We have introduced and embedded a skills-based curriculum beyond the children's Education Health & Care Plan targets. This has ensured all children are making specific and measurable progress across the National Curriculum within their topic work and specialist weeks.
3. Our Academy Values have been further embedded, beyond a personalised reward system, to communicate effectively how we achieve our vision. The values triangles are at the heart of everything across our school, driving the curriculum, personal development and our behaviour ethos. Staff and leadership behaviour is underpinned by the same values.



Redwood Park Academy

1. Improved extended school's provision in the form of the HAF Programme.
2. Increased opportunities for work experience, employment opportunities, careers and guidance for all pupils in school.
3. Outcomes for pupils across all areas of their Education, Health and Care Plans; English and maths continue to be above 90% of pupils making expected levels of progress.



Solent Academies Trust

1. Great progress made with updating and standardising our Trust policies and procedures.
2. Link Governors are back in school and regularly reporting to Academy Committees
3. A successful Schools Rebuilding Programme application for Littlegreen Academy.



As a successful Trust which is steadily growing, we are beginning to introduce Executive Principal roles with Heads of Schools, in some of our academies to support the development of our capacity requirements, and to further increase our impact on children and young people with SEND.

We are delighted to see leaders across our Trust using their expertise and excellent leadership skills in new roles which help us to continue to deliver high quality specialist education, whilst maintaining continuity and consistency in our practice.

Leaders are committed to ensuring a smooth transition into the new academic year, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating each leader and wish them all the best as they embrace these exciting opportunities as a next step.

Meet the Team...



Faye Watton-Lawrence
Executive Principal across Mary Rose Academy & Dove House Academy



Kate Buckingham
Head of School at Mary Rose Academy



Mel Walton
Associate Principal across Mary Rose Academy & Dove House Academy



Sam Leadbeater
Associate Principal across Mary Rose Academy & Dove House Academy



Louise Isa-Grada
Executive Principal across Littlegreen Academy & Redwood Park Academy



Hannah Davis
Head of School at Littlegreen Academy



Dave Turner
Head of School at Redwood Park Academy



Kim Radlett
Interim Vice Principal at Redwood Park Academy



Dave Dupont
Interim Principal

We are delighted to confirm that Dove House Academy will be officially joining Solent Academies Trust on 1st August 2023.

We are really looking forward to bringing you regular updates and introducing the staff teams.

Saying Farewell...



We are wishing both Ashley Oliver-Catt, Senior Director of School Improvement and Luci Johnson, Redwood Park Academy Principal all the very best as they start their next adventure in September. Both have been instrumental in improving the life chances of young people within Portsmouth and West Sussex.



Winners

We are very pleased and proud to announce the winners of the Solent Academies Trust **TOP TEN Annual Awards** as follows:-



Resilience
Peter Skae
Mary Rose Academy



Sports Person
Freddie Brennan
Cliffdale Primary Academy



Creative Achiever
Bobby-John Handley
Littlegreen Academy



Improved Communication
Jevonne Parsons
Mary Rose Academy



Kindness
Jasmine Gray-Norman
Cliffdale Primary Academy



Courageous
Mason-Jay Clarke
Littlegreen Academy



Improved Learner
Raian Ahmed
Redwood Park Academy



Improved Independence
Aaron Nicholls
Redwood Park Academy



Aspirations
Oliver Scott
Littlegreen Academy



Special Talent
George Moor
Redwood Park Academy

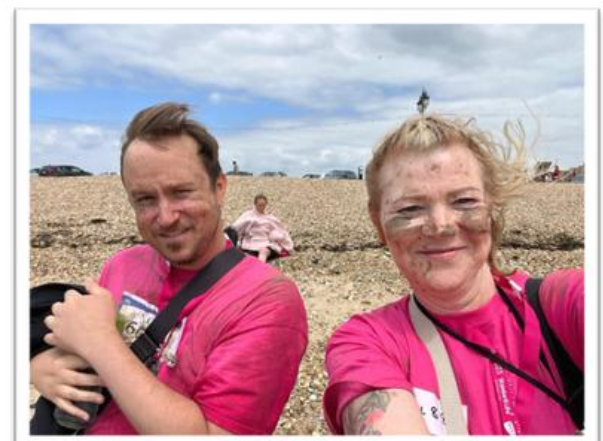


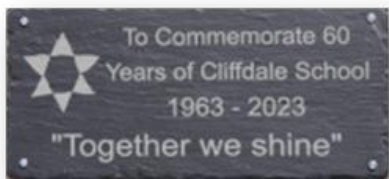


The sky was definitely not the limit for four of our intrepid staff who completed a 15000ft tandem sky dive. They were all photographed and videoed whilst in the air and all the way down to their safe landing on 'terra firma'. Unfortunately, for Sharon, the instructors were not happy with the quality of the photos and made her do it again!! Well done to them all - they raised £2600 for Cancer Research UK and £1155 for Planets Cancer Charity. Such an amazing achievement!!

