

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this edition of The Priestley Academy Trust newsletter. This term has been exceptionally busy and there has been lots happening but Christmas is just around the corner!

I am really proud to be the CEO of The Priestley Academy Trust and each time I am in our schools I am blown away by the education and opportunities our staff provide to your children. Everyone plays their part and it is clear to me that everyone is working hard to serve our communities in the best way they can. Our mission is to 'Be the change' and everyone is certainly working towards being that change for our pupils.

In the coming months I will be asking you to give me feedback on what you feel works well within our schools, what you think we can improve on and what direction you would like to see The Priestley Academy Trust take in the coming years. It is important that you get the opportunity to help shape the future of the Trust and the journey we will be on. Your children are our key focus and as a Trust we are committed to providing them with the best opportunities we can.

Thank you for the support you give our schools. I hope you have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you in 2022!

Michael McCarthy
Chief Executive Officer

Did you know that The Priestley Academy Trust is responsible for
over 2,500 pupils

Thank You

As I am sure you will all agree, the last 18 months have been incredibly challenging for everyone. Every member of staff within the Trust schools has worked hard to help provide your children with the opportunities and experiences needed to help them to be the best they can.

As a Trust we feel that this could not have been done without the support received from the parents/carers, and for that, we wish to thank you all.

New Catering Contract

As mentioned in the newsletter back in July, the Trust moved to a new catering provider from September 2021. A feedback session was held with pupils earlier this term and we are pleased to say that this was very positive and that pupils are enjoying the food being served.

There will be a new set of menus from 4 January 2022 which pupils have been involved in setting and these will be available on your school Weduc system and website shortly for you to view.

Taster sessions for parents/carers will be planned next year and updates will be provided as soon as available. It would be great to see some of you attend these so that you can see, and taste, the food being served.



Christmas Card Competition - "A recycled Christmas"

The Trust held its second Christmas Card competition and is pleased to announce the winner was from Lilycroft Primary School.

The competition was judged by a member of the Telegraph & Argus who said "all of the designs are great and all have something I liked. I thought that giving the planet a present by recycling was a really thought-provoking message".



"To show a child what once delighted you, to find the child's delight added to your own - this is happiness."

J B Priestley

Telegraph & Argus Feature

The Telegraph & Argus printed a lovely feature on the Trust and the benefits of outdoor learning. All our schools contributed with details of what pupils have been learning outside of the classroom.

The link to the article is below:

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/19749084.bradford-schools-reveal-benefits-outdoor-learning/>

Some of the wonderful pictures from our schools

