



The Ark Federation

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Reminder

Over the past few weeks we have had a few questions from parents in both of our schools regarding the federation leadership structure. Just to remind you:

Executive Headteacher - Ryan Freeman
Head of School (Moorlands) - John Siddles
Head of School (Peterhouse) - Sarah Lund

The Heads of School are in charge of the day to day running of their schools and will undertake all of the responsibilities that would previously have been carried out by the 'Headteacher'.



Strike Action

We would like to say thank you to both of our communities for your understanding around the teacher strike action. Please rest assured that both schools are working as hard as they can to ensure that any key worker or vulnerable families are provided for on these days. We have been touched by the positive comments and support that our staff have received from parents, and we hope that a resolution is found very soon.



Moorlands Safer Internet Day

This month saw Moorlands joining schools across the country in taking part in 'Safer Internet Day'. The day is all about raising awareness around online safety for both children and parents. All children had an age appropriate assembly on Wednesday where they were reminded of the messages around keeping safe online and also who to talk to if they have any concerns.

As part of Safer Internet Day we have also conducted a parent survey around online safety and will be sharing a range of resources with parents over the coming weeks. Keeping safe online is something we work on around the year so watch this space for further updates and information

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>



Peterhouse Tree Planting

Members of our Junior Leadership Team and School Council recently took part in the Queen's Green Canopy Memorial Project in Great Yarmouth, planting trees on the South Quay.

Inspired by this experience, we have undertaken a tree planting project here at Peterhouse and the children are making their mark on the geography of our grounds by planting saplings, kindly donated by The Woodland Trust and Alba Trees PLC, that will grow into trees we hope will stand for generations to come.



Headteacher for the Day

On 13th January both schools completed their first 'Headteacher for the Day' event of the year.

The Head boy and girl from each school were given the opportunity to be headteacher for the day. These wonderful Junior Leaders took the reins for the day, completing activities such as learning walks, assemblies and break duties.

In the afternoon (after a working lunch of course), the leaders from both schools came together to create a shared action plan for the year. They have chosen to focus on the following areas:

- To introduce more pupil interaction into assemblies
- To work with subject leaders to ensure that our curriculum engages and excites children
- To develop further links between each school and their local food banks

The next one of these events will include the deputy head boys and girls



We need Governors

We are looking for parent governors from both of our schools to join the new Ark Federation Governing Body. The new Governing Body works across both schools and helps to ensure that the highest standard of education is offered at all times. If you are interested in this role, please email Mr Freeman on head@peterhouse.dneat.org. Please note we have extended our application deadline to Friday 24th February.



Upcoming Dates

- 10th February - Children break up
- 20th February - Children return to school
- 21st February - Shrove Tuesday
- 2nd March - World Book Day