

Words from CEO

Cidari Connect: Academy Improvement

Mini forests planned for urban schools.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-35846777>

Policy Tracker – Keeping track of what happened in the world of education in February 2016 (Updated).

<https://uk.pearson.com/about-us/news-and-policy/policy-watch/2016/02/policy-tracker-feb-2016.html>



Cidari Connect: Worshipping together

I attended an uplifting Easter Worship at Baines Endowed Primary School - A Church of England Academy this morning. Children shared what they had been learning during Holy Week through storytelling, drama and song. It was beautiful. The Worship concluded with a tableau of the Cross as the children sang, 'The Servant King.'

I was also fortunate enough to spend time with children and staff at St Luke and St Philip's Primary School - A Church of England Academy on Tuesday afternoon as they rehearsed their celebratory Easter Service. I was particularly moved by Year 4's enactment of the 'Last Supper'.

Peter Ashworth, our Leader of Learning, Standards and Achievement was delighted to attend Darwen St James' Easter performance of 'Roll Back the Stone'. It was a wonderful opportunity to see staff and pupils working and worshipping together and celebrating the Easter story.

Can I thank everyone in our academies who have supported our children to understand and celebrate the meaning and joy of 'Holy Week.'

The Cidari family Eucharist will take place in the 'Jesus Chapel' in Blackburn Cathedral at 8.10am on Thursday 28th April. Breakfast will be served after the service. All are welcome.



Cidari Connect: Good news stories

Two brothers from St Luke and St Philip's Primary School – A Church of England Academy were featured in 'The Lancashire Evening Telegraph' on 18th March after attending the 'Singing Project' at King George's Hall where they were presented with golden tickets enabling them to be choristers for the day with Blackburn Cathedral.

We are pleased to announce that all primary academies that submitted a CIF bid with the support of the Central Team have been successful. This will allow them to carry out much needed improvements to our academy buildings and facilities.

Cidari Connect: Getting to know you

Sally Little, our new Head of Finance has spent her second week with the Trust visiting our academies. She also attended the School Business Managers' Network on 23rd March. Sally said, "I very much enjoyed meeting my new colleagues for the first time and really look forward to working with everyone to improve the Financial support provided to all our academies. There are lots of challenges ahead over the coming months given all of the changes in national funding and the changing educational climate. However I am confident that we can accomplish great things working together as a team".

Cidari Connect: Supporting others

Congratulations to Ruth Hopwood, Cidari's Project Lead who took part in a charity dog walk on 20th March and raised £260.00 for the children's hospice Derian House.

