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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you at the end of what has been a very strange year and not at all as we expected. When I last wrote to you we were in the full throes of Christmas and expecting the children to be engaged in lots of exciting new things over the year and I had every intention of informing you of the highlights of the last six months. However much changed from the middle of March onwards and learning became very different with parents having to do much more than we could possibly have expected. Looking back at the beginning of 2020 we could not have imagined that we would be writing history for our children by the end of it. However, we are and the children are part of that process and they will look back at this time and hopefully think about all the positive elements of family life, community and how we all worked together to get through this.

That is not to say that from Christmas to March school life was not exciting, our children experienced learning through the creative and innovative approach that our teachers took within the trust. Teachers may have stopped seeing the children in the classrooms since March but the



learning continued in the best way that they could possibly provide from then onwards. I think you would agree with me that the school staff of all worked extremely hard during these trying times to make sure your children continued to learn. Schools remained open for the children of our key workers and those that were vulnerable, as staff continued to come into school to support those children as well as engage your children at home.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported Scholars' schools through the last few months. Without your support, staff could not have achieved everything that they have with your children. It may not always have been perfect for everyone but this was new and everyone was learning the 'new norm' together.

At the beginning of June we opened for more children in line with the government guidance but sadly both the areas of Glenfield and Oadby were included as the outer areas of the Leicester city lockdown. Once again children, parents and staff had to adapt to the demands which everyone took in their stride.

World Book Day



World Book Day caused great delight amongst the children as they dressed up in their favourite characters as well as talking about their favourite book. Every year the children look forward to this and it is



a lovely way for staff to encourage children to read widely and then use reading to enhance learning across the curriculum.

School Visits

School trips are always a favourite amongst the children, trips included the Space Centre and the Warning Zone. As always children enjoyed taking part in the visits and enhancing the learning on the themes covered in class.



Special events continuously take place in our schools and one of our favourite ones was at



Glenfield where there was a special lunch organised for the children who displayed positive characteristics on a daily basis. The Great Bake Off was a definite winner and the cakes look delicious!



Alongside curriculum learning at Scholars we feel the children should learn about the wider society and therefore took both schools part in charity work.

Leicester City Primary Stars



It was absolutely fabulous to see Glenfield children working with Leicester City Primary Stars on the social action project tackling social isolation and loneliness in the community. Everyone is very proud of the attitude and commitment that the Years 5 and 6 children demonstrated. The children developed their own understanding but also supported others in not feeling isolated which gave great joy within the local area. This commitment by the children was shown on the BBC Match of the Day which will be remembered for a very long time.

Parents in School



We have enjoyed having parents into school to see the learning in action, this was evidenced at Launde with the maths workshops.



Sports

Both schools have taken part in competitions throughout the year with successes in cross country and quick sticks. Lots of the children take part in the wider sports on offer and it has been lovely to see all their achievements.



Staff Development

Not only have your children been learning, so have the staff. Normally the school staff would undertake training within school or attend external courses, however with the lockdown the training for all staff has been undertaken virtually and very much focused on how we can support your children when they return to school.

Working with Other Schools

Staff have continued to work with other schools to promote their own professional development but also promote learning in the classroom. This was highlighted when Launde staff worked with Buckminster and Stathern teachers to further develop science learning in Years 3 and 4. The science show was led by Neil Monteiro in the morning.



In the afternoon, the stage was handed over to the children! They shared the results of their experiments with the other children in the schools, a large audience for them but it didn't faze them at all. It was brilliant to see the children sharing their projects with passion, enthusiasm and very strong scientific learning and knowledge.

Year 6

It is that time of year when we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. We wish them all the best for the future and we know they are well prepared to achieve success in their secondary schools. We are just sorry that the normal end of Year 6 activities have not taken place but we are extremely proud of them all as they have worked hard in the primary schools, ready to tackle the next stage of their lives

We would also like to thank you for all the work and pictures that you have sent in to the schools over the past few months. It has been wonderful to see the variety of activities that the children have been engaged in to keep themselves motivated as well as having to complete the work that their teachers sent to them.

Finally, on behalf of Scholars Trust, I would like to say a huge thank you to all children, parents and staff for their hard work and commitment to our schools. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Best wishes

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