

Greetings to you all!

We hope you like the first edition of our new Trust newsletter, "TrustEd Talk" written for our schools: Alveley Primary, Castlefields Primary, Church Stretton School, Oldbury Wells, St Leonards CE Primary and Stokesay Primary. The theme for this first edition is "**Getting Connected**" and we hope you enjoy it!

Re-opening and re-connecting with our pupils

The return to face-to-face education has gone smoothly across all of our schools with very carefully drawn up risk assessments and several quite big changes in how things run. Thanks to staff for working so hard in getting everything to operate successfully, and to pupils and parents for their support and help.

Connecting with our new Trust Council

Elections have been underway in schools recently, to select representatives for a new Trust Council. We are not sure what it will be called yet, but maybe TrustEd Parliament? Representatives across all schools will be meeting via Microsoft Teams and making plans for joint work on projects of their choice. We are very excited about what may unfold from this initiative, because we have more than 2000 pupils which is a lot of young people to be connected and working together!



Mr Parr, Headteacher at Church Stretton with his schools' newly elected reps.

An Inspiring Event!

Many of the pupils in our Trust took part in a competition which ran over the summer. Pupils from Year 5, 6 and 7 wrote a letter or made a poster asking for a wish. The competition was inspired by the book *Malala's Magic Pencil*, written by Nobel Prize Winner, Malala Yousafzai, who is a campaigner for global girls' education.

We held a special virtual ceremony. The winners of the competition were announced by Guest of Honour Zia Yousafzai – who is Malala's father. He was a very inspiring speaker. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the competition and to those awarded a prize. Thanks to our judges and also to Rav Chambers from Be Inspired Films who helped us to run the event.



Zia Yousafzai and Rav Chambers in the studio getting ready for our ceremony.



Mr Tristham, Headteacher of Oldbury Wells School with Yr 8

- ✓ *Lola, Y6 St Leonards: "I think that the Assembly was inspiring to the audience as we have never spoken to someone that has changed the World before."*
- ✓ *Mrs Langton, Stokesay Primary: "Zia was an amazing speaker. He was so quietly proud of his daughter and I loved seeing the children's faces as they watched. I could tell they were truly inspired."*
- ✓ *Leo, Y6 Stokesay Primary: "It was inspiring and made me want to do better for the world."*

Connecting for Celebrations!



*Prize winner Phoebe
From Stokesay*

Letter writing winners:

1st Phoebe Allport (Stokesay Primary); 2nd Maisie Rollings (OWS – previously Castlefields School); 3rd George Illidge (OWS)
Highly commended: Lily Bache (Alveley Primary); Ella Quinton (OWS previously Castlefields School); Monty Key, OWS



Mrs Ferriday with Tess and April

Poster winners:

1st April Sandy (St Leonards); 2nd Oliver Aubrey (OWS); 3rd Jacob Jones (OWS)
Highly Commended; Tess Dainty (St Leonards school), Hugo Brechtmann (OWS) and Terramai Phillips (OWS)

*Mr Smith with Lily at Alveley School
presenting her prize*



- ✓ *Faith, Y5 at St Leonards: "It made me feel like I can persevere more, like Malala did and knowing more things about her and her family is amazing."*
- ✓ *Mr O'Malley, Executive Headteacher, Stokesay and Alveley Schools: "Zia told us, 'If you participate you are a winner!' I found that a very inspiring and helpful message for our pupils."*
- ✓ *Thea, Y6 Stokesay Primary: "Listening to Zia speaking about Malala and how she changed the thoughts of people thinking that girls shouldn't go to school was very inspirational."*

Connecting for Transition

Each secondary school in our Trust has been connecting to primary schools to support with primary transition! Mrs Godden and Oldbury Wells staff have been working with Castlefields Y6 on a Vintage Camera and creative writing project with some stunning results. Mrs Godden said, "The pupils writing has been so very impressive. They have researched like real historians and written like professional writers! Well done all!"



Year 7 pupils in our secondary schools have had a virtual meeting with their old class teachers and have answered Year 6 pupils' questions about life in secondary school. Thank you to the Year 7 pupils who took part and I am sure that Year 6 found the meetings both interesting and reassuring. Photos shows some Year 7 Oldbury Wells pupils talking to their old school, Claverley Primary.

