



# Local Academy Council NEWSLETTER

December 2023

## STATUTORY UPDATES

- The DfE are seeking views on proposed changes to the non-statutory elective home education guidance for local authorities and parents. This consultation closes on 18 January 2024
- The DfE says, education standards continue to improve as new statistics on the phonics screening check (published 12/10/23) show 79% of 5 & 6 year olds met the expected standard, up from 75% last year.
- The DfE says, as of 27th October, LAs should be receiving details of their allocation from the £289 million wraparound childcare fund, to make sure families of primary school children can access childcare between 8-6pm.
- Two thirds of school inspection grades now match performance outcomes according to Ofsted analysis. Inspectors didn't take exam results into account during the pandemic, but are slowly returning to using data in inspections (Schools Week)
- Ofsted have confirmed that it will no longer be carrying out summary evaluations of MATs until the next financial year (therefore until April 2025). It is believed that this will allow Ofsted to focus their capacity on school inspections which it is legally required to undertake.



## Rainbow Education Multi-Academy Trust

### MISSION

At the Rainbow, we flourish together as we listen, learn, lead, lift and love.

### VISION

To ensure that each and every child, no matter what their background or their circumstance, reaches their potential and leaves us ready for the next stage of life.

### VALUES

friendship - wisdom - trust  
excellence - endurance



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## REMAT VISION & VALUES DAY

In November, our central leadership team, dedicated trustees and chairs of local academy councils joined forces for a visionary day of crafting our mission:

Following this day our new mission was born! We will continue a future filled with collaboration, growth and unwavering support.

# Congratulations!

## HEYGREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are absolutely delighted to share another brilliant inspection report from another one of our fantastic schools, Heygreen Primary School! This report really is a reflection of the hard work, dedication and passion of the entire school community. Well done!!!

We are also excited to welcome Gina Donaldson as the new CEO of REMAT. Gina's vision, dedication and passion for the Trust will continue to lead the us on to great things!



## USEFUL READING

-  [OFSTED School Inspection Handbook](#)
-  [New support for teachers powered by Artificial Intelligence](#)
-  [Unions call for immediate pause to Ofsted inspections](#)

## TOWNFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Townfield took part in the Times Table Rock Stars (England Rocks) competition and as a school, finished a very credible 768 out of 4357 schools that took part.

In R.E. Year 6 have been learning all about religious pilgrimages and about Diwali celebrations.

Townfield have been busy creating poppies to remember our armed forces and discussing the importance of Remembrance Day. They learned about commemorating those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in the line of duty.

## TRUST & SCHOOL SELF-REVIEW

As a Trust and individual schools, we strive to be the best we can be. In order to achieve this, we undertake a Skills Audit, LAC board Healthcheck and this academic year we have welcomed an external governance review to analyse our systems and structures and to identify strengths and areas of focus.

Our CEO and other key members of the Trust met with the National Leaders of Governance to undertake a self-review audit to benchmark what we do against national expectations. This was a very useful exercise that has supported us to identify how we can further improve our skills.

This year, all LACs will undertake safeguarding training and individual LACs have undertaken a range of training courses including a REMAT induction/ refresher course.

Skills audits have been conducted for LACs that were current at the beginning of the academic year, for those who have joined after that, a link to the form will be coming your way.







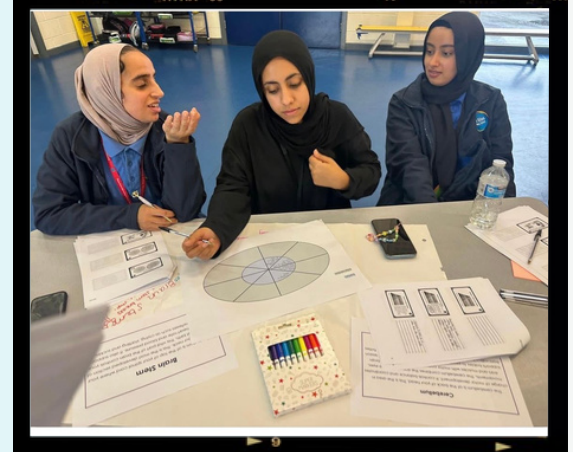
## CROXTETH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the whole team at Croxteth Primary who are the first school in the Trust to be awarded with the ATSSA Gold Award!

We are so proud! 🌈❤️

## REMAT EARLY YEARS LSA CPD PROGRAMME

As we continue our commitment to quality CPD in the early years we are running an Early Years LSA CPD Programme that all early years LSAs are completing this academic year. This will support LSAs to further their knowledge skills in child development, the prime areas of learning and early literacy. This will ensure to all our practitioners are developing experts in early years education. We are pleased to announce our Year 1 Phonics Screening success. Last academic year all our schools were above the national average of 79% and our Trust average being 10% above national at 89%.



## SHORESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pupils had a fantastic time on their school trip exploring the local area, visiting Chester, a local church, the World Museum and many more!

Year 6 pupils from Shoreside were privileged to recently attend a Royal visit for the re-dedication of the Southport War Memorial. The re-dedication service was held to mark 100 years of the war memorial on Lord Street, Southport. HRH The Princess Royal attended the service and spoke to pupils at the event.



# ≡Welcome≡

A big warm welcome to the following people who have joined our governance community:

- Alistair Currie (Townfield Co-opted LAC)
- Aziza Ismail (Heygreen Parent LAC)
- Jazz Taylor (Croxteth Staff LAC)
- Emma Porter (St Gabriel's Parent LAC)
- Ally Wrigglesworth (St Gabriel's Staff LAC)
- Eve Hayes (Garston Parent LAC)
- Jack White (Garston Co-opted LAC)

We look forward to working with you!

# goodbye

We would like to say a big thankyou and goodbye to the following people who are standing down from their governance roles across the Trust:

- Sara Ngenda (Trustee)
- Rajdeep (Rosie) Dosanjh (Trustee)
- Angela Bellingham (Trustee)
- Patrick Reade (Shoreside Co-opted LAC)
- David Robinson (Croxteth Staff LAC)
- Suaad Hussain (St Silas Co-opted LAC)

## ST SILAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Silas, there has been a really good response to parent drop-ins, stay and play sessions and come and see events. There was also a successful Family Breakfast event just before half term.

In November, all schools including St Silas pupils took part in a Colour Run. We are absolutely blown away by the amount raised for Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.



## REMAT UPDATES

Heygreen, Croxteth, St. Gabriel's and St. Silas have opened their doors to Local Academy Councillors, Trustees and Members of the board. There's been some really positive feedback.

Garston and Shoreside will be hosting their LAC morning in 2024. Please check Governor Hub for more details.

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**RAINBOW LEADERSHIP**

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**LUNCH PROVIDED £50PP**

**INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP**

This one-day training course focuses on developing instructional leadership skills for teachers and leaders in educational settings. Participants will explore the principles and practices of instructional leadership, with a strong emphasis on effective communication, fostering a culture of continuous improvement, and supporting teaching and learning excellence. Through interactive discussions, case studies, and practical exercises, attendees will gain the knowledge and tools necessary to lead their schools towards improved instructional outcomes.

1st February 2024  
10am-3pm

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