



# Newsletter

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## Thank a Teacher Day

Earlier this week, on June 18th, schools across the country celebrated Thank a Teacher Day - a national opportunity to recognise and appreciate the remarkable contribution of teachers and all those who work in education. While we value our teachers every day, this week gave us a special moment to pause, reflect, and say thank you to those whose work transforms lives.

Teaching is one of the most important professions in society. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation confirms what we know from experience: high-quality teaching has the greatest impact on pupil progress, particularly for disadvantaged pupils. A skilled and passionate teacher can unlock a child's potential, raise aspirations, and change the course of their life. As the late Sir Ken Robinson once said, "Great teachers empathise with children, respect them, and believe that each one has something special that can be built upon."

Across the White Hills Park Trust, we are fortunate to have so many teachers who do exactly that - every single day. From the early years to GCSEs and beyond, our schools are full of staff who bring expertise, care and creativity into their classrooms. In our primary schools, we see teachers making phonics come alive with joy and energy, or patiently helping a young mathematician discover their confidence with numbers. In our special school, teachers and support staff create highly personalised programmes of learning, helping each pupil to develop independence and thrive in their own unique way. In our secondary schools, we witness the power of subject specialists inspiring curiosity, challenging students to think deeply, and helping them take the next steps towards university, apprenticeships or employment.

We have seen teachers go the extra mile to support pupils through difficult times, adapting lessons, offering encouragement, and showing unwavering belief in a child's ability to succeed. Whether it's the Year 6 teacher who stays late to rehearse a leavers' assembly with nervous pupils, or the science teacher who sparks a lifelong passion with a simple experiment, or the TA who gently reassures a child overwhelmed by a noisy classroom—these small moments add up to something extraordinary.

It is also important to recognise that great teaching is rarely a solo act. Our teachers are supported by fantastic teams of teaching assistants, learning mentors, administrative staff and many others who work tirelessly to create a positive, safe and supportive environment for learning. And of course, the partnership with parents and carers is essential—after all, you are your child's first teacher. When school and home work together, the impact is multiplied.

So this week, and every week, we thank all our teaching staff—past and present—for the difference they make. Their work is challenging, often demanding, and always deeply meaningful. We are proud of the high standards of teaching across our Trust, and we know that behind every successful pupil is a team of adults who have believed in them, guided them, and helped them grow.



**Dr. Paul Heery**  
Chief Executive Officer



The White Hills Park Trust  
*Better Together*



Are you looking for a workplace that values collaboration, teamwork, and a supportive environment? Then look no further. In the White Hills Park Trust, we pride ourselves on the fact one of the best things about working here is the people. Whether it's our supportive central team, our passionate and dedicated school families, or our amazing diverse pupils, we provide a friendly workplace that promotes collaboration and teamwork, united in our mission to provide the very best for our young people across the county.

We currently have open vacancies in various roles across our schools. Please see our online careers pages on our website [whptrust.org](http://whptrust.org) for more information on the benefits of working with us (such as access to leading pension schemes, and free wellbeing and medical support), or visit our new managed careers portal at [url.whptrust.org/careers](http://url.whptrust.org/careers) to apply for roles or to join our talent pool for future opportunities.

If you have any questions about the roles or would like more information not available online, please email our HR team on [HR@whptrust.org](mailto:HR@whptrust.org) who will be happy to assist.

### **Alderman White School** Bramcote, NG9 3DU

- Student Support Mentor
- Cleaner
- Science Technician (Temporary - September until December)

### **Arnold Mill Primary School** Arnold, NG5 7AX

- Classroom Teacher

### **Arno Vale Junior School** Woodthorpe, NG5 4JF

- Cleaner

### **Bramcote College** Bramcote, NG9 3GA

- Cleaner

### **Foxwood Academy** Bramcote, NG9 3GF

- Teaching Assistant
- Finance, EHCP and Exams Assistant

### **John Clifford School** Beeston, NG9 2AT

- Classroom Teacher
- Teaching Assistant

### **The Lanes Primary School** Chilwell, NG9 4BB

- Teaching Assistants





## Alderman White hosts the Inaugural Primary Highland Games!

On Thursday 19th June, Alderman White hosted the first ever edition of the Broxtowe primary schools Highland Games. 11 of our fantastic year 10 sports leaders helped to organise and run the event, alongside the fantastic Pete and Dawn.

We had 4 teams come in, Campbell, McDonald, Stewart and Buchanan. These consisted of Wadsworth, Beeston Rylands and Eskdale primary schools. We hosted a wide range of events, starting out with several running events. 3 legged race, farmers carry and some other fun sprints and relays. We then split off into 8 events. We had wellie throwing, long jump, caber toss, sheaf toss, skipping, cross jump, kilti dash and the heavy bag toss.

All schools took part fantastically with so much energy and enthusiasm. This was matched by the fantastic leaders who were able to support and guide the teams through their tasks.

We then finished with a tense tug of war tournament, which even our leaders got involved with!

Hopefully this is the first of many more Highland Games!

Super thanks to Pete for the organising and running of the events!

**Mr Sutton**







## Introducing the new MUGA

On Tuesday 17th June, Alderman White hosted a netball friendly against Hall Park and Kimberley schools. It was a great opportunity to officially present our new MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) to the community!

Teams comprised a mixture of girls from year 7, 8, 9 and 10 with the focus on playing and enjoying the game. The only heat was from the sun!

Here are some shots from the afternoon.

### Miss Kilbane

