

Tandridge Learning Trust

Trust Talk Parent Edition July 2022



Bletchingley Village
Primary School



Hamsey Green
Primary School



Warlingham School
& Sixth Form College



Tatsfield
Primary School



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to our final TLT Trust Talk for this academic year. It contains some lovely highlights from each of our schools and we hope it will make you smile as we head into the summer holidays!

It has been wonderful to see pupils engaged and enjoying the 'normal' seasonal activities that we have been missing for the last two years, returning to the stage for performance and end of year productions, leavers assemblies, trips and residential and sports days. These are some of our most enjoyable events which our pupils will look back on with fond memories for years to come.

I am pleased to share that we now have a full Board of Trustees, thanks to the volunteers who came forward from our last appeal. There is more information about the new Trustees joining us and a letter from our Chair of Trustees, Steve Burn in



this edition. We continue to recruit volunteers to our Local Governing Committees, so if you are interested in joining us please read the article on page 5. We are trying to ensure we have a good range of skills on each committee as well as a mix of both parent and non-parent community governors, if you know of anyone who might consider getting involved, please pass our details on.

As promised in our last edition, we are building on the Trust workshop we ran for parents about keeping children safe online. In this edition there

is some good advice in an article from the National Online Safety team; we hope you will find this informative. We will include regular updates and information for you in each of our termly TLT Trust Talk newsletters.

We have been delighted to warmly welcome some Ukrainian families into our schools over the last two terms. As our local communities open their doors to take in families fleeing



Rebecca Plaskitt

the conflict, we want to ensure that we provide support and care to new pupils who find themselves in strange and unfamiliar environments. School provides a

much-needed constant in times of uncertainty, and it is lovely to see these children settling in and making new friends.



Have a wonderful summer!



'Unprecedented' seems to be the buzz word for the 2020's! Firstly, we used it many times in reference to the actions taken around the pandemic and now we are using it again to describe the incredible temperatures of the last week. Our wonderful staff continue to rise to the challenges presented to them on a daily basis, providing the ongoing consistency and high levels of care, we know our children and young people really need. Our thanks go to them as always and to you for your ongoing support.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 5th September.

Rebecca

Letter from the Chair



It is fair to say that we could not have anticipated the issues around the world and in the UK which have impacted schools and created new and significant pressures.

The practical issues of preparing remote learning and supporting children for whom that has not been easily available has been challenge enough but the general impact on health and wellbeing for both staff and students has created a new dimension.

The Trust Board and Local Governors have been acutely aware of these issues. We have been incredibly grateful for the way staff have responded, demonstrating a determination to protect students as far as possible from the negative impacts. They have done a great job for the students and the community and as we end the academic year, I hope that there is an opportunity for them to have as good a break as

possible and prepare for another year where there is uncertainty but also hope that we can deliver a great education experience for our students.

The role of Governors and Trustees is to challenge and support our leaders in actions to respond to external events, but also to look to the future and create a better environment in the schools. With this in mind, for example, we approved a significant project for a new mental health and wellbeing hub which will be built later this year at Warlingham School, and we believe it will improve lives across the schools and the community.

Our values of equity, collaboration and integrity are not just words but are the values I and my Board believe in and underpin every decision we make. A Trust is often seen as a cost saving structure, but it is clear that the non-financial benefits of collaboration, internally and externally are a major benefit and it is has been great to see the initiatives put in place bear fruit. We are committed to enabling fair treatment to all our students no

matter what their circumstances are. We are committed to supporting the development of all of our people to provide potential career progression internally or externally, through increasing skills and knowledge, to grow confidence in their work and improve quality of life for staff and students, which in turn benefits you as parents.

Please refer to the information on the right-hand page and contact us if you feel you have something to offer.

Despite all the external issues, I stand back and see thriving nurseries, full classes, and a thriving College. I appreciate how hard the education environment can be and it often lacks recognition by the powers that be, but it is a pleasure to be involved with the schools which form Tandridge Learning Trust.

Have a great summer!

Peter



On the 27th May 2022, Hamsey Green celebrated the Queen's Jubilee in style!

