



TPA Christmas Newsletter – Friday 20th December 2024



Christmas Community Meal Events



Once again, our partnership with Nourish Catering Contractors has enabled over two thousand children, parents, carers and family members to enjoy this festive community meal event. Many of our Head Teachers have described the Community Christmas Meal Event as their favourite evening of the year. We sincerely hope it brought joy to you and your children. We know that Santa was very busy across our schools during the past few weeks!



TPA School Recent Ofsted

During the Autumn term three of our schools have been inspected and a further report was published from an inspection that occurred late in July 2024.

Ofsted Graded Inspection

<p>The Crescent Primary School Inspection 16th and 17th July – published 4th September 2024.</p>	<p>GOOD</p>
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“This is a caring and ambitious school”

“Leaders, including the trust and governing body, have worked effectively together to bring about clear improvements and provide a good quality education for all groups of pupils”.

Ofsted Graded Inspection

<p>Moulsecomb Primary School Inspection 1st and 2nd October 2024</p>	<p>GOOD</p>
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“The school offer a compassionate learning environment”

“There is high ambition for all...”

“The Pioneer Passport guarantees an array of life experiences for all...”

Ofsted Ungraded Inspection

Red Hill Primary School

Inspection 8th and 9th October 2024

“the schools work may have significantly improved” –
last inspection was **Good +**

“It is a place of kindness, where everyone feels listened to and looks after each other.”

“The school is highly committed to building bright futures for all pupils.”



Ofsted Ungraded Inspection

Belvedere Junior School

Inspection date – 12th and 13th November 2024

Remains GOOD



“Pupils are happy and safe in this nurturing school”

“Staff have high expectations for pupils”

“...behind the school’s high expectations and passion for doing whatever it takes to ensure all pupils succeed.”

TPA Annual Teacher Conference

Once again at the beginning of the second half term, teachers from across our Multi Academy Trust came together for a teaching and learning training day. This year’s focus was special educational needs – ensuring all our pupils can access an ambitious curriculum, in a nurturing and caring environment. We had two fantastic keynote speakers, Karl Pupé and Gary Aubin. Both speakers gave practical tips to improve our teacher’s practice, so that every child, regardless of need, can experience precise and explicit teaching – if you plan for SEND pupils, you plan and deliver for every pupil effectively in your class.



SEND Units



As many of you will be aware over the last few years, more children are entering the school system with more complex needs. Demand has far outstripped special schools and SEND provisions in mainstream school places. At The Pioneer Academy, we firmly believe that local children, regardless of their need, should be able to access their local school with their siblings and friends.

The Trust Board made the decision to open up some of our available school classrooms, to enable additional pupils with specific needs to access in-school provision, which we refer to as SEND Units – others may refer to these as ELPs (Enhanced Learning Provision) or SRPs (School Resource Provisions). In doing so we are not only doing the right thing for our children and communities but also potentially saving the ‘public purse’ hundreds of thousands of pounds; as these pupils will no longer need to access the expensive independent school system.

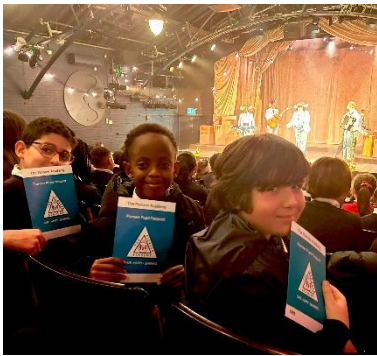


It is with great pride that we can announce we have opened four new SEND Units in the past year, adding to our already established units at South Norwood Primary School and West Blatchington Primary School.

- The Crescent Primary School (Croydon) – SEND Unit opened November 2023
- Broadmead Primary School (Croydon) – SEND Unit opened September 2024
- Holland Junior School (Surrey) – SEND Unit opened October 2024
- Downe Primary School (Bromley) – SEND Unit opened November 2024
- Halsted Community Primary School (Kent) – will be opening its doors for its new SEND Unit in early January 2025.

The Pioneer Academy is in negotiation with our local authorities, across London and the South East, to potentially open more provisions next academic year.

The Pioneer Pupil Passport



The Crowdfunding page is still live if you would like to donate, and this can be accessed via the following link - <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/pioneer-pupil-passport>. If you are able to support and would like your donation to come directly to a specific school within TPA, please indicate this when you donate.

In addition to the crowdfunding, we have also launched Your School Lottery which is a weekly lottery that raises money for schools in the UK. Tickets cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000, and all profits going to The Pioneer Passport. If you would like to play, please visit <https://yourschoollottery.co.uk> and search for The Pioneer Academy.



Christmas Message



I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our amazing staff for their dedication to our schools and your children. I would also like to thank our parents/carers for your backing and support. Parent positivity is such a boost for every member of staff. Thank you, parents and carers.

Yours faithfully

Lee Mason – Ellis
CEO

Joanne Bouwens
Chair of the Trust Board