



A message from the Trust Chief Executive Officer

It is hard to believe that we are now approaching the end of another academic year as it seems such a short time since I reflected on the end of the last academic year and the impact of the first lockdown as a result of the pandemic. We are now a whole year further on and the pandemic is very much still with us, but I am pleased to say that the we have all been able to return to some level of normality over the past weeks and our children have really enjoyed and benefitted from being in school both academically and in terms of their well-being. It is huge credit to our amazing staff and school leaders that our children are bouncing back following the 16 months of disruption to their education and personal development. I am sure that you will all join me in thanking the staff in your children's NPAT school for their commitment and dedication to supporting you and your children over the past year despite the anxieties and challenges of the pandemic.

It has been a real joy to see the brilliant work that the children have produced as a result of studying the Shakespeare play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. During visits to schools this term not only have I had the pleasure of reading some extremely high quality children's writing, the art work produced working with the visiting artist Anne-Marie Cadman is truly exceptional. This learning was showcased in our fabulous virtual performance with music, drama and dance written and performed by NPAT children being shared with parents, wider families and friends of NPAT far and wide. We are so proud of our commitment to the performing arts and to bring alive our vision of '*educational excellence, creating opportunities and enriching lives*'.

This year, despite the pandemic, we have still been able to progress our Trust education targets forwards, particularly focusing on further developing our NPAT curriculum framework. Huge thanks go to our amazing team of curriculum writers who have worked so hard to further evolve our teaching framework and to Anna Carter, our NPAT curriculum leader who has led and coordinated our curriculum development work. We are really proud of the high quality curriculum that we are now providing for our children.

Finally, at the end of such a long and challenging year, I would like to thank my own team here at the central office who work tirelessly to ensure that NPAT runs in an effective and efficient way, who are always here at the end of a phone or email to answer queries and support our schools to be effective and sustainable. It's been a long year and we are grateful to have had their support and guidance.

Thank you all for your continued support for our schools. I hope that you all have a lovely summer break, stay safe and healthy, and enjoy some family time together ahead of the new year starting in September. Have a great summer and a lovely break.

Julia Kedwards



A message from Anna Carter, Trust Lead for Curriculum and Professional Learning

With the summer holidays in sight it is a wonderful time to reflect back on the past academic year, its challenges and successes.

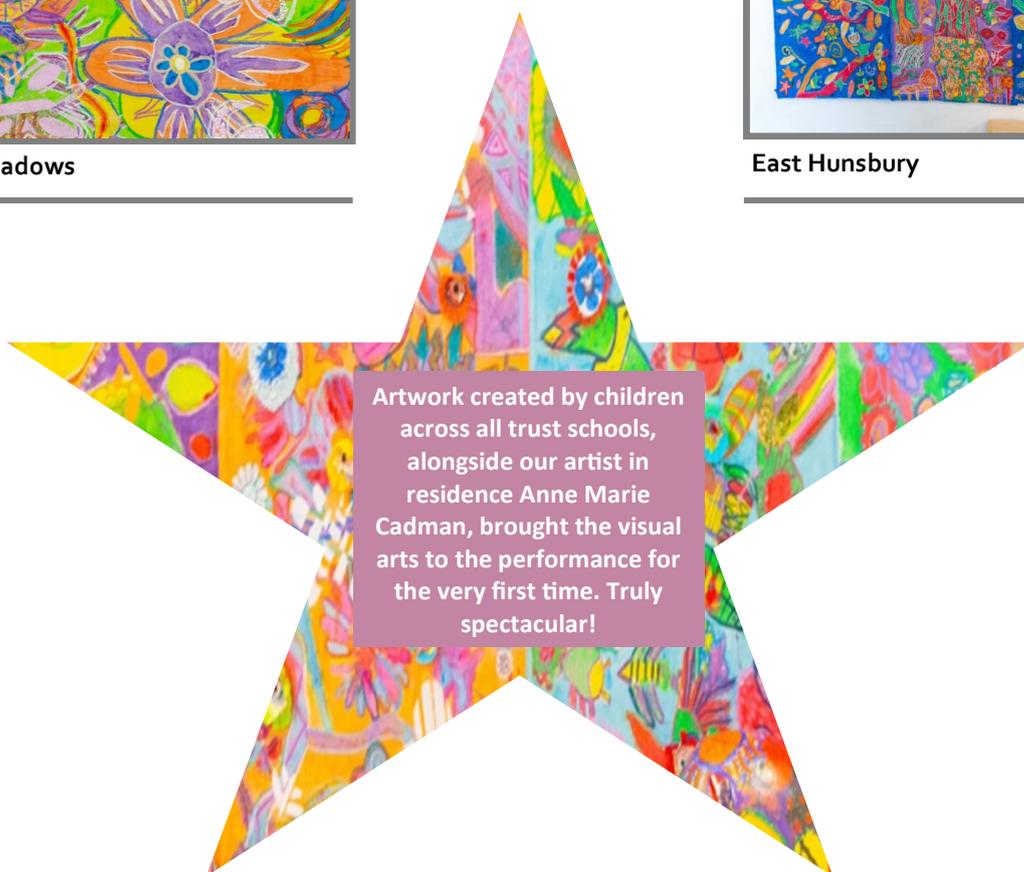
Schools have adapted to the ongoing challenges that Covid has brought to our RSC programme this year, with remote learning, distancing measures in schools, and ongoing bubble closures. Despite all of this however, teachers and children have still engaged enthusiastically with A Midsummer Night's Dream, our play for this year.



