

Message from Chair of Trust Board



Karen Dovaston

With the Christmas break now upon us, it is hard to remember the start of the year in September 2021. We have been as busy as ever this term. I am pleased to have been elected for the second year as Chair of the Trust Board and I welcome the new Vice-Chair, Riz Malik. I also want to express my thanks for all the support and work done by the former Vice-Chair, Robin Knight, who has given and still gives so much time for the benefit of SECAT.

We have come a long way over the last year, strengthening and streamlining the support for all of our schools in SECAT. You may have seen the new fleet of minibuses out and about. We are really pleased with how much use they have already had. Our Estates Team goes from strength to strength, adding skills and opportunities along the way. The Finance Team has worked hard with budgeting and implementing the cashless system in schools. The benefits to this infrastructure allow our Headteachers and teachers more time to do what they do best and that is teaching our young people.

It has been a challenging year for our pupils and students, yet they continue to impress all of our staff with how amazing they are, rising to any challenge with positivity. That is wonderful to see. The engagement of our pupils in the Well Being Charter has been super to see. We want to build on this, listening to the voice of our pupils and students in what we do.

These are challenging times indeed, but we are stronger together, and with the mindset of positivity.

The Anti Bullying Week slogan this year was 'One Kind Word'. Words are powerful. Let's use ours to be kind to each other.

Seasonal greetings to you all and I wish you a restful holiday.

Message from Chief Executive Officer



Ruth Brock

It is that time of year again where we are all looking forward to the festive season and marveling at how time flies!

The 4 pillars—Curriculum, Wellbeing, Growth and Community, run throughout the schools and the central teams. You will see from the following pages, that SECAT has been very busy and incredibly successful in achieving and working towards these key priorities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Shelley Walsh for her work with SECAT and in particular, as headteacher of Thorpedene Primary. Shelley moves onto pastures new, beginning with a long holiday! Our best wishes of good luck go to Shelley. We are delighted to welcome Dani Wade, who is currently Head of Learning and Achievement at Newham Local Authority. Dani is joining us next term as permanent Director of School Improvement and has already met with the Headteachers during the interview process and this month, during the school improvement reviews. She will be a strong asset to the team and we are all pleased that, from a strong field, she accepted the offer to work with our schools.

It only remains for me to wish you all a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones and a New Year of peace and happiness. Be safe, enjoy and here's to 2022!





Ben Stickley

Message from Chief Operating Officer

Our school support teams have been busy undertaking and managing a wide variety of works throughout the year across our six sites, some of the projects undertaken and completed are shown below to give you an idea of the variety of works undertaken and the benefits to our schools. All of these projects have been funded from central Trust funds.



By having a skilled team of people in house across the Trust we are able to make our funding stretch further and spread the benefit wider.

Replacement boilers and plantroom	Building Management System replacement	Upgrade of interactive whiteboards
New IT Suite	Fire detection and alarm system improvement works	9 roof replacement projects
Lift replacement	Building defect issues resolved	New cashless system
External handrails fitted to flat roofs	New fascia	Replacement of fire doors
Ventilation improvements	External lighting repairs	Conversion of Humanities teaching rooms
Relaying and improvement of nursery playground	National College Staff Development System across the Trust	Emergency lighting improvements
New kitchen and reception fire shutter motor and automatic door sensors	Refurbishment of swimming pool housing & heating systems	Internet upgrade project across all schools
Tarmac repairs	Staff PPA Work Rooms	Hall remodelling
Removal of obsolete gas supplies	Mains electrical upgrades	Purchase of new minibuses



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CHARITY WORK

Take part in charity work and actively volunteer in the community

Harvest Festival

Children in Need

MacMillan Cake Sale

Southend Hospital and H A R P

Southend Foodbank and St Vincent's Centre

Haven's Hospice and Cancer Research UK

Jack Petchey

Young people across our schools have been busy running events for local and national charities. Their creativity, enthusiasm and initiative have been inspiring as they worked together to organise and host numerous activities this term.

Collectively across the SECAT Primary, Infant and Nursery schools, pupils and their families came together to raise donations and money for the Harvest Festival and Children In Need. We are extremely proud and grateful for our community's enormous generosity, with Harvest donations being distributed to local charities and foodbanks including the Southend Foodbank (The Trussell Trust) and St Vincent's Centre-Southend (who operate a foodbank and provide a hub for local soup kitchens).



