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Newsletter





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RUGS

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1. RUGS



On Monday 21st October 2024, the RUGS (and Mrs Coll) went to Standon Bowers and had the chance to meet with other RUGS from other schools in our Trust. We met in the 'game room' and we played ping pong. Then we were asked to meet outside for the grouping.

Our first activity was teamwork games. We played Gutterball and had to work together to not let the ball fall from the gutter. We played The Floor is Lava using crates where we passed along the crates and tried to get to the end before the other team. Next, we went caving where we had to crawl into a cave and get out the other side. This was a test of bravery. After caving, we went back in the game room for lunch. After this we put our harnesses on to do the high ropes. This was really fun. We got to hang in the air like birdies. Finally, our courage was really tested by the chance to leap off the tallest platform. We had a really good day. We made some new friends and liked meeting the other RUGS

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Really Useful Generation Students Gladstone Primary

On Monday 21st October 2024, RUGS from Gladstone Primary Academy met other Year RUGS from seven other schools within the Societas Trust at Standon Bowers. The trip was arranged so that the children could experience and enjoy a range of activities whilst developing their leadership skills in collaboration with the other schools.

We were transported to Standon Bowers, accompanied by Mrs Annese and Mrs Brindley. We were all a bit nervous but mostly excited.

Our first activity was team games. We played gutterball, and the floor is lava using crates. We had to get to the end before the opposing team by passing crates, solving problems and working together. It was so much fun!

Following this, we went caving. After getting into the specialist clothes, we had to crawl through the small caves to get out the other side. Max was super confident and led the way. It was really tight but after we realized it was actually a safe activity, we all enjoyed it so much and we were keen to take on all of the different routes.

After a busy morning, we went back to the games room to enjoy our packed lunch and played some table football.

Our afternoon activity was the high ropes. We got the harnesses on and the helmets and off we set to the high ropes course. We stacked crates and then they were pushed over so we fell. We then really tested our courage by leaping off the platform. It was so much fun! We encouraged each other and tried to perfect the landing! What wonderful day!





Sports & Physical Activity

Sports & Physical Activities Alsagers Bank

2. Sports and Physical Activity

In December, Alsagers Bank attended our first competitive football tournament, for Year 3 and 4 children, which was held by the Trust. It was a really great afternoon showcasing all the great football skills of the girls and boys in our school. Stoke City Community Trust kindly agreed to host the event at their Dome at Stoke City and it was amazing to see the faces of all the children from our school when they saw The Dome for the first time.

The event focused on Fair play with a certificate being awarded to the school who got noticed as playing fairly throughout, with great teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship. Alsagers Bank was awarded the Fair play certificate out of all the schools! We were all so proud of how the children represented our school and the positive behaviour that was shown. We can't wait for the next event to be organised and to see some of our children playing different sports that they love.

Our children said,
"I really enjoyed playing matches against other schools because we meet other people."(GT)

"I loved scoring goals and going to The Dome because Stoke City is my favourite team and I liked being out of school with my friends."(RJ)



Sports & Physical Activities Ash Green

The trust schools gathered in Stoke Dome to celebrate diversity and inclusion. Children that have historically been reluctant sports participants joined together in the Societas trust annual collaboration event. The children were learning how to be inspiring and they certainly were as they joined together with other children in activities such as javelin and archery! The event was fantastic and the children were a credit to their schools and made many new friends from throughout the trust. The children had the opportunity to experience sport and movement in a different way and it truly had a huge impact on staff and children.

The PE team have been organising and delivering a collaborative event every year for 4 years and each one has been a fantastic success! Linking to values from the trust and to real world sporting events it has been inspirational to be part of such exciting and inclusive events.



Shakespeare

A Captivating Performance of The Tempest at The New Vic Theatre.

Children from across the Trust recently took to the stage at The New Vic Theatre, delivering a breathtaking performance of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* to a packed audience.

With incredible energy and passion, the young performers brought the timeless tale of magic, betrayal, and redemption to life, captivating everyone in attendance.