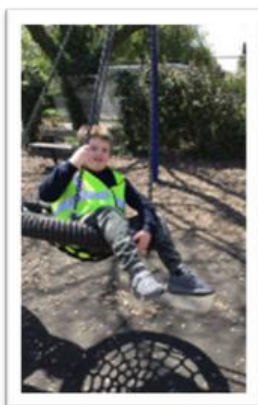


For those not brave enough to undertake such a scary adventure, they found something a little gentler to take part in!! A team from Redwood, in memory of Lynn Hastie and other loved ones lost to Cancer, completed the Muddy Run in aid of Cancer Research. A fantastic couple of hours was spent completing the course, cheering each other on and getting down and dirty on the obstacles! The day was finished off by a quick dip in the sea to wash the mud off!!





On a gloriously sunny afternoon parents, staff and pupils joined together to celebrate Cliffdale's 60th Birthday. Great fun was had by all, sharing a tasty picnic, enjoying various fun activities and eating a delicious birthday cake. Here's to the next 60 years!!



Gorilla class took full advantage of the lovely weather and enjoyed a class Geography walk around the Copnor area identifying the local shops on their sheet. They finished off with a visit to the local park where they enjoyed exploring the swings and climbing frames.



Visakha Puja and the life of Buddha was the focus for the final RE Day of this Academic year. Pupils had a fantastic time making mandala pieces, Buddha silhouettes and Bodhi trees. Mango was the most favourite of the traditional foods that the pupils had the opportunity to taste!



Giraffe and Hippo classes were lucky enough to be invited to the Primary Water sports Regatta at Lakeside. We started off the day by completing races and challenges on the double Kanu Kayaks. Everyone showed great resilience when trying to find the colourful balls on the lake and trying not to fall in whilst doing so! We then had to find the pieces of a puzzle; all the children worked together to find every piece and then demonstrated great communication when helping each other to put the pieces together!



This is the term we say goodbye to our Year 11 Pupils. Their school journey and achievements were celebrated in a leavers assembly. We also wanted to take this opportunity to showcase some of their amazing artwork. The boys have shown such commitment and perseverance during the year. Well done boys for achieving your Bronze Award in the Arts! Wishing you every success for the future you will all be greatly missed. Good luck as you move on to the next chapter!



Outdoor activities have been the name of the game this half term! Key Stage 4 spent a night camping, taking part in games and enjoying dinner around the campfire. The whole school took part in our annual Sports Day, the football team played a match against Cornfield School and there has been kayaking activities at Lakeside, North Harbour.



This term lower school pupils have worked on their DT projects creating and producing some excellent work! They also finished off the Oceans - what lies beneath summer topic with a fantastic trip to Portsmouth Aquarium where the boys were enamoured with all the amazing sea creatures!!



Our budding rap stars have enjoyed an awesome year of rap workshops with superstar spoken word artist Louie LeVack. We are extremely excited to share with you that, thanks to Youth Music, the post of Rapper in Residence has now been created which will give our pupils the opportunity work weekly with Louie. Look out for our next potential Rap Star!!

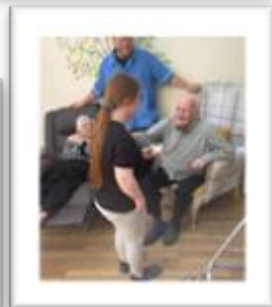


Our pupils have enjoyed a variety of residentials and outdoor trips this half term. They had fun staying at Fort Purbrook. They explored the tunnels and grounds, tried out the swing in the climbing room and perfected their archery skills.

They made dough twists which they cooked around the camp fire and had toasted marshmallows to follow. Another adventurous group attended a UKSA residential on the Isle of Wight where they took part in team building games, explored the water on kayaks and paddleboards. They even spotted some jellyfish in the water!!



Caring and the Community has been in the forefront of activities by our Post 16 Enterprise Group and Challengers Class this term. Fresh as a Daisy visited an adult day service centre in Chichester and helped out with their soup kitchen for the local community. Care packages were delivered by Challenger pupils to local care homes. Hand made bath bombs, soaps, socks and puzzles were handed out. New friendships were formed with the residents and we hope to continue with regular visits. Keep up the great work!!



With the lovely weather over the past few weeks, outdoor activity has been the name of the game whether it be the

Watersports Festival at Lakeside taking part in races, challenges and puzzles, enjoying Sports day or taking advantage of the sunshine to make the most of the outdoors for PE lessons. Great fun was had by all!



The achievements of the Class of 2023 were celebrated at a glitzy and glamorous prom celebration at the Marriot Hotel. Our young people arrived in style, enjoyed a delicious meal, had fun in the photo booth and danced the night away with their friends and family. A great night was had by all!!





Our Key Stage 3 pupils enjoyed a gloriously sunny week for their residential at CYE. They took part in daily activities such as sailing and kayaking and enjoyed some time on the beach eating a picnic, making sandcastles and burying each other. They were all exhausted but really happy after a fantastic trip away!