Harvest Festival at Richmond Avenue School

It was wonderful to see our pupils and staff engage in the spirit of Children In Need. Hinguar's amazing group of budding entrepreneurs held stalls over three days to raise an astounding £676.16. Pupils decided on the theme of their stalls and the enjoyment on the children's faces was joyful. Children also dressed up for the day including Bournes Green school council taking the opportunity to combine supporting others with having some fun with a sequin-clad Strictly Come Dancing themed dress up day.



Stalls at Hinguar School



Fancy dress at Thorpedene School



CHARITY WORK

There have also been a number of school and individual charity events taking place.

At Bournes Green, their very popular and successful MacMillan cake sale raised over £850 pounds for charity. Shoeburyness High School held their annual Sixth Form Charity week where they raised over £5000 for Southend Hospital and HARP. A wide range of fund-raising activities took place in school including 'Soak A Teacher and Sixth Former', talent shows, raffles, leg waxing and fancy dress.



These bustling social events meant a great deal to many in our local community after the difficulties of the last year and we would like to thank a range of local businesses for their generosity in providing prizes to raise money for these worthy causes.

A huge well done also to some of individual children within the SECAT schools.

- Isabelle, Emily and Lewis from Shoeburyness High School helped organise and take part in a charity football match fun day to raise £2,500 for Havens Hospice. Isabelle and Emily from year 7 have also recently spent 28 hours sleeping rough on the streets to fundraise for 4 local charities. They have been recognised for the charity work by winning the Echo Hero Award and have been nominated for a Jack Petchey Award.
- Austin and Freddie from Bournes Green School have been recognised in the Pride of Essex Child of Courage awards for their work championing inclusion through campaigns with Great Ormond Street Hospital and Marks and Spencer.
- Maggie and Kyla from Shoeburyness High School completed the virtual LEJOG walk which is 874 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats, raising money for Cancer Research UK.



The amazing work of our SECAT family has had a huge positive impact on our local and extended community. Every contribution and effort from our young people will make a real difference to people's lives and they truly are a credit to us all.



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SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Take part in sports activities and competitions

AJ Bell Women's Cycling Tour

National Fitness Day

Bowling/Dodgeball

Swimming

Tag Rugby

Basketball/Football

Cross Country

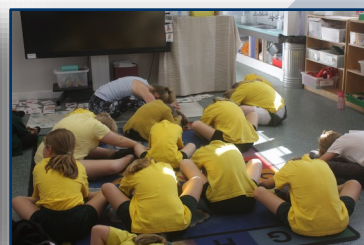
We pride ourselves on the engagement and achievements of our young people. We have had a phenomenal sporting term, with a number of school and individual sporting successes on a school, regional and national level.

In October, the biggest all-female cycle race in the world came to Southend. Olympic and World Champions, as well as the most elite riders and stars of the future raced across South Essex. Seven Year 9 girls from Shoeburyness High School students were very lucky to be part of the day and invited to a time trial event. They did themselves and us proud.... and won!



Richmond Avenue pupils supporting the event

Richmond Avenue School were very excited to have all the children in the school from Nursery to Year 6 take part in a fun-filled day of exciting PE activities to celebrate National Fitness Day 2021. The children and staff came to school in their house colours and participated in a range of activities throughout the morning in groups made up of their house teams.



SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

It has been a busy start to the Southend Primary School Sports Association (SPSSA) sports events calendar, with a diverse range of opportunities for all. SECAT children have been actively and successfully participating in these events, with many being involved in brand new activities such as ten-pin bowling at Basildon Bowl and a SEND swimming gala for non swimmers at the Olympic pool in Stratford.

The achievements of our young people have been outstanding. We are extremely proud of their participation, resilience, humility and impeccable representation of themselves and our schools.

Thorpedene School
Borough Year 5 and 6 basketball
winners

Richmond School
5 pupils with SEND competing at
Stratford Olympic Swimming gala

Shoeburyness High School
Leticia Year 8 wins AMA
Silver medal Karate

Hinguar School
Ten-pin Bowling winners

Bournes Green Infant School
Southend Cross Country
Year 2 boys 3rd Place

Thorpedene School
KS1 Borough Cross Country—three
top 10 finishes, 5th place overall

Bournes Green Junior School
Year 5 and 6 girls' football Southend Schools winners representing
Southend at the Essex Finals in Chelmsford.

