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## Mr Hobson – CEO

### Seasons Greetings from all staff and governance within the Hornchurch Academy Trust!

As we approach this special time of year, we would again like take the opportunity to share a flavour of the engaging and enriching events and opportunities afforded to the children in our schools during Autumn Term. It has been a busy term of learning, but an exciting one!

Schools within the Trust continue to produce excellent outcomes for learners. Most recently, this was demonstrated in an Ofsted inspection at Whybridge Junior School under the new Ofsted framework. The report and outcomes can be found on the Ofsted website and represents a reflection of the work and collaboration taking place across all of our schools.

Currently, all schools within the Trust are very busy updating their curriculum offer in order to make them even better than they already are. During Spring Term 2020, you will be hearing more about this from your child's respective school, whilst information will be published on individual websites. This work demonstrates our collective commitment to improvement and providing only the best education experience for our learners.

### Scargill Infant School – Year 1 Tesco Trip

As part of our enriched Design and Technology curriculum, Year 1 travelled by bus to Roneo Corner Tesco's. They met a lady called Lesley who took them on a 'behind the scene' tour of some of their most popular departments. The children experienced the bakery and they tried some pancakes and the fishmongers finding out about the different fish they sell. The children also explored the fruit and vegetable department and found out some interesting facts about different fruits, including which country they come from.

### Whybridge Junior School Ofsted Visit

Whybridge Junior School was visited by Ofsted in October 2019 and we were all very pleased to have achieved a 'Good' grading across all categories. This is a huge reflection on the hard work and commitment that staff, parents, governance, and of course pupils, all put in to making Whybridge such a vibrant place to be.



### Upminster Infant School – Fire Brigade Visit

The Year 1 children were visited by Hornchurch Fire Brigade as part of their "A Day in the Life" IPC topic. They chatted to the fire fighters about the work they do and were allowed to sit in the fire engine.



### Upminster Junior School – Egyptian Workshop

Year 4 stepped back in time this term as they enjoyed an Ancient Egyptian workshop. The year group dressed up in a variety of different costumes such as Pharaohs and mummies. The children were able to measure their height in Royal Cubits, handle some ancient artefacts and even watched a mummification! Well done to everyone in Year 4 for taking part. This was an excellent start to their new topic.



### Scargill Junior School – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who donated a cake or cakes and supported our Macmillan Coffee morning. **We raised a brilliant £865!** Well done!



### Scargill Junior School – Local Study Field Trip

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, children visited Hornchurch Country Park as part of their 'History and Science link'. Activities included a rocks and soils investigation, hunting and gathering, collecting twigs to build pretend fires and map skills.

### Scargill Junior School – Royal Gunpowder Mills

Year 5 and 6 visited the Royal Gunpowder Mills. All of the children got to experience what an air raid was like and how rationing affected people's lives during the war. They also found out about the role of women during the war and how children were evacuated. The trip was extremely interactive and the staff at the venue congratulated our school for the exemplary behaviour the Year 5's showed. A great day was had by all!



### Upminster Junior & Infant School Anti-Bullying March

On the morning of Friday 15th November, Student Parliament members from Upminster Infant and Junior Schools attended an Anti - Bullying March. They were joined by other schools in the Schools Council Alliance from the local area, including Branfil, Oglethorpe and Gaynes, amongst others. The children proudly protested against bullying with their placards and chanted phrases along the way. Members of the public and parents supported the children and staff as they walked past. The children were respectful and showed immense maturity throughout. This was a great opening event for the new Student Parliament of 2019-20. Well done to all!



### Whybridge Junior School - Year 6 visit to Kidzania

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November our Year 6 pupils visited Kidzania in Westfield London. Kidzania is a place where learning and reality blends with entertainment, giving children the chance to build their confidence, step into some real life roles; everything from a Doctor, to a Police Officer, a Dentist and so much more. During their visit, pupils took part in a number of real-life activities to test their skills in a variety of professions.



### Whybridge Junior School Veggie Run Winner - Billy - Year 5

We were thrilled to receive a visit this term from Havering Catering, who surprised Billy in Year 5 with a prize voucher of £160. All Billy had to do to enter the draw for this prize was to have one of our healthy school lunches. Billy was thrilled with his prize and vowed to share his voucher with his sister. Well done Billy!



### Scargill Infant School – Year 2 Oceans & Continents W'shop

In October, Year 2 took part in a workshop learning about the oceans and continents of the world. They travelled with Captain Hook to all the continents. In South America they encountered an enormous anaconda. Year 2 wrote postcards to their parents from their favourite continent telling them about the special features and interesting places.



### Upminster Infant School – London City Airport

The Year 2 children recently visited London City Airport in London's Docklands. The children were treated to a behind the scenes tour and enjoyed watching the aeroplanes taking off and landing.



### HAT Attendance

School	% Attendance Autumn Term
Scargill Infant School	95.3
Scargill Junior School	96.2
Upminster Infant School	96.7
Upminster Junior School	96.8
Whybridge Junior School	96.5
Trust Average	96.3

Trust attendance target is 96.1%

