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The Cornovii Trust

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers, Colleagues and Students

As we approach the end of another academic year, it is right to reflect on the last 12 months. Our trust, schools, staff, governors and pupils have faced some very challenging times over the course of this year. However, as often happens during difficult and traumatic times, our school and trust communities have really pulled together and supported each other. Staff, governors, parents and pupils have been a source of real comfort and strength to each other. I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and for looking out for each other, during what has been a very difficult time for us all.

Dave Cole

The sudden death of Dave was a massive shock for everyone at Brine Leas School and we are still coming to terms with what has happened. For someone who worked at the school for 24 years, and as Headteacher for the last five, he was always going to make a significant impact on the lives of thousands of adults and young people. Dave was instrumental in making Brine Leas the great school it is today and, as I have said before, there would be no 6th form at the school if it was not for him.

On a personal note, I loved working with Dave. I miss his company, his wise words, his humour, his knowledge, his leadership but more than



anything else, I miss him. All our love and thoughts remain with his wife Nicola and two sons James and Edward.

We are still finalising commemorative plans and these will be shared shortly. In the meantime, I would like to thank Mr Whitehead and the senior leadership team at Brine Leas for the professional way in which they have all responded to a very difficult situation and are doing all they can to build on Dave's legacy.

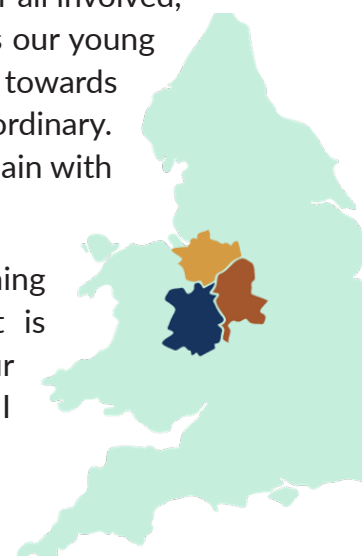
Richie Parry

Alsager School community have also been through a very traumatic time with the tragic death of Richie Parry, a year 7 pupil at the school. Richie and his dad were involved in a tragic accident while mountaineering in Scotland during May half term. Richie's mum is also a member of staff at another of our schools, Alsager Highfields.



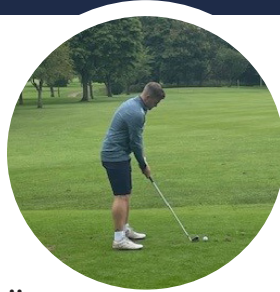
This has been very difficult for all involved, but the support and kindness our young people and staff have shown towards each other has been extraordinary. All our love and thoughts remain with Richie's family.

Such awful events put everything else into perspective but it is important we celebrate our achievements this year and I inform you of other news.



The Cornovii Cup

As you know pupils from Alsager and Brine Leas have been competing against each other all year and in a wide variety of sports for The Cornovii Cup. This culminated in a staff and pupil golf tournament on Mon 15th July but the full list of events and scores are outlined in the final scoreboard.



Competition	Alsager	Brine Leas
Netball	37	21
Football	12	20
Rugby 7's	4	20
Tag rugby	2	0
Netball	32	18
Yr7 Football	20	4
Badminton	48	28
Table Tennis	6	30
Swimming	32	16
Basketball	22	14
Yr7 Rounders	10	2
Athletics	40	8
Golf	22	14
Total	287	195

Congratulations to Alsager on winning the inaugural Cornovii Cup. I am sure Brine Leas will want to get their hands on the trophy when the competition starts again in September. I must thank Mr Elliot (Brine Leas) and Mr Morris (Alsager) who have led and managed the whole competition. In the autumn term, each of our schools will be presenting The Cornovii 'Attendance' and 'Achievement' awards for 23/24 too.



Raising standards through collaboration

Many other collaborative work has continued throughout the year. A real success has been the writing and literacy initiative which has involved both primary and secondary colleagues from across our trust and beyond. This has raised expectations and standards in writing across our primary schools



but also in our secondary schools, where staff have made key changes to the key stage 3 English curriculum to build on what is done at key stage 2 and to support the transition from years 6 to 7. It has been brilliant! This culminated in The Cornovii Trust public speaking competition for our primary schools based around the theme of 'My Big Ambition'. Year 6 pupils from all 3 schools took part and each school picked their 4 finalists who competed in the final in June. The standard was exceptional, with all finalists speaking brilliantly. Topics for 'My Big Ambition' ranged from becoming a doctor, a professional cricketer, a nail technician to remaining friends with someone for life.



It was a very difficult decision for the panel of judges but in the end Alsager Highfields Primary School were crowned champions. Many congratulations to all involved!

There are many other examples collaborative working across our schools, which in turn will lead to improvements in standards and a widening of experiences for our young people. However, all this cross trust working is only possible thanks to the outward facing and supportive approach of all our headteachers, leaders, governing bodies and staff. We are very fortunate to have such fantastic school leaders in place and such a talented and professional team of staff working within our schools.

Welcome Pear Tree Primary School, Nantwich

Another exciting development is that Pear Tree Primary School will be joining us in September. We have been working with the school for a while now and are very excited to welcome Mrs Hadfield and all the team into The Cornovii Trust.

Pear Tree is a fantastic school, with talented and dedicated staff and delightful children. They already work very closely with the schools in Nantwich, including Audlem and Brine Leas. They will be a great addition and we will therefore have 6 schools in our trust in September and we hope to grow further over the course of next year.



You can always find more details about our activities and work as a trust on our website www.thecornoviitrust.org and you can follow us on social media, which will also keep you updated on job vacancies across all our schools.

I would like to congratulate all the year 6 pupils and our fantastic staff in our primary schools on their recent achievements in their SATs and pass on my best wishes for all those young people collecting GCSE, BTEC and A level results in August.

Many thanks for your continued support. I wish you and your families a relaxing summer break, a chance to recharge the batteries ready to embrace 2024/25.

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