Richmond School
SEND Ten-pin bowling winners

Hinguar School
Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby
Tournament winners

Richmond School
Regional Year 5 and 6 boys' and
girls' basketball winners

Bournes Green Junior School
Junior boys' football
Michael Moffett Essex Champions

Shoeburyness High School
Year 7 and 9 girls' Borough Cross
Country 4th place

Bournes Green Junior School
Year 5 & 6 Borough mixed
basketball 2nd place

Shoeburyness High School
Olivia is selected for Essex netball
squad

Thorpedene School
KS2 Borough Cross Country—Top
10 schools out of 23 competing

Shoeburyness High School
Skye wins Gold in 5m platform
synchro East Region- ASA diving

Bournes Green Junior School
Years 3/4 and 5/6
Dodgeball 2nd place





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COMMUNITY

Contribute to and make relationships within their community

Parents and Carers

Remembrance

Cadets and Scouts

Extra Curricular Clubs

Student Leadership

School Council

Pupil Advocates

It has been wonderful for our young people to be able to engage once again with others and the local community, whether it be sporting activities, charity events or working together in wellbeing activities. A real pleasure has been to welcome back our parents and carers into schools to have a look at the learning the children have been doing in Years 1 to 6.



Across our schools, our reception parents and carers have been getting stuck in and joining us for continuous provision. This has been hugely well received and gives valuable insight into the work our Early Years team are doing. Our family members had great fun joining in with their children and helping others.



We had a number of representatives from our SECAT family attend Remembrance Day Memorial Services including the Shoeburyness High School Student Leadership Team and Pupils with Responsibility from Thorpedene School. They presented a wreath at the Cenotaph to honour and pay their respects to those who laid down their lives in wars around the world.



Oliver, Head Boy at Shoeburyness High School wrote:

"On Remembrance Sunday, the Student Leadership Team and I attended the Shoeburyness Remembrance Sunday service. Millie and I laid wreaths at the service remembering the fallen on behalf of our school. Lots of members of the local community came together to pay their respects. It was also nice to see Shoeburyness High School students who took part in marches during the service as part of the cadet and scout groups. The student leadership team is very proud of all of the students who took part and showed their gratitude."

All young people from our schools took part in the two-minutes silence to think about the soldiers who have served our country and to give their silent thanks for the sacrifices made.



COMMUNITY

There have also been a number of other tributes across our schools.

To mark 100 years of the Royal British Legion, we celebrated the return of Poppy Appeal collectors in the local communities. Thank you to all the children and families who purchased poppies this year, raising valuable donations for the British Legion which is such a worthy cause supporting serving and ex-serving men, women and their families.

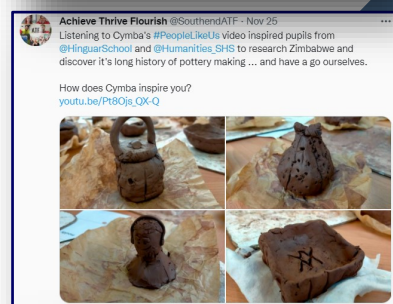
Pupils also produced beautiful artwork that was displayed in the windows in their schools and also further afield. Hinguar School received an email from Shoebury Fire Station, asking pupils to design and make poppy pictures for them to display. Lots of classes jumped to the challenge and created a range of lovely artwork, which was taken to the station. The fire officers put the artwork up as soon as they had finished their drill night practice and sent a lovely email the following day to thank everyone involved.



Window displays at Shoebury Fire Station and Richmond Avenue School

Hinguar School and Shoeburyness High School's Humanities club have been working closely with Achieve Thrive Flourish, a charity run scheme that aims to build a sense of community and teach life skills. Through National Lottery Heritage funding, ATF have been able to provide our schools with a historical educator on local history and have been delivering a project called 'People Like Us'. The project combines history, RE and geography and looks at those that have emigrated to the Southend area due to key historical events, such as the Holocaust and the Windrush. Our young people have heard stories from the descendants of those who emigrated and challenged some contemporary issues of prejudice and race. One of the descendants of a Holocaust survivor, who emigrated to the Southend area, even came in and gave a boxing coaching session; building teamwork and allowing the children to get involved in something different, regardless of skills, capacities and capabilities.