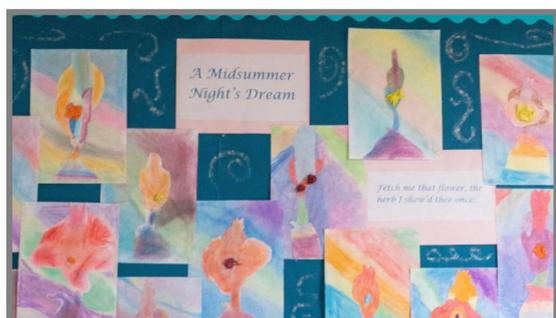
Upton Meadows



East Hunsbury



Artwork created by children across all trust schools, alongside our artist in residence Anne Marie Cadman, brought the visual arts to the performance for the very first time. Truly spectacular!



Thorplands



Headlands



Many of you will have tuned in last week (possibly after the football) to our virtual performance comprising of music, dance, drama and song writing, developed in partnership with the brilliant Silhouette Youth Theatre practitioners.



Thorplands



Abington Vale Stirling

Approximately 3000 children and 200 adults tuned in to watch the matinee performance at school and around 250 device logged into the evening performance. We may not have made it to the Derngate, however NPAT children still managed to showcase their talents and skills against all odds.

Our wider curriculum development continues in Humanities, Science, RE and Art. This term a working party of teachers from trust schools have been working with a subject matter expert from the Denbigh Computing Hub in Milton Keynes to develop our computing curriculum. An exciting next phase of our curriculum journey.

We are drawing to the end of another disrupted year, with news filtering through of how schools might operate under new guidance regarding from Covid. Staff will be working hard to ensure that school life continues safely and positively in the new academic year.



Simon de Senlis

Have a wonderful break over the summer and we look forward to welcoming your children back in September.

Kind regards,

Anna



A message from the Head of Operations and Compliance

I cannot believe I have already been at NPAT for four months. I would very much like to thank everyone for the warm and open welcome that has been extended to me during this time.

I feel very privileged to have been able to visit the NPAT schools in person during this time and see for myself how staff achieve extraordinary things, every day, in the most challenging of circumstances as we continue to navigate new paths through the pandemic.

As I write this the COVID related landscape for September is continuing to shift, and guidance will continue to be issued and changed during the summer period I'm sure, but I am looking forward to embracing the 'new normal' when the Autumn term begins.

I thought this a good opportunity to share with you a couple of current developments. As always, I'm delighted to hear what is working well in schools and what is creating challenges - so please do get in touch if you want to share any successes or concerns.

New Management Information System



We will move our MIS from SIMS to [Arbor](#) during the Autumn term. Our schools will move over in two tranches: Abington Vale, Rectory Farm, Headlands, Simon de Senlis, Lings and Upton Meadows initially with the remaining schools coming on board on 6th October.

School teams are working on the implementation of the new MIS system with Arbor which will provide a far superior user experience for you to work with pupil and staff data, provide a 'Trust wide picture' of all schools to avoid duplication of data input and collection, give us the capacity to store electronically our HR files, appraisal records and training records, and give our schools a much more robust Single Central Record.

This is an exciting development for NPAT, and I thank all those staff who are working to integrate the new system seamlessly into our working practice. I look forward to seeing how we can use the Arbor data much more effectively to plan, monitor and develop further.

Health & Safety

We will continue to work with YMD Boon for the next three years to improve our Health & Safety provision, this will include a new package of support and training for staff and governors. YMD Boon have conducted audits of all our schools this term, which I know has been an added undertaking for staff for which I'm very grateful, and we will use this information this year to support the resilience of schools in this area.

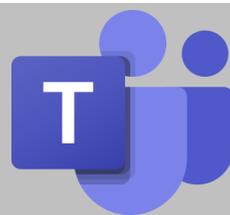


COVID is very much now 'business as usual' and therefore we will now concentrate more deeply on other areas that also need our attention.

As we look to next year, I'm keen to simplify and standardise other operational areas and will be looking at all areas from GDPR to facilities to HR to ensure I support schools more widely, eliminate superfluous practices, and deliver efficiencies that can have an impact in the classroom and for schools directly.

I hope you all do manage a break over the summer, and that you get some proper rest - albeit somewhere I'm sure less exotic than may be what you'd normally have planned!

Tracy Bannister



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