

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our June newsletter designed to keep you up to date with what is taking place within Severn Academies Educational Trust (SAET). As is always the case in the summer term, large numbers of our young people have been involved in a huge variety of activities and events across the Trust.



This month's school in focus is Wilden All Saints who recently received a highly successful SIAMS inspection, one of only two schools in Worcestershire to receive the 'Excellent' judgement. Well done also to St. Bartholomew's who have recently been awarded the Platinum Sports Award and National Online Safety accreditation. You will notice also the many wonderful events that have taken place for Father's Day, Youth Makes Music, Opening Doors to Business plus the fantastic pyramid 'Oscars' celebration at Worcester Cathedral.

Many of our young people have been involved in a variety of other educational experiences including trips to Wolverhampton Art gallery for a painting masterclass, Performing and Creative Arts day at Baxter College for all Year 4 pupils and the launch of our SAET Children's council.

Being part of SAET provides a strong base from which all our schools can work closely together and it is this collaboration that will enable the very best practices to be shared and give all our students in the Trust the very best opportunities. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the work across our schools and thank you for taking the time to read a little more about our schools and students' successes.

Chris King
Chief Executive



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School in Focus – Wilden All Saints CE Primary School

June has been an exciting month for Wilden All Saints, with a successful SIAMS inspection, Fathers' Day, learning about Hinduism, the trip to the Sealife Centre, painting masterclass at Wolverhampton Art Gallery and reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*!



Falcons have had an insight into what it means to be a **Hindu** in the UK. Thank you to Alpa Williams for being the guest speaker, the students learnt so much.



Wilden All Saints Church of England VC Primary school has been awarded an overall judgement of 'Excellent' under the new **SIAMS** (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) schedule. They are only one of two schools to have been awarded this judgement in the Diocese of Worcester since the new schedule of inspections started in September 2018. Headteacher Mrs Fishwick said, "We are delighted that the way we live out our Christian Vision on a daily basis has been recognised in this way. It is the strength of our community of children, staff and governors with the support of our families and friends of the school which makes Wilden a truly special place for us all to learn and grow together."

Wilden All Saints will continue to deliver an education designed to meet the needs of their children which fully embraces the school's rich heritage whilst looking to provide for the future needs of the next generation. Their values led curriculum means that children not only leave Wilden having reached their academic potential but also with a deep understanding of themselves as people in their community and wider society.

Inspector Ann Stone wrote, "The understanding by all stakeholders that the school's Christian vision and values are lived out daily makes a truly transformational difference to the lives of pupils and adults." This excellent SIAMS Inspection outcome further endorses the wonderful work at Wilden alongside their Outstanding Ofsted grade achieved in 2014.



School in Focus – Wilden All Saints CE Primary School cont.



Barn and Tawny Owls enjoyed learning more about life under the sea following their trip to the **Sealife Centre** on 4 June.



Little Owls have been very busy reading **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**. They've also been trying lots of delicious food, including salami and different pickles.



As it was **Fathers' Day** recently, Wilden All Saints invited dads and grandads from KS1 to participate in building a shelter and KS2 to spend quality time and cake!

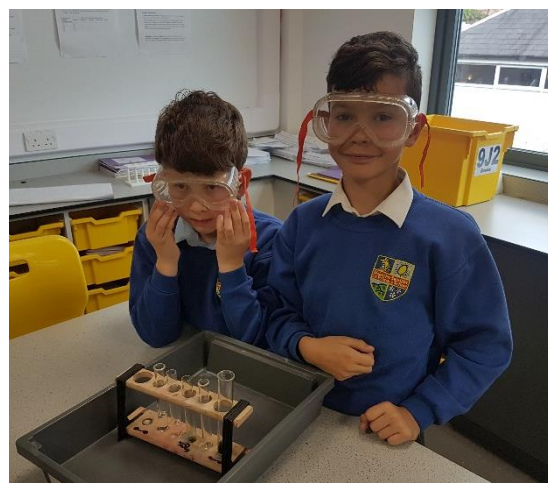
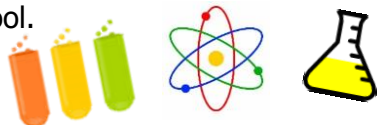


St Bartholomew's Receive Accreditation

We are pleased to announce that St Bartholomew's have successfully achieved the National Online Safety (NOS) Certified School Community Accreditation. St Bartholomew's have been working really hard over this academic year and have gone above and beyond keeping their students safe online. Well done to all the staff within St Bartholomew's for your commitment. St Bartholomew's have also been awarded the Platinum Award from Wyre Forest School's Sports Partnership for 2018/2019.

