

Dear Yeoman Park and Redgate families,

The spring term is speeding past and has been a busy and productive term for everyone. During my recent visits to both academies it was a pleasure to meet the children and young people and see them enjoying their day. Everywhere I went in both academies there were happy and engaged children and young people taking part in the varied and interesting activities the teachers had prepared. It was inspiring to see the positive interaction between staff and learners.

At Redgate, the children were celebrating Red Nose Day in their red outfits and having great fun with face paint - even Mrs Gouthwaite had to have her face painted by one of the children! Work is progressing splendidly with the sensory curriculum, and we have heard how much the children are enjoying their bamboozle sessions.

Even though the children are primary aged at Redgate, we still ensure they have opportunities to develop skills which they take with them into their next stage of education and could use in future employment. The curriculum focuses on developing each child's social, communication and independence skills. The children have access to role play areas in school such as a travel agent, a kitchen, a shop and during oral health week they were able to play at being a dentist.

At Yeoman park, the learners were enjoying a St Patrick's day disco and I was amazed by the progress being made on the new school building.

We are already 2/3 of the way through the year!

\*The New Build is in progress with all the steel work, roofs, ceilings and concrete up - expected moving date is February 2025, high winds and rain, permitting.

\*Our learners continue to shine supported by our developing curriculum.

\*This Term our Topic has been Vikings, last term was Awesome Autumn/Winter Wonderland.

\*We have started a Makaton Choir.

\*Reading is being developed across the academy with 2 library areas in school.

\*Staff development includes Safeguarding, Teaching & Learning, ASD practice, creating enabling environments.

\*We have hosted Bamboozle Training which has been engaging learners.

\*The staff have been supporting SEND learners in primary schools.

\*We have 5 learners preparing to leave in July.

We discuss a range of topics at our half termly governor meetings to ensure all children and young people are getting the very best education and care possible. This term we have discussed the developments and improvements to the curriculum in both academies. Regular school attendance is vital for the progress and well-being of every learner and we are pleased to see that attendance in our academies is above national average for similar schools. Thank you for ensuring your children and young people attend school regularly

My visits have reminded me again of why I wanted to be a governor and I feel privileged to be involved in the education of such fantastic children and young people. Please do consider joining us on our active and friendly academy governor team!

Kind Regards  
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**Vice Chair of Governors**