



As we reach the end of the sixth week of this term, we've certainly felt the change in weather! Despite the wet and cold conditions, pupils have embraced outside time enthusiastically (and with a few changes of clothes!). It's been great to see them adapting and still making the most of their time outdoors.

This week, at Barwell Lane, we hosted a successful event for prospective parents. It was a pleasure to showcase the amazing work our pupils are doing across the site, everyone enjoyed learning about the variety of activities the pupils engage with daily. In Key Stage 3, pupils have been having a lot of fun exploring their English work through creative playwriting. Inspired by Harry Potter, they've been creating their own plays, which has been a fantastic way for them to develop both their writing and performance skills. In Key Stage 4, I was privileged to visit during well-being time after lunch. Pupils have really enjoyed exploring different strategies to regulate and refocus after lunch, and it's been wonderful to see the positive impact this has had on their afternoon learning.

At Middlefield Lane, pupils have been fully immersed in Science lessons this week. Their focus has been on growing conditions for plants and understanding how water impacts their health. It's been a great topic, sparking curiosity and hands-on learning. Additionally, our pupils at Middlefield Lane have continued their engagement at the Desford Sports Centre. They've loved the opportunity to stay active while exploring connections with friends and family in a positive, community-oriented setting. Wishing everyone a restful weekend.

**Jonathan**



Euan did some really confident reading with me and was able to use the text to answer questions about what he had read. He thought about how to structure his writing and when he realised he was going to run out of space on the line he changed what he was writing. I spent some time engaging with Lucas and he was able to let me know that he wanted more and was very keen to choose a book to look at which Michele read to him. Elsa spoke to me at lunchtime about a situation that she had encountered the day before, explaining how her friends got upset with her because she didn't want to join in but she had decided that she couldn't join in because of needing to stay safe (it was a game of football). She shared that it had been hard to help her friends understand the reason for her choice. We talked about how positive it was that she understands what she needs and what she can do.

*Kelly*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Wed 16th Oct • Parents Evening
- Fri 18th Oct • Last day before Half Term break
- Wed 30th Oct • Back to School
- Fri 8th Nov • School Photos at Secondary
- Fri 15th Nov • School Photos at 6th Form
- Tues 17th Dec • Farmers Market
- Wed 18th Dec • Christmas Dinner
- Fri 20th Dec • Last day before Christmas break
- Tues 7th Jan 2025 • Back to School for Spring term

**LUNCHES**



[Click here for Lunch Menus](#)

w/c 7th October: Week 1 Menu  
Secondary School Meals: £2.55 per day





We have a no-debt procedure for our school meal service. If your child is not entitled to free school meals, they MUST be in credit if they wish to have a school dinner, you can pay via Arbor. Please keep us updated with any dietary requirements for your child. Information regarding eligibility for Free School Meals is available [here](#)

You may have seen that Asda have started a 'Cashpot for schools'. Dorothy Goodman Primary School is one of the listed schools. You can find more information [here](#)

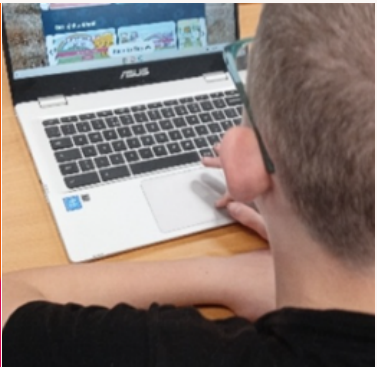
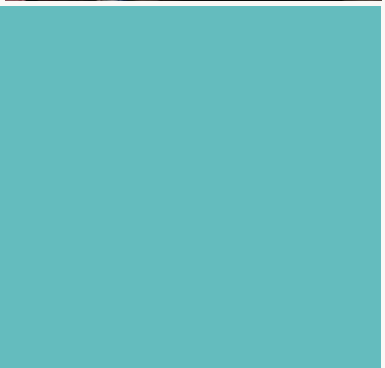
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Every day is different in this inspirational large area of employment. This is extremely rewarding work as you see your students succeed. Numerous opportunities in Leicester and Leicestershire link to the many schools, academies, colleges and area universities. There are also several training providers here, and local authority offers that provide training, skills or learning support roles. 6.7% of advertised roles locally are in the education and training sector. Locally 50,143 people are employed in the sector, 18% above the national average. There is a growing use of digital and technology in teaching, also known as EdTech, which is beneficial as it mirrors real working life.

**Example Job Roles:** Secondary education teachers, teaching assistants, adult tutors, English as a foreign language (EFL) tutors, primary and nursery education teachers, adult education and senior education professionals. There are also other areas such as special needs support student support, finance and administration

**Useful Subjects:** English, maths, sciences, languages, ICT, history, geography, RE, design & technology

**Skills & Qualities:** Presentation skills, creativity, problem solving, communication, people management, planning, patience, digital skills, listening

**Local Employers:** 6th form and further education colleges, primary and secondary schools, academies, special schools, De Montfort University, Loughborough University, University of Leicester, Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, language schools, children's centres, training providers, private tuition organisations

- The most advertised jobs in the sector locally are from area universities and colleges. There are also significant vacancies in nurseries, schools and adult skills support
- For most teaching roles you need a degree but wider roles can be entered at a lower qualification level, such as learning support assistant. Career progression opportunities are good
- The range of apprenticeships to access roles is increasing
- There are also fulfilling careers in employability and skills support to help people with barriers when seeking work, such as ex-offenders
- There is a shortage of teachers in subjects such as maths, technology, physics, chemistry, history and design technology. Bursaries are available for some subjects. In further and higher education, tutors with an industry background linked to their specialism are highly sought after to enhance technical and work linked education
- Information needs to be put across to learners in a dynamic engaging and fun way – which involves lots of creativity collaboration and planning, but can really help students to achieve
- The use of AI and Augmented Reality is growing and this can help to monitor student progress and support with diverse learning experiences
- E learning online courses are showing increased take up across all ages, and can fit around peoples lifestyles. This also means opportunities to design and develop content, marketing and e-product user support
- There is a shortage of male teachers in primary, early years and secondary education. 72% of the workforce is female
- There is an ongoing need to help adults increase their skills or retrain for new areas of work. Learning new skills at any age can make people more employable. Jobs and companies change over time and have new training needs.
- A new area, East Midlands Institute of Technology will bring new opportunities to technical teaching and wider support roles

**What you could earn:** Nursery Worker - £16,000 per year to £24,000 per year

Secondary Teacher - £28,000 per year to £42,000 per year

Head Teacher - £46,000 per year to £100,000 per year

Education Technician - £17,000 per year to £30,000 per year

Teaching Assistant - £16,000 per year to £24,000 per year

Training Officer - £18,000 per year to £30,000 per year

Adult Tutor - £20,000 per year to £30,000 per year

E-learning Developer - £19,000 per year to £45,000 per year

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