Each class performed in the glorious sunshine, from learning the National

Anthem on the recorders, to stories about a day in life of the Queen, to a timeline of her life, poetry and even a Tony Hart-style painting session, the children certainly amazed everyone.

After school, the community spirit continued with HGPS' Jubilee Fair. Each class produced goodies to sell - much to the delight of the parents! The stalls, which included Jubilee slime, royal biscuits, beefeater

g the Queen's Jubilee

bookmarks and name the corgi to name a few, were a sell out. We were particularly proud that the winners of Hamsey's Got Talent performed on the stage!

To round off the Jubilee

celebrations, the children all took part in the Commonwealth Baton Race to encourage active sport. The purple Jubilee Baton was passed from child-to-child, class-to-class in collaboration, covering 3km throughout the day!



As the conflict going on between Ukraine and Russia continues, we are now starting to welcome Ukrainian children who have joined our communities, into our schools.

At Hamsey Green Primary School (HGPS), Staff and Ukrainian pupils are using Google translate on a tablet with assistance from their peers. HGPS is also directing families to coffee mornings at the local church, where Ukrainian families can come together. In addition, one Ukrainian pupil represented HGPS at the district sports event last week. HGPS registered for a Bookmark Box for Ukraine for their children who were delighted to receive them. More information about the Bookmark Box for Ukraine scheme can be found by [clicking here](#).

At Tatsfield, another new joiner is being supported by a Ukrainian-speaking member of staff, and like



HGPS, they are also using Google translate to enable access to the full curriculum.

At Woodlea Primary School, they are running Ukrainian / English classes every day. One pupil is fluent in both languages and has become the natural translator. Also, one child is incredibly skilled

in Basketball and has been sharing their talent with others.

Warlingham's Ukrainian student began on a reduced timetable, with just mornings to begin with, in the Bridge, to settle him in gradually. In the first two weeks the School made arrangements to obtain a uniform for him, shoes and equipment. He was also buddied with a teacher that speaks Russian and a Russian-speaking student as this is his main language. He has received ongoing support from a Teaching Assistant (TA) who is the school's English as an Additional Language TA. He is now very settled and doing well.

Keen to help the Ukrainian arrivals within its local community as much as possible, Warlingham commissioned Alina Levchykova, a Ukrainian photographer, to capture some of its facilities for use in its marketing materials. Alina is a Ukrainian refugee living with a local host family. Alina is from Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city in the northeast of the country close to the Russian border and one of the areas most ravaged by the war. Before the war, Alina lived with her

families in our schools



this way and the Marketing team are delighted with her work. If you are interested in hiring Alina for a photoshoot, please email us: Info@TandridgeLearningTrust.co.uk and we can put you in touch with her.



mother and grandparents in Kharkiv and worked as a photographer specialising in commercial, fashion, food, weddings and family portrait photography. When war broke out, she fled with her friend to a safe part in Eastern Ukraine leaving her family (who were too elderly to travel), most of her possessions and career behind. There, in relative safety, she struggled with no work, so when the opportunity arose

to come to England to stay with a sponsor family, she jumped at it.

Alina has lived in England since the end of April and hopes to continue with her photography career here. She has already been commissioned for a number of photoshoots in the local area, from our facilities, to family portraits, school proms and corporate events with other clients. Warlingham was delighted to be able to help in

We thought it might be helpful to reshare with you the video by Dr Tina Rae which contains really useful information about how to support refugee children - [click here](#).



It was a long time coming, but Bletchingley pupils were once again able to light the lights, begin the music, and take to the stage for a long-awaited end-of-year

production of Robin of Sherwood. It felt a lot longer than two years since the Year 6 children, supported by the rest of Key Stage 2, last came

Summer Fair at Bletchingley

together to sing, dance, and act in what was a genuine return to form. A combination of pure excitement and nervous expectation brought out the best in everyone and the performance was a real triumph! The harmonious three-part singing from Year 4; the energy from Year 3; the effort from Year 5 all woven around the Year 6 children and a panto-style romp complete with the 'dame'. Years of investment in scenery, costumes, and the sound system created a professionalism that made both participating and watching a real joy.

