



# Collaboration & Community News

## GOVERNOR BULLETIN

### December 2024

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## STAYING IN TOUCH

### A joint bulletin from the CEO & Director of Governance

It has been a long autumn term for all of our academies, but a positive start to the academic year. It is pleasing to see all our academies and designations embracing our 'one trust' and working hard towards 'Achieving Excellence Together'.

As we are coming to the end of the calendar year, it is a great opportunity to look at all the different ways our academies have engaged with their local communities and demonstrated lots of Christmas spirit.

This bulletin is designed to celebrate and connect LGBs, trustees and members within the area of community news. As ever, do contact the Trust offices and/or Andrew as Director of Governance if any further clarity is required.

★ Communication within this bulletin should support the regular in-between reportable time frames between board members and leaders, again within a workload friendly backdrop.

★ Principals and Heads of School have recently been reminded of the importance of keeping their board updated on significant changes, emergency activation or near misses in 'real timeframes.' We are working on guidance and best practice sharing to further articulate the importance.

## IT'S CHRISTMAS!

### 1. A roundup of Christmas activities from our academies



Lights, camera, action! We had another **fabulous nativity** at Bowling Green Academy. It was well attended and the audience left with huge smiles and ready for Christmas.



We enjoyed our wonderful **choir's first performance** of the festive season at Stainland Junior Cricket Club. They sounded beautiful!

The backdrop was fantastic, and the audience gave them a warm welcome.



THE  
**GREETLAND**  
ACADEMY



Year 1 pupils did two amazing performances of **'The Twinkly Nativity'** at St Thomas' Church. The audience were wowed by their performance and found it to be an amazing show full of superstars who shone so brightly.



RAYNVILLE  
ACADEMY

Year 6 children were invited to join another local primary school for a **Christmas singalong at our local care home**. The residents were delighted and enjoyed joining in with the traditional Christmas songs. Some classics mixed in with some more modern chart hits!



**GREAT  
HEIGHTS**  
ACADEMY TRUST



## 2. Charity Fundraising

### Partner Provision's Charity Bake at Carlinghow Academy



Pupils and staff baked some delicious treats for the stall and **raised £100 for Young Minds**, a mental health charity for children and young people. Many pupils were involved with the prep work and baking the goods before two students did a fantastic job managing the stall and selling the treats.

### Greetland girls sell handmade bracelets



Year 6 girls have been **raising money for Overgate Hospice with their bracelet sale**. Handmade custom bracelets were available for all to buy and wear with pride. We couldn't be prouder of their community spirit. Well done girls.

### Former Colne Valley High School student releases charity single



Former student Mason Whittle has **released a self-penned charity Christmas song**. The 18-year-old has released 'Christmas Time' on iTunes and Amazon Music for 99p to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and The Teenage Cancer Trust.



Our KS2 children had a fantastic time at the **Elland Christmas Lights switch-on**. They sang carols, met the Calderdale Fire Brigade, saw owls and falcons and received a gift from Father Christmas. Mrs Akroyd even got the chance to do a special duet on the microphone. It was an incredible afternoon, making memories. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come and watch their children sing.



This week our children have achieved their mission of completing the **Overgate Hospice Reindeer Run**. All classes were competitive to see how many laps they could complete as a class. Well done to Mandela Class

who completed 13 laps around the playground, with Mr Zackery leading the way. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the children for a very worthy cause.



**THE MIRFIELD  
FREE GRAMMAR**

The Mirfield Free Grammar's very own Lola is bringing festive cheer as the winner of Kim Leadbeater MBE's Christmas card competition! Lola's beautifully designed cards are spreading joy far and wide, reaching recipients from the Prime Minister to His Majesty the King. Congratulations, Lola, on this incredible achievement!



## CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



### 3. Bowling Green Academy children plant over 60 trees

Bowling Green Academy is always pleased to support the local community, as demonstrated by Year 5 pupils planting over 60 trees in Stainland's orchard. The school is committed to contributing to the development of the local environment.



Thanks are extended to Together Housing for their support.



## CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

### 4. Another Win for Nields Academy's Fabulous Garden

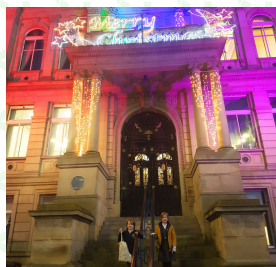
A huge congratulations to Mrs Hill and the team at Nields Academy for their amazing achievement in the RHS Campaign for School Gardening. This year's "No Adults Allowed" competition saw an incredible array of creative entries from schools across the country.

The RHS shared, "We were overwhelmed by the quality of all the entries submitted this year - a huge thank you to everyone who took part. After much deliberation... we're thrilled to announce the winners!"

We are proud to announce that Nields Academy is one of just 25 schools nationwide to receive a £1,000 prize to bring their inspiring garden ideas to life. Well done to everyone involved!



### 5. Nields Academy win Recycling School of the Year



In November, Miss Mahon, Mrs Hill, Caleb and Alice attended the Kirklees Hero Recycling Award Ceremony at Dewsbury Town Hall, celebrating Recycling Heroes across Kirklees.

We are thrilled to announce that Nields Academy won the school of the year in the recycling category and Mrs Hill was Highly Commended for her efforts as a Recycling Hero - well done all!



### 6. Year 4 pupil's winning t-shirt design for the F1 Stock Car Championships

We are very proud of this Year 4 superstar who won a competition to design a t-shirt for the F1 Stock Car Championships. He was invited to the racetrack and even got to draw the running order of the race cars by picking names out of a bag.

What an excellent demonstration of our school value of independence!



### 7. Marsden Musicians



Marsden Academy children have been celebrating the 'V' Marsden Marvel Value of Vibrant through our music curriculum. They very much enjoyed performances and workshops delivered by local folk musicians Mishra Music.



### 8. MFG footballers are victorious in Utilita Girls Cup

Year 7 footballers from The MFG fought off competition from six other schools in the local round of the nationwide Utilita Girls Cup tournament. With a 1-0 win over Netherhall Learning Campus in the final, the girls cemented their place in the next round, where they will don the famous Blue and White stripes of Huddersfield Town against Sheffield United.

The tournament sees over 20,000 school children from 2500 school across the country take to the pitch, with the final taking place at Wembley.



### Linking Governors to existing communication

Please do connect to your academy leaders on these trust communications for regular updates.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and dedication throughout the year. **We wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2025.**

