



L.E.A.D. Academy Trust

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Welcome

As we come to the end of the academic year, we would like to thank pupils and staff for their dedication and commitment.

We've enjoyed a busy year across our Trust with the addition of new schools, development of partnerships and national recognition for pupil progress across many L.E.A.D. academies.

With our schools due to finish for summer over the next few weeks, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Diana Owen CBE
Chief Executive, L.E.A.D. Academy Trust



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Trust News

Four L.E.A.D. Schools Make the Top 10%

Following publication of the 2017 MAT league tables, four L.E.A.D. academies have been placed in the top 10% of primary schools across England for progress made within KS2 writing and/or maths.

St Ann's Well features in the top 10% on both accounts, Sycamore Academy is placed for KS2 writing and Huntingdon Academy appears for progress made in KS2 maths.

Edna G. Olds Academy ranks in the top 3% for KS2 writing and the top 5% in KS2 maths.

We look forward to celebrating ongoing successes across the Trust.





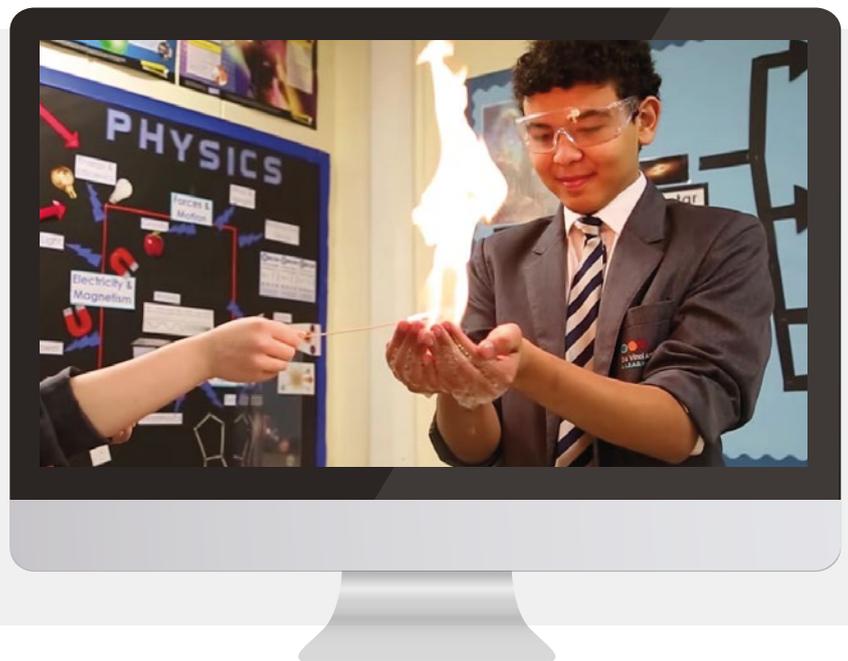
Media Update

Introducing our YouTube Channel

We are delighted to share our new films with you all. Many of you will have seen the L.E.A.D. Family Film online and in your schools. We have also created a short series highlighting our L.E.A.D. Teaching School Alliance school direct training programme.

The L.E.A.D. Family Film

The L.E.A.D. Family Film showcases our core values: Lead, Empower, Achieve and Drive. The film features our fantastic academies and highlights the journeys of our pupils from 4-18 years old. A special thank you to the schools, pupils and teachers that feature in the film.



The L.E.A.D. TSA School Direct Training Programme

These five films cover the key elements of our L.E.A.D. TSA school direct training programme, specifically:

- The Programme
- The Support
- Enrichment
- Recommendations to Others
- Next Steps

www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7gOis9bkdA



Top Tweets

All aboard!

