

Words from CEO

Cidari Connect: Well done!

Congratulations to all our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils who took their SATs exams this week. Thank you to everyone who has supported and helped to prepare our children for them and for overseeing the smooth administration of the tests. We are looking forward to receiving the results on 5th July.



Cidari Connect: Congratulations!

I am delighted to inform you that Graham Warnock has been appointed as Headteacher for St George's School – A Church of England Academy. I am sure that you will want to join with me in wishing Graham many congratulations on his success and we are looking forward to working with him as he takes St George's on the next stage of its journey.

Cidari Connect: Happy Birthday!

From 2pm today children at St Luke and St Philip's Primary School – A Church of England Academy will be holding an afternoon of celebrations to mark the 2nd Anniversary of becoming a Cidari Academy and to honour the Queen's 90th birthday. As the sun is still shining I am looking forward to joining them for what should be a wonderful event.

Cidari Connect: Celebration Assembly

Our Head of Finance, Sally Little and Trainee Accountant, Dominic Malpass had the pleasure of attending Darwen St James' Celebration Assembly. They said that it was a joyous occasion and a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of all the children.



Cidari Connect: Securing sound governance

Thank you to colleagues from St George's School, Baines Endowed and St Barnabas' Primary Schools who provided feedback for the review of our Scheme of Delegation 'Working Party' which took place on Thursday. We will be revising the document in the light of your feedback and will present it to the Board of Directors at the July Board meeting.

Academy Improvement

Sir Michael Wilshaw's speech to the Fair Education Alliance

Using some of the final opportunities to speak on the public stage Sir Michael raised the issue of educational inequality.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/sir-michael-wilshaws-speech-to-the-fair-education-alliance>

He references the Fair Education Alliance and their 'Annual Report Card'. This can be accessed via the link below.

<http://www.faireducation.org.uk/news-and-features/2016/4/12/55-strong-coalition-set-out-national-priorities-to-close-the-education-gap-call-to-arms-from-the-fair-education-alliance>

Next steps to spread educational excellence everywhere announced: Following the announcement last Friday from the DfE about the trajectory and pace of academy conversion a clarification statement has been placed on the website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/next-steps-to-spread-educational-excellence-everywhere-announced>

Pearson Policy Watch for April 2016: A summary of the major events in education during the month of April.

<https://uk.pearson.com/about-us/news-and-policy/policy-watch/2016/04/policy-tracker-april-2016.html>

Cidari Connect – Improving our Facilities

CIF projects have now moved into the early stages of delivery with final surveys taking place in our Academies. 3 consultant teams supported by our Head of Operations – Matt Mclver, have been developing the final specifications which will shortly be put out to Tender. We look forward to the improvements these schemes will bring to our academies and the resources this capital funding will release from revenue budgets.