From the storm that sets the scene to Prospero's final farewell, each child embodied their role with remarkable confidence and enthusiasm.

The production showcased not only the students' talent but also their dedication and teamwork, as children from different schools came together to create a truly special experience.

The audience was left spellbound by the stunning performances, powerful storytelling, and the sheer joy that radiated from the stage.

A huge congratulations to all involved for their hard work and commitment—this was an event to remember!



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Enrichment

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Working for us

Working for The Societas Trust comes with a range of benefits designed to support employees and governors in their professional and personal lives. Some of the key perks include:

- Pension Schemes - Automatic enrolment into to either the Teachers' Pensions Scheme or the Staffordshire Local Government Pension Scheme.
- Health and Wellbeing Support - Access to counselling, mindfulness courses, physiotherapy and a 24 hour GP Service.
- Financial & Lifecycle Benefits - Childcare vouchers, discounted gym membership and a cycle to work scheme.
- Career development - A wide range of continuing professional development and career progression opportunities
- Recognition & Rewards - Long service awards and additional wellbeing day off work

These benefits aim to create a supportive and rewarding work environment for all staff and governors. You can find more details [here](#).

Would you like to know more about career opportunities within the Trust? You can find more details [here](#).

Ash Green Primary Academy



Alsagers Bank attending our first CPD session arranged by the trust. This was run by Deb O'Neil from Stoke City and was on Gymnastics. During this session it was great to learn some of the principles of gymnastics, floor work, planning and assessment and look at how to correctly set up the equipment. As a school we use Get Set 4 PE as a scheme, which has some great lesson plans and adaptations to use in a Gymnastics lesson, so together with this CPD our school feels like it has really improved our lessons last half term. Our year 3 /4 teacher who attending the event said, "I found the CPD really informative, we saw lots of warm up activities for both key stages and also how to safely run gymnastics lessons whilst ensuring that the children are fully engaged. It was also a great opportunity to network with other schools in the trust and share experiences."(RS) As a school we are looking forward to future CPD events that we can work on together with the trust to ensure our school delivers top quality PE throughout the school and builds on the teachers' confidence in delivery PE.



Ellison Primary Academy

Teachers from around the trust went to Ellison to partake in PE training with Stoke City. They were walked through a real gymnastics class with some beautifully behaved year 3 and 4 children from Ellison primary. It was a great chance to share best practice and learn off the very best. Debbie O'Neil explained to a huge group of teachers how to make the lessons more inclusive, more accessible and also how to stretch the greater depth children. The children and teachers had an active session and learnt all about the importance of movement and how to deliver a fantastic PE session. The impact of building the teachers confidence across the trust is immense and at Ash Green the teachers that came back to school have been putting the learning into practice every session.



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Community

Welcome to The Societas Trust Family

The Trust has been experiencing an exciting period of growth.

On April 1st, we proudly welcomed Burnwood Community School—now Burnwood Primary Academy in Chell Heath—into our Trust. Since becoming an associate member in January 2024, Burnwood has actively participated in Trust events and meetings, and we're delighted to officially have them on board

Carol Dutton, Chair of the Directors' Board emailed the Trust

"It is a pleasure to welcome a likeminded school community which clearly shares the Societas vision and values. I am sure Burnwood Primary Academy will be a great contributor to the continuing success of the Trust.

My sincere congratulations to the children, staff, governors and whole community there as we all embark on this new and exciting phase in our journey together, and my best wishes also for all their future prosperity as part of the Trust."



Exciting News from Ball Green Primary School

Ball Green Primary School



Ball Green Primary School has recently taken a significant step toward joining The Societas Trust. From January 2025, the school became an associate member, strengthening its ties with the Trust and engaging in collaborative opportunities.

Looking ahead, Ball Green Primary plans to convert to academy status and officially join the Trust by April 2026. This exciting development marks a new chapter for the school, bringing additional support, shared expertise and enhanced opportunities for staff and children alike.

Every child. Every chance. Every day.

We look forward to welcoming Ball Green Primary School into our growing community and supporting them throughout this journey.

Thank you.



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