We are very much aware of the fantastic events, activities and achievements that occur in our L.E.A.D. academies every single day, which is why we are delighted to shout about it on Twitter! Here's a selection of recent tweets:



 **StAnns Well**
@stannswellead

We are thrilled to see four of our children being entered for Grade 1 on their stringed instruments. A first for St Ann's Well! Good luck musicians. @LEADAcadTrust

Group Achievement



 **Da Vinci Academy**
@davincilead

School is open on Saturdays 10am – 2pm for Y11 students and staff.
#PushOn #GCSEs @LEADAcadTrust

Student Notification



 **Charnock Hall**
@charnocklead

Y1 have made some fantastic masks for their home learning tasks. #creativelearners #homelearning @LEADAcadTrust





 **Cloudside Academy**
@CloudsideJunior

@CloudsideJunior @LEADAcadTrust
A few pictures of our fantastic Lacrosse lessons today.





 **Birley Head**
@birleyhead

The Barcelona Trip Group have all arrived safely and are already having a wonderful time.
@LEADAcadTrust @birleyacademy @BirleyDeputy





 **Sycamore Academy**
@sycamorelead

Building fires, filtering water, camouflaging and solving a first aid crisis - must be a job for our budding Year 4 mountaineers! #bushcraft @LEADAcadTrust





 **Bishop Alexander**
@bishopalexlead

KS 1 loved their visit to the Lincolnshire Transport Museum last week! @LEADAcadTrust





 **Windmill Academy**
@windmilllead

Year 5 visited @NottmPlayhouse to watch Holes recently. They loved it! @LEADAcadTrust



We don't want to miss a thing – so please remember to tell us what's happening in your school on a monthly basis by emailing Ross Bennett: ross@engaging-education.org.uk

Whether it's parent notifications, trips and events, individual and group achievements, exciting lessons or key news items...we want to know!

  **Huntingdon Academy**
@huntingdonlead

What a fabulous day foundation had at Stone Bridge City farm, tending the crops and petting the animals!
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  **L.E.A.D. Academy**
@LEADAcadTrust

Congratulations to Year 4 [@stannswelllead](#) for being sporting superstars in our 'Going for Gold' fun run recently! #Proud



  **Uplands Junior**
@uplandsleadacad

"Learning is made easy when you are having fun"...Farhaan Ibrahim 6CR [@LEADAcadTrust](#)



  **Millfield Academy**
@millfieldlead

Wow! What a busy and action packed 3 days our Yr 4 children have had in London. The Lion King and the River Cruise were highlights!
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School Trip

  **Glapton Academy**
@glaptonlead

Class attendance winners last week were Elm Class with an amazing 100% - Well done! [@LEADAcadTrust](#)

Attendance

  **Edna G Olds Academy**
@ednagoldslead

During the summer the [@Hoodwinked2018](#) sculpture trail will transform Nottingham. We are really excited to be part of this trail and have designed a BookBench to display the impact that plastic has upon our oceans. [@LEADAcadTrust](#)



  **Hogarth Academy**
@hogarthlead

Year 5 & 6 visited the Gurdwara in Nottingham City Centre. We learnt about how Sikhs worship and the 5 Ks. Thank you Hogarth you were all great ambassadors for the school.
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  **LEAD TSA**
@LEAD_Urban_TSA

Our 'Effective leadership of CPD' aims to develop core practises to deliver quality teaching and learning, drive forward school improvement and raise standards of pupil achievement.

Continuing Professional Development



You can follow our Chief Executive on Twitter! Search for: [@DianaOwenLEAD](#)



In The Press

If you have a story that you believe would generate positive press interest, please get in touch: ross@engaging-education.org.uk

Highlighted snippets from our recent features in the local press.



Edna G. Olds Academy

The head teacher and staff at Edna G. Olds Academy have been told that their ambition and teaching has led to improvements, indicating that it is heading towards an 'Outstanding' judgement.

Ofsted inspector John Lawson praised the head teacher Melany Pemberton for her work to improve the school. He said: "The ambition that you and other staff have for all pupils is uncompromising. Pupils make rapid progress in all areas of the curriculum. I was struck by the holistic approach you and other staff take towards pupils' learning and development."

www.nottinghampost.com/news/nottingham-news/primary-school-gone-strength-strength-1537126

Noel-Baker Academy

Phillip Noel-Baker was recently recognised through the unveiling of a plaque in the city centre to commemorate his contribution to the community. As part of the 'Made in Derby' project, it was one of eight plaques installed celebrating the lives of well-known people with Derby connections.