Science Event – Wolverley Sebright

Wolverley CE Secondary School played host to Wolverley Sebright Year 5 budding scientists for a morning of experiments and investigations. Year 5 enjoyed using the science labs and preparing for transition next year to secondary school.



STEM Club – Baxter College

It has been another busy couple of months for the STEM club as the warmer weather finally arrives. The students spent time weeding and clearing the quad garden ready to transplant the seedlings they have been caring for during the past weeks. All plants have settled into their new homes and are being enjoyed by staff and students as they walk by.



They continue with the long-term project of developing the area to become a wildlife garden that can be used for teaching and learning. We look forward to sharing progress on stage 1. To support our project, Baxter are keen to extend their collection of tools for STEM, so if you have garden tools or equipment such as garden forks, spades, watering cans or hoses that you would like to donate, please contact fbaker@baxtercollege.co.uk.

A few wet Tuesdays didn't stop the STEM group as they tackled indoor engineering challenges. These included bridge building using only paper, 'No Hands Towers' and their favourite – the 'Egg Drop Challenge'. Students used everyday materials to build a protective case so their egg could survive a 3 metre drop. There were many different approaches with students discussing their ideas and possible solutions before the 'big drop'. Despite only 2 eggs surviving, the students learnt a great deal during the competition.



Painting Masterclass at Wolverhampton Art Gallery

As part of our provision for enhanced learning opportunities, pupils from Wilden All Saints and Wolverley Sebright visited Wolverhampton Art Gallery on Tuesday 18 June for an inspiring Painting Masterclass.

The visit was a brilliant opportunity for pupils to discover some wonderful artworks including a current exhibition on Pop Art. With expert guidance from a professional artist, pupils developed new skills and techniques including portraiture and landscapes.



Launch of SAET Children's Council



Representatives from all seven SAET schools gathered for the first meeting of a new SAET Children's Council on Friday 7th June at the SAET Training Centre. The aim of the group is to provide a vehicle for all children and young people in all our Trust schools to have a voice and the opportunity to shape their learning experience as they move through their schooling. Having been elected to represent their own school, students will come together once per term to discuss and develop ways in which their learning experiences can be enhanced.

All students made a fantastic contribution at the first meeting as they highlighted the excellent things that take place at their own school. They will now take ideas from the meeting to implement at their own school through their own School Council.

A second agenda item was a discussion on health and well-being activities within each school and looking at ways to help all students to maintain a healthy life-style and sense of well-being.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 13th September and students have been tasked with thinking about a collaborative Trust-wide learning project.

Performing & Creative Arts Day

On 20 June, all Year 4 pupils from our primary schools were involved in an inspiring day of performing and creative arts at Baxter College. Throughout the day, all pupils took part in music, drama, dance and art culminating in the opportunity to perform in front of each other in the school theatre. Thank you to over 30 senior student leaders from both Baxter College and Stourport High School who supported the teachers throughout the day – you were amazing!



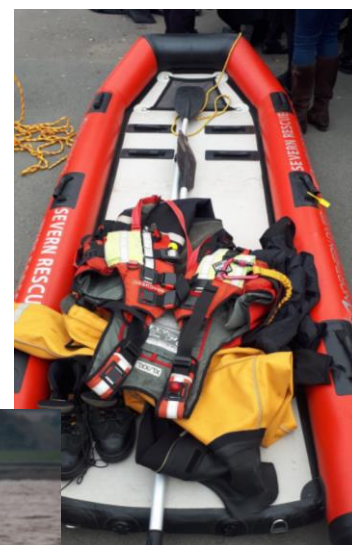
Wolverley Sebright – WW2 Project

Year 5 pupils went back in time for a day of history. Getting into character, the students were joined by Discover History for an interactive day of activities.



SHS – Community Ambassadors

The community ambassadors at SHS were visited by the Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA) on the importance of staying safe near open water.



Hartlebury Students Help the Homeless!

Recently, Year 6 students at Hartlebury Millie and Eadie decided to help the homeless. What an excellent cause and here's how they did it...

We came up with the idea to make some homeless help bags that would contain essential items that they may need when sleeping rough. To enable us to achieve this, we did five fundraising Fridays at school.

Week one: we did our 'donation station' and with all your donations we managed to make 24 bags with just that one fundraiser! Week two: the school was raising money for comic relief but they support the homeless anyway.

Week three: we did our dress down day and everyone was very generous. Week four: we did the raffle for Mother's Day and the staff from school all made a donation towards the two hampers.

On our final week we did a cake sale and thank you to everyone that donated cake to us. Thanks to everyone's help we have managed to raise an incredible £347.00, which has given us enough money to make 50 bags and donate just over £100.00 to the charity. We went to MAGGS Day Centre to hand over the bags so that they can be distributed to the homeless and Free Radio covered our story. Thank you very much to all the staff, pupils and parents at Hartlebury Primary that have supported and helped us make the homeless bags a reality.