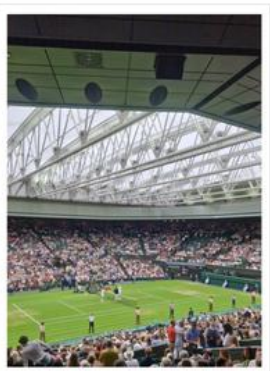
The pupil voice team attended an amazing conference at the Guildhall organised by #Unloc. They learnt all about Net Zero and what this means for our planet, sustainable clothing, travel and transport. They even got the opportunity to check out their own carbon footprints. Why don't you have a go at checking yours on the WWF Footprint Calculator!!



The amazing talent of our Redwood artists was showcased in an Art exhibition this half term. Every class put on a display to celebrate their fantastic work. Pupils had the opportunity to walk around to look. Keep up the great work!



We are extremely proud of all of our students but two in particular deserve a special mention. Meliah and Jaeden have won the Wimbledon Set for Success award. Their prize was a day out at Wimbledon, lunch and tickets to Centre Court to watch the tennis. Everyone really enjoyed hearing from Ian Wright who was the guest speaker at the event. Well done you to you both you were a credit to yourselves and the school!!



It is always with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to our Year 11 pupils. We are sad to see them go but we are immensely proud to have watched them grow, mature and flourish in to the young adults they are when they leave us. Families joined us for a celebration presentation and BBQ. Good luck in your new adventures!!



Human Resources

Current Vacancies



- Senior HR Advisor
- Recruitment & Admin Officer

Solent Academies trust are looking to recruit two professional, effective and conscientious individuals to join our growing HR team. The posts will work flexibly across our schools in Portsmouth and West Sussex and will be based at Littlegreen Academy

**WELCOME
TO THE TEAM!**

Across the Summer term we have welcomed [24 new members of staff](#) to Solent Academies Trust. We would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome!

The Employee Referral Scheme has proved popular since launch. This half term four employee referrals payments were made to staff. To find out how to refer a family member or friend, please visit our HR Intranet Page for guidance.



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Please follow Solent Academies Trust on Facebook and LinkedIn and share the wonderful opportunities and events happening across our trust.

After 5 years as a Trustee of Solent Academies Trust, I can reflect on my first year as Chair of the Trustee Board. It has been a year of tremendous challenge and achievement which has only been possible through the continued dedication and commitment from wonderful leadership and staff teams. In the visits I have made to our schools I have, without exception, been impressed by the professionalism I see as well as the obvious passion to make a real difference to the lives of our pupils. Our culture supports a desire to continually improve on what we do by innovating and pushing boundaries of what can be achieved by the children. It is not sufficient that 3 of our academies are graded as 'Outstanding' because there is always more that can be achieved.

I can reflect on the impact of our School Improvement Plans which continue to raise standards and the many successes achieved in improving processes to support a growing and ambitious Trust. I would like to make special mention of the Ofsted grading of 'Good' at Littlegreen Academy from an inspection visit this January. In my first year as a Trustee we agreed, after much deliberation, to take this school on despite the many problems it was facing. I made several visits during the last year and witnessed first hand the improvements which have been made and the calm atmosphere which now exists. It was fabulous to see this reflected in the Ofsted inspection.

I would also like to pay tribute to the many people who give of their time so generously to support the Trust by acting as Trustees or Academy Committee members. Their contribution has been critical to ensuring that the Trust is well run, and I would like to thank them for the support they have given to the academies and to me personally over the last year. We recently held a Governance Conference to reflect on where we are with our governance and to consider how we can build on it. It was very well attended with many great ideas flowing. During the summer period I shall be reflecting on how we can take them forward.

Looking to the future it is good to know that there is a clearly defined strategy for moving the Trust forward which has been developed by our Executive Team and endorsed by the Trust Board. That strategy has been built in the light of the Government's white paper which creates an expectation that all schools will become academies by 2030 and that Multi Academy Trusts will grow. We have an expectation that we will follow that lead by developing our existing academies further and taking on new academies where we believe that we can add value. This latter aspect is especially important as we are looking for 'growth with purpose' rather than simply increasing in size. Any expansion plans will, however, also be executed at a manageable rate such that we do not adversely affect what is being achieved in existing academies.

Many of you may know that, subject to legal completion, Dove House Academy in Basingstoke will be joining us from 1st August. This week I had an opportunity to meet many of the staff there who appear to be very excited by the change. I would like to welcome them to Solent Academies Trust and look forward to both supporting them and learning from them.

I know that pupils and staff are now looking forward to a well-earned summer break and a chance to recharge the batteries. Whilst I know that there are many challenges in the education system, a year on I feel incredibly positive about where we are and where we are going. I hope you do too.

Andrew Hill
Chair of Trustees



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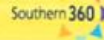
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We advise that if you are using text messages for your authentication you migrate over to using Microsoft Authenticator instead. Guidance can be found here on how to set this up.

[Cyber Security - Setting up MFA \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)

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- give a final check to the email addresses used before sending an email
- use the BCC line when sending emails to multiple people



THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to read Solent News.

We welcome your feedback and ideas for future editions.

Have a fantastic summer!!