The Made in Derby walk of fame project is a first in Europe because of its use of phone app technology as part of a piece of public art.

www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/derby-news/clough-taylor-made-in-derby-1560605

Witham St. Hughs Academy

Witham St. Hughs Academy received a letter from Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards, praising how the 2017 assessments showed that "100% of the pupils reach or exceed the expected standard in mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2".

thelincolnite.co.uk/2018/03/lincoln-village-school-top-1-england-maths/

Noel-Baker Academy

From Noel-Baker To America

This month, former Noel-Baker Academy Sixth Form Student Benson Arogbo will graduate from The University of Maine, Fort Kent, following a five-year stint in America. Benson, who left Noel-Baker in 2013, has had quite a journey. He first secured a spot at Lassen Community College in California, fulfilling his dream of playing basketball in the United States. After completing his Associate Arts Degree (similar to an HND in the UK), Benson earned a basketball scholarship to 'top up' his qualification at The University of Maine, Fort Kent.

In addition to competing on the varsity basketball team and travelling throughout the north-eastern United States, Benson has excelled in his studies, gaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Management. From speaking to Benson his fondness is clear, and there is little doubt that he wouldn't be where he is today without Noel-Baker.

"My favourite teacher was Mr Wiggins from my BTEC sports class. But I liked all the teachers and the local area. It became my home for three years, I pretty much lived at the place, either studying or in the sports hall."

Attending Noel-Baker Sixth Form and being part of the elite Derby Trailblazers basketball academy was without doubt a game changer for Benson.



Academy Round-up

Rainbow Forge Primary Academy

School Choir

The School Choir of Rainbow Forge Primary Academy have been selected to take part in the National Festival at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham in July. They were selected after Mrs Edge sent a recording of the School Choir to the Music for Youth Regional Festival. They received wonderful feedback, which stated:

"This is a wonderful primary school choir with many musical strengths. As they continue to select interesting and demanding music with harmony and part singing."

Huntingdon Academy

Annual Road Safety Quiz

The Nottingham Road Safety team recently visited Key Stage 2 pupils at Huntingdon Academy for the annual road safety quiz. The pupils were asked challenging questions about the highway code. Huntingdon Academy will find out later in the year if they finished in the top 10 schools in the city. If so, they will be invited to compete in the final!

St Ann's Well Academy

Viking Day

Year 3 pupils visited Wollaton Hall to take part in a Viking Day. The pupils used real life artefacts and replica objects to learn about what it was like to live as a Viking in Britain. They also discovered how the Vikings travelled to many places in their longships to raid, trade and settle. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

Edna G. Olds Academy

Year 3 Nottingham Contemporary Visit

Year 3 have been involved in an exciting project with the Nottingham Contemporary. They were fortunate enough to work with Debbie Cooper, an artist who went into school to help them create some original artwork. The pupils attended a celebration event at the Nottingham Contemporary, where their artwork was displayed, along with art created by several other schools.



'UK day at Sycamore Academy'

Uplands Junior L.E.A.D. Academy

Jon Ashworth MP Visit

Jon Ashworth MP has recently visited Uplands Junior L.E.A.D Academy. The school collected donations for local Foodbank in order to help the less fortunate families in the community.

Jon Ashworth MP congratulated all involved and awarded the School Council members certificates. They also appeared in the Leicester Mercury as a 'Good News Story'.

Sycamore Academy

UK Day

Key Stage 1 pupils at Sycamore Academy participated in an exciting UK Day recently. The pupils spent the day learning about countries within the UK, their capital cities and the cultural traditions for each. Each pupil produced a piece of creative writing summarising their findings.

Da Vinci Academy

Da Vinci Secure Second at National Crimebeat Awards

Students at Da Vinci Academy secured second prize in the National Crimebeat awards 2018 for their unique work on Project Zao, an initiative that aims to discourage young people from carrying knives.

Students and members of the Chaddesden Safer Neighbourhood Team travelled to London on April 18th for a ceremony attended by HRH Duchess of Gloucester GCVO.