Stourport Primary Academy – Youth Makes Music

On 18 June, Years 3 & 4 took part in the very popular Youth Makes Music event which was held at Kidderminster Town Hall. This yearly event was well supported and this year the students and staff selected "The Jungle Book" as the topic of the 15-minute routine along with a spectacular dance from Year 4.

Attending this event has become a tradition and the children always look forward to taking part which involves dressing up in costume, having face paint applied and learning the routine which this year was developed by Mr Barron, Mrs Delahay, Mrs Tomlinson and Mr Bartlett. A special thank you to the parents for supporting Stourport Primary and providing the costumes.



Crackerjacks Charity – Baxter College

Sixth Form head students at Baxter College have been commended for their excellent fundraising efforts at a presentation this week. Crackerjacks, based in Kidderminster, are a children's charity, committed to offering help and assistance to any child, or their family in the United Kingdom, who suffer from a disability. Jack J and Jack W worked hard with the guess the name of the bear competition in which Megan F assisted collecting in the money raised. Brandon L, Jack W and James R completed a bake sale to raise more money and big thanks to Ace Bakes of Kidderminster who donated a personalised Crackerjacks cake for our cake raffle. A great £153 pounds was raised. Well done to all involved.





Father's Day - SPA

One of Stourport Primary's most looked forward to events happened on Friday 14 June. Every year the dads of the children are invited in for a curry and to spend lunchtime with their special ones. Lots of smiles on faces greeted everyone that entered the hall for lunch as this enabled the dads to have some special time with their children.



Stan the Lollipop Man at Hartlebury

Stan the Lollipop Man at Hartlebury CE VC Primary School was a finalist for 'The Unsung Hero' award at this year's Education Awards.

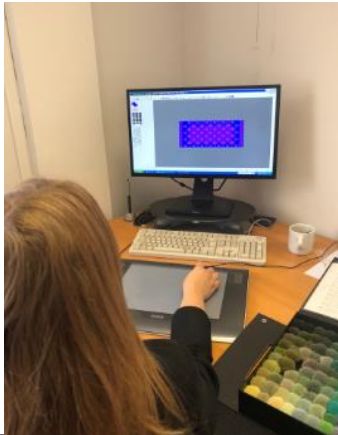
Well Done Stan! Everyone at Hartlebury are so proud of you and we thank you for keeping the children safe on the roads!



Congratulations Marcus – Stourport Primary

Mr Marcus Hayes, who is a well-known face at Stourport Primary popped in to give everyone the news that he had been awarded an MBE in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List. Marcus, who attended Stourport Primary when he was a child, led an inspiring assembly. Over the years Marcus has raised more than £15,000 for the school for which we are very thankful.

Marcus who sponsors our Literacy Award handed over the cup and Book Voucher to this term's well deserved winner.



Opening Doors to Business

Throughout June, Year 9 in both our secondary schools have been involved in the Opening Doors to Business in conjunction with The ContinU Trust. Students have visited many companies to learn about the different career routes for them. Thank you to all the companies who have supported our students. They've visited MFG solicitors, Brockway Carpets, Rotary Printers, Hereford and Worcester Fire Hub, OGL, West Midlands Safari Park, West Mercia Police, Kidderminster College



Young Voices New Visions – St Bartholomew's & Baxter College

We are excited to inform you the Three Kings heads from St Bartholomew's will be displayed at the high profile Severn Arts event on 9 July at the Art House in Worcester. Again, if you've missed out on seeing these fantastic pieces of artwork please come along to the Severn Arts event. More information can be found on their website – <https://www.severnarts.org.uk/>



On Wednesday 22 May, 14 students from Baxter College ranging from Year 8 to year 13 performed as part of the annual 'Voices and Visions' showcase at Worcester Cathedral. The students were given the opportunity to work with two professional Performing Arts practitioners to create the piece over two days of rehearsals. The students worked choreographically with umbrellas as their prop to create their own soundscape, also writing their own music and lyrics that were sung beautifully by Jess R. The theme for the performance was 'sanctuary' and this came vividly to life with this fusion of music & dance within the atmospheric setting of the Chapterhouse at Worcester Cathedral. All of the students involved were pushed out of their comfort zone but showed great resilience, creativity and dedication to make the performance a huge success.



Well done to: Ryan B, Charlotte H, Jess R, Hannah T, Tess J, Libby C, Daisy B, Lexie B, Mae S, Max C, Will E, Casey H, Rachel B and Tom G.

Wolverley Sebright – Trip to Cadbury World

Year 2 students at Wolverley Sebright Primary Academy visited Cadbury World as part their summer term project on chocolate. The pupils have been exploring the history and how chocolate is made. Yummy!