The children approached their learning so sensitively and maturely and understood that the consequences of war are deeper and more far-reaching than they could ever imagine. They have all learned so much and gained a richer understanding of what it must have been like for children, particularly when hearing about the stories of ex-Hinguar pupils Betsy and Margaret.



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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

**Learn about
emotional and
physical self-safety**

Youngs people's mental health and wellbeing is underpinned by our curriculum. Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education is part of all of our schools curriculum to support children's development as people and engage positively in their education. When young people look after their mental health and develop their coping skills, it can help them boost their resilience, self-esteem and confidence.

Hello Yellow

Bournes Green schools have had great success this term in launching the Jigsaw Programme. This offers a comprehensive, carefully thought-through scheme of work, bringing consistency and progression to children's learning in this vital curriculum area. All children in Years 1 – 6 took part in live webinars with two former police officers, 'the two Johns'. They spoke about the importance of e-safety and how to enjoy the online world in a safe and responsible way, developing our children as safe, conscientious digital citizens. The two Johns also provided training for our staff and our parents so that our whole community are better able to work together to safeguard our children.

Antibullying Week

One Kind Word

At Shoeburyness High School, students' emotional wellbeing and mental health are supported each week during their period 1 curriculum. Students and staff discuss resilience building strategies to help maintain daily wellbeing. Any suggestions on how this can be improved within the school is fed back to the form representatives. This team then meet as a school council with the Student Leadership Team and their thoughts and suggestions are presented by the Head Girl and Boy in a meeting with the Senior Leadership Team. Across all of our schools, the school councils ensure our young people can voice their opinions democratically and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact upon them and their schools.

Bikeability

Curriculum

Alongside the curriculum in schools, there has also been a number of campaigns to support young people's health and wellbeing. At Bournes Green, Year 4 enjoyed completing their Bikeability Level 1. Each class had one session on the playground with children that weren't yet confident spending time learning to balance on a bike. Level 1 is all about preparing children to cycle on the road. The children learnt to prepare themselves for a journey, check their bike is ready for a journey, set off, pedal, slow down and stop. Year 6 enjoyed completing their Bikeability Level 2. Each class had sessions on the playground and out on the road. They learnt to understand the road (signals, signs and road markings), negotiate the road (including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts) and safely share the road with other vehicles.

School Council



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

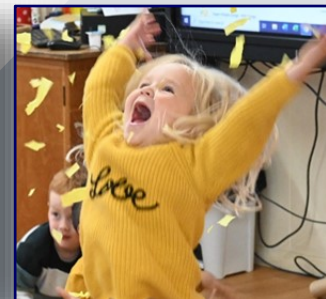
In our schools during National Anti-Bullying week we held a number of events and activities to promote this year's focus 'One Kind Word', which further promotes our values across the Trust and schools.

At Richmond Avenue School, the week began with an 'Odd sock day'. This allowed lots of work and discussion on celebrating difference and how everyone is unique. Lessons and activities were planned where children thought about their own and others' wellbeing, also helping to develop positive relationships with other children and adults from across the school. The school community then worked to produce a small piece of a jigsaw, which when put together later this term, will create a big piece of art to celebrate us all 'Learning and Achieving Together'.



Lots of different activities were also taking place at Hinguar School. Junior classes had the opportunity to watch a 'live' lesson with actors portraying the different roles in bullying situations. This also reinforced the training completed last term by the anti-bullying ambassadors, which encouraged children to be up-standers, not by-standers. Lots of children designed anti-bullying posters and other fabulously creative ways to promoting the use of kind words. Children danced, played and did the conga together. It was lovely to see all year groups interacting so happily. Highlights included Mrs Waite impressing everyone by excelling at the Macarena and a whole school rendition of 'Happy Birthday' sung to Mrs Emmings.

Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' campaign which supports children's mental health saw our young people and staff engage in fun activities and wear something yellow to brighten everyone's day.



Hello Yellow at Thorpedene School





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We

wish

you

all

Happiness

Peace

Joy

Prosperity