It was times like these that made the hours of rehearsal and line-learning feel worth it. The audience reactions, from sustained clapping, to cheering and whistling, acknowledged the contributions from each year group and each actor.

In the last issue, we reported on Bletchingley's first Festive Glow Christmas Fair. Spurred on by the success of that event, the PTA continued the theme this summer with the biggest and best Summer Fair Bletchingley has ever had.



Children enjoyed a wide range of traditional stalls, raffles and tombolas, an inflatable park, and even a railway train whilst a fire juggler, magician and circus skills filled the main arena.

The 'field' became something quite magical as families lingered to enjoy the music, barbeque and Pimms. The school is extremely lucky to be blessed with fantastic grounds and to be able to share them with the local community. For many children this is their only experience of this sort.





trip again after so long. For many, this was their first time away from home as the children had missed their Year 4 overnight trip, due to the pandemic. Year 5 were kept busy with, among other things; zip wiring, kayaking, hiking, abseiling, crate challenges, Leap of Faith, grass sledging and night hikes, as well as a wonderful talent show put on by the children.

On Monday 25 April, Year 4 went away on their first residential trip to Blackland Farm. They had lovely sunshine and the bluebells were in full bloom. All day, the children were kept busy crawling through tunnels, climbing on walls and ropes

and wading through the stream. The campfire in the evening was a roaring success and everyone slept well. We are sure that they are looking forward to going again for a longer trip next year!

The following day, on Tuesday 26th April it was Year 5 who headed to Blackland Farm for their four-day residential visit.

It was great to be able to run the



for Tatsfield Pupils



Year 6 had a longer residential trip, visiting Little Canada on the Isle of Wight to enjoy an adventurous week-long residential trip. They took part in a range of activities on both land and water: kayaking, abseiling, climbing and many more!

The week was filled with smiles and laughter and the sun was shining too! The Year 6 pupils returned home with a new range of skills and couldn't stop singing the many campfire songs!



Following on from March's Breck Foundation session on safer internet use we will be sharing online safety guides produced by National Online Safety in our Trust Talk newsletters.

The first of these concerns Online Grooming, which is when someone befriends and builds an emotional relationship with a child and communicates with them through the internet with the intent to commit a sexual offence. This type of victimisation can take place across any platform; from social media and messaging apps to online gaming and live streaming. Often it involves young people being tricked, forced or pressured into doing something they wouldn't normally do (coercion) and often the groomer's goal is to meet the victim in a controlled setting to sexually or physically abuse them. In some cases children may be abducted or have long-lasting psychological damage.

In the guide - which you can access by clicking the image on the right - you'll find tips on a number of potential

risks such as strangers online, closed messaging and emotional attachments.



Meeting Rooms at Tandridge Learning Centre

At the Tandridge Learning Centre, in Tithepit Shaw Lane, Warlingham, we offer a number of meeting rooms that can be configured in a variety of ways and that represent a very cost-effective option for your events.

We have a private, off-street car park and can arrange catering should this be required.

Elm Suite

Maximum Capacity - 30 people

Ideal for training, meetings, interviews and other gatherings, the Elm Suite is a multi-purpose space equipped with a kitchen area and audiovisual equipment.

Willow Lounge

Maximum Capacity - 30 people

Ideal for informal meetings, and other gatherings that require a relaxed setting, the Willow Lounge

is a multi-purpose space equipped with a large kitchen area and lots of natural light.

Beech Hall

Maximum Capacity - 60 people

The Beech Hall is a large space with natural daylight. It can be used for a number of different activities, including meetings, physical activities, examinations and many more. The hall can be furnished theatre-style, banquet-style or cabaret style and has audiovisual capability.

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On 15th March, after two years of not being able to host a primary event, Warlingham staff and students were delighted to have so many children from seven of the

local primary schools competing again. Weather plays a crucial role when hosting such an event and they were lucky to have perfect weather for both the spectators and runners.

Organising any community event involves the contribution and efforts of so many different people. This event is chiefly run by Year 12 CSLA students at Warlingham Sixth Form College, who have to run an event

as part of their leadership coaching award: Beth B, Kenzie B, Rene C, Chris C, Kaycie J, Mollie L, Hannah L, Namish M, Javier M, Rosie M, Evelyn R, Dilenne R, Izzy R and Holly S.