Barbara Wilding CBE QPM, Chair of National Crimebeat, said: "In recent years, National Crimebeat has had many projects submitted from High Sheriffs that involve school students working hard to educate their peers on the very real dangers of carrying a knife. This project was the most innovative and potentially impactful the judges had seen in that time."

The team were nominated for their initiative to organise an event at the academy, demonstrating how young people's lives can spiral out of control when they get involved in knife crime.

Members of the emergency services, including police dog handlers and ambulance crews, attended the school and were involved in a mock search and demonstration. Students witnessed how the police deal with knife-carrying offenders and learnt about the appalling injuries knives can cause.

The students organised the event after attending a Project Zao youth summit held by Derbyshire police, which looked at the long-term effect that knife crime has on perpetrators, victims, their friends, families and the wider community.

The students decided that they wanted to pass the lessons they'd learnt on to their peers.

Birley Spa Primary Academy

Birley Spa Primary Students Visit the Mayor

On Friday 11th May, School Councillors from Birley Spa Primary Academy took part in a special visit to the Lord Mayor of Sheffield. The KS2 pupils were invited into the Lord Mayor's parlour to discover what being a councillor means and how best to do the role. After a presentation and a question and answer session, The Lord Mayor, Councillor Anne Murphy, took the pupils for a tour around Sheffield Town Hall, viewing the council chambers and the different artefacts and collections. The pupils were thrilled by the visit and represented themselves and the academy brilliantly.

The academy is hoping this will become a regular visit for their pupils.

"The children were really engaged and asked some excellent questions."

The Lord Mayor



Birley Spa Primary pupils visiting the Mayor of Sheffield.

Jubilee L.E.A.D. Academy

Mini Triathlon Event at Harvey Hadden

Pupils from Year 4 visited Harvey Hadden to experience a mini-triathlon event organised by British Triathlon, Active Notts and Nottingham City Council. Over 800 pupils attended the day in total. The pupils got the opportunity to experience swimming, biking and running. Despite a gruelling course and some tired legs on the final lap of the run, the attitude and resilience of the pupils was impressive.

Birley Primary Academy

EFL U11 Final Winners

Congratulations to the Year 6 football team from Birley Primary Academy for winning the EFL U11 Sheffield Club Final. After their success, they progressed to the regional finals, which were played at Leeds United's training ground. After playing back to back games, they didn't quite make it through to the final.

Everyone at Birley Primary Academy is extremely proud of their efforts.

Waddington All Saints Academy

Bikeability Training

Pupils in Year 5 from Waddington All Saints Academy participated in their annual Bikeability training. As part of the course (once the initial tests were complete) they cycled on the roads to ensure that they could apply their skills safely. To pass the test they had to demonstrate that they could hold their position on the road, use hand signals to show their intentions and independently make choices about when it was safe to move.

The attitude of all pupils towards the experience was fantastic.

Millfield L.E.A.D. Academy

Gardening Club

During the spring term, a selection of pupils have joined the Gardening Club at Millfield L.E.A.D. Academy. They have potted plants and completely renovated the garden area.

"It was great fun and we all gave it 5/5."



Pupils participating in the Gardening Club

Jacob and Lydia, pupils at Millfield L.E.A.D. Academy

Witham St. Hughs Academy

KS2 Harry Potter Night

Pupils from Witham St. Hughs Academy attended a special Harry Potter night. The pupils selected a house from the sorting hat, made potions, entered a quiz and enjoyed a banquet. They all dressed up in fantastic costumes too. The evening raised a total of £150, which will be spent on purchasing more books for the school library.

Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D. Academy

Pupils go back in time

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 at Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D. Academy have been bringing history to life. The pupils were extradited to the countryside and they had no idea where they were being taken! They really embraced the trip by dressing up in outfits reminiscent of the time period.



Pupils at Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D. Academy going back in time!

Cloudside Academy

British Values Week

Cloudside Academy have recently celebrated British Values Week. The pupils enjoyed lots of exciting activities in their classes and they had a lovely display in the foyer. Cloudside Academy have invited the local community to visit and take a look around.