In addition to the College students, staff had some amazing help from the School's Year 9 Young Ambassadors: Dara A, Amy C, Lucy C, Lucy H, Erin K, Teagan M, Gabby S, Chloe J, Poppy H, Abi M, Heather R, Oliver S and the Year 10 Young Ambassadors, who supported the event after their exam: Amy D, Kiera H, Annice K, Josh F, Emma D, Bailey C, Holly R, Phoebe K and Juneinah K.

Running continues to be a very popular sport and there were some fantastic individual results across the seven schools. Warlingham's site staff helped set up the event, roping off areas for the spectators and providing a pop-up tent for the results. Further support was given by one of First Aiders, the Tandridge Learning Trust's HR Manager, Judith Standen, supported by Louise Runge.

All participants were presented with participation certificates and the



top six runners in each race enjoyed being presented with a medal by Paul Kinder, Senior Deputy Head of Warlingham. Lawrence McConnell in Reprographics was responsible for producing all the paperwork and the wonderful photographs were taken by Namish, a Year 12 CSLA and A level Photography student. It really was a team effort!

Many spectators and their runners stayed for the presentation of medals at the end. This was really pleasing to see. As in previous years,

if you had four runners for each race, your school qualified for the Cup. Congratulations to St. Francis and Whyteleafe as our Cup winners - very well done. Hold onto the Cups until next year!

A big thank you to all the Primary teachers, parents and carers who organise their teams, provide transport and massive encouragement as well as providing a huge number of spectators to cheer the runners on. Thanks also to Audley, Hamsey Green,

St Francis, St John's, Warlingham Village, Woodlea and Whyteleafe. It was wonderful to see that the medals were spread across all the schools too.

The biggest thank you of all should go to Vanessa Salem, PE Teacher at Warlingham. She leads the CSLA during the College's enrichment periods and runs all these events for the primary schools too!

Warlingham is already looking forward to hosting the next primary event.

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Camp 4 Champs provides an active environment where children can experience fun, make friends and develop new skills. Their excellent staff can help children understand the power of sport, without the pressure of competition. The activities are inclusive to all abilities so everyone can achieve and have fun.

The sports and activity camps are open to children from 4-14 years old and run from 9am-4pm, (with extended hours available, 8am-6pm). There are camps running during the summer break at Warlingham School & Sixth Form College from Monday 25th July to Friday 26th August 2022.



Children can take part in a variety of activities, including: swimming, nerf wars, arts and crafts, cookery, and various sports, so will have lots of fun!

Camp Prices

Single Day £33
Full Week £150
Early / Extended Camp £7

To book, [click here](#).

Funding

Camp 4 Champs has secured funding for this Summer camp for those parents/carers eligible for Free School Meals (FSM's) including the provision of lunch. If you are eligible to book a FREE place, you will receive an email from your child's/children's school with a unique code.



Trust Talk

Wellbeing Conference

On Tuesday 19th April, the Trust held a Wellbeing Conference at Warlingham for all our staff. This was the first time we could all come together since the pandemic and it was a long overdue opportunity for us to network with colleagues from other schools, as well as our own.

Staff listened to two keynote speakers, Nicky Forster, a goal-setting coach and former professional footballer and Suzie Lavington, from The Art of Brilliance. Both speakers provided engaging and inspirational speeches to set the tone for the day. These sessions were interspersed with introductions from each of the Trust's Headteachers and a presentation by Chief Executive, Rebecca Plaskitt.

After the keynote speakers, everyone dispersed into smaller groups and could pick three workshops from a choice of:

- Acceptance... and a smattering of PE
- Coffee, Cake and Chat
- Communication
- Energy all Day
- Leadership



- Life is what you make it!
- Move More
- Rock Choir
- Teamwork
- The Ripple Effect

Our upcoming joint INSET day in September will be focussed on Behaviour Management, with keynote speakers Dave Whitaker, author of *The Kindness Principle* and Sarah Dove, author of *Behaving Together in the Classroom*.