Charnock Hall Primary Academy

The Royal Picnic

To celebrate the Royal Wedding, Charnock Hall Primary Academy held 'The Royal Picnic'. The turnout at the event was amazing and showcased the lovely community spirit.

"We played with the teachers and saw family members at school. It was good to be there, I loved it."

Warren Academy

Rhubarb Muffins

The pupils at Warren Academy have been very busy in the school garden recently. They had a lovely crop of rhubarb, which was picked and used in the kitchen to make muffins. The pupils have planted new vegetables and are working together to take good care of them.

Calli, from Year 6

Radford Academy

Community Spirit

With the help of teachers and Nottingham Trent University students, pupils from Radford Academy have been tackling issues in their local community. They firstly visited different groups in their local area, including Radford Care Group, nearby businesses and The Refugee Centre. From their research the pupils discovered that the main issues in their community were: vandalism, littering, speeding, loneliness and lack of integration. The pupils decided that their aim was to improve Radford by increasing safety, cleanliness and social interaction. They intended to achieve their targets by:

- Meeting with community police officers and the crime commissioner to discuss vandalism and fly tipping.
- Meeting with a Nottingham Street Scene Manager to organise equipment for regular litter picking.
- Planning English classes for parents and local people.
- Planning and organising a community dinner to bring people together.
- Organising classes to attend Radford Care Home.

The pupils at Radford Academy have been very busy and are doing a fantastic job at improving their community.



Pupils at Radford Academy getting into the community spirit by removing litter!

Hogarth Academy

L.E.A.D. STEM Day

Pupils at Hogarth Academy were amongst many that participated in a L.E.A.D. STEM Day recently. The day explored learning in areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The pupils had the opportunity to drive robots, build hurricane proof structures and test their reaction times.

Manor Farm Academy

The Royal Wedding

Manor Farm Academy held their very own Royal Wedding. The reception pupils planned the whole event, assigning themselves individual tasks. They had roles such as florists, bakers and jewellers, and they made sure everything was ready for their big day.

The whole school congregated in the hall for the ceremony and reception - even speeches were given by a best man and mother of the bride!

Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy

Brilliant Basketball Team

This year, Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy have enjoyed great success with their basketball team. They recently beat all competition at the opening 36th Nottingham Mini-Basketball Rally. Coached by Mr. Lou Dannheimer, they defeated the powerful Good Shepherd Academy, 40-6, Nottingham City Champions South Wiford A, 32-6, and South Wilford B, 30-2.



*Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy
Basketball Team*

Glapton Academy

Twycross Zoo Visit

Pupils from Years 3 and 4 at Glapton Academy have been on an exciting trip to Twycross Zoo. The trip was to support their topic of 'animals around the world'. They took part in an educational workshop and learnt about climate zones. The highlight for all of the pupils was seeing the lemurs!

Get In Touch

If you have a story that you would like featured in the L.E.A.D. Newsletter please get in touch: ross@engaging-education.org.uk



Sheffield Teaching Opportunities

We are recruiting in the Sheffield area for teachers to start in September 2018.

We are looking for a number of teachers across all our primary schools. We have opportunities at KS1 and KS2, in addition to EYFS, and would welcome applications from both experienced and creative teachers alongside NQTs. We also have opportunities for Phase Leadership across EFYS, KS1 and KS2 available for the right candidates.

To apply, please complete an application and an equality monitoring form and return to Marianne Hinds, HR Business Partner via email marianne.hinds@leadacademytrust.co.uk.

Details of all our schools are available on the website: www.leadacademytrust.co.uk.



Importance Of Attendance

There is a clear link between good school attendance and high levels of attainment. Regardless of the reason, if a child is absent from school it will impact on their learning. This section of our newsletter will hopefully help to illustrate why we want all children to be in school at every possible opportunity.

Arriving **5 minutes** late every day adds up to over **3 days lost** each year!

Arriving **15 minutes** late every day is the same as **being absent for 2 weeks** each year!

Arriving **30 minutes** late every day is the same as being absent for **19 days each year!**





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