Colleagues will also have opportunities to network with each other.





Day 4 was a bit of a cooler day, much to everyone's relief. Group 1 completed the 'Sensory trail', Abseiling and the 'Challenge course'. The Sensory trail was a blindfolded course which the children had to follow around with only the aid of a rope guiding them. The children had to wade through water, crawl

through mud and climb over obstacles. They had to work as a team to successfully navigate the course which all the children did despite groaning about how wet and muddy they were getting! Group 2 completed Archery, 'Sensory Trail' and the Trapeze - the children climbed to the top of a very tall pole and had to jump off and grab a trapeze which was very challenging! Group 3 completed the same activities as Group 2 on this day. In the evening, the weather perked up and so everyone went down to

the local beach and had a paddle in the sea. This was a relaxing and enjoyable way to spend the last evening at Little Canada.

On the final day, everyone packed everything up first thing and prepped to go home. But not before completing a couple of activities in the morning before a lunchtime departure. Group 1 completed the 'Trapeze' and 'Tunnel Trail'. Group 2 completed the 'Challenge Course' and 'Tunnel Trail'. Group 3 finally had their turn on the 'Vertical Challenge' and 'Challenge Course'. The Challenge course was an obstacle course with some problem-solving twists thrown in to test physical and mental strength. The Tunnel Trail was a network of tunnels connecting to underground rooms which the children loved playing different games in. Shortly after lunch, everyone departed Little Canada and began the journey home. Despite a delay with their coach in Portsmouth, the journey ran smoothly and everyone got home safe and sound. Everyone had a fantastic time but all were exhausted by the end!

at PGL's 'Little Canada'



The children pushed themselves during this week, tried new things and developed their independence. Woodlea staff are all very proud of what they achieved.



On Monday 20th June, Woodlea set out on an adventure to Little Canada PGL on the Isle of Wight.

This was the first trip away from home for many of Woodlea's pupils so there was a mixture of nerves and excitement as they waved farewell to Woodlea. The journey down to the Isle of Wight was a smooth journey - using a coach, a ferry and a minibus - and they settled into their new accommodation at Little Canada in the middle of the afternoon.

Their accommodation was called Victoria (every area was named after a different part of Canada) and the children organised their rooms, fully aware that they will need to keep it tidy as there would be room inspections each day!

They had their first activity that evening called 'Ambush' which the kids loved doing as it involved (as the name suggests) ambushing the

opposing team in the woodland area. This was a great start to what would be a great week!

On the first full day, everyone was up at 7am ready for an 8am breakfast. Some children found it easier than others to get out of bed and ready on time!

They were split into three groups for the activities. Group 1 completed the 'Vertical Challenge', Rock Climbing and Archery. Group 2 completed 'Vertical Challenge', Rock Climbing and 'Survivor'. Group 3 participated in Problem Solving, Tunnel Trails and Rock Climbing too. Vertical challenge was a unique climbing set-up using cargo netting, poles and tyres which the children had to ascend. Survivor was a survival skills workshop where children learned to build shelters and make fires from flint and steel! To finish off the day, they took part in an activity called Splash - whoever made sure a water balloon survived a fall using the equipment provided could throw the balloon at one of their teachers. Of course, they all chose Mr Cole who got wet through!

By the end of their first full day, the children were completely shattered and went to bed rather quickly that night.

On Wednesday, the sun was at its hottest and it was a particularly beautiful day. Group 1s activities included 'Survivor', Orienteering, 'Problem Solving' and 'Wacky Races'. Group 2 participated in Abseiling, 'Problem Solving, Orienteering and 'Wacky Races'. Group 3 completed abseiling, 'Problem Solving', Orienteering and 'Wacky Races' too. Problem-solving tested the children's logical thinking and skills. They were given practical problems and riddles which they had to solve. Wacky Races was completed together. The children had to use their acting skills a lot for these races, impersonating many different types of animals and got very dizzy completing some of them too! They were truly wacky races.

In the evening, there was a campfire, with interactive songs, scary stories and gooey marshmallows consumed whilst sitting by a lovely fire. This was a pleasant end to the third day on the Isle of Wight.

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