

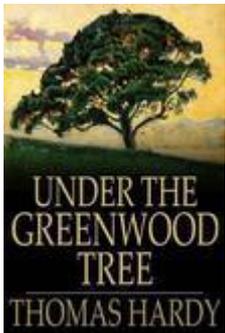


GTAT Newsletter Summer 2016

The last 5 months have disappeared all too quickly and I have very much enjoyed getting to know more about the schools, staff and pupils in the Greenwood Tree Academy Trust since I started in January this year. As always the children I meet during my visits are very polite & courteous and have a thirst for learning and development which is delightful for me to see.

I am very proud to announce that the inaugural meeting of the GTAT School Council was held in May and I was really pleased to attend. The School Council is made up of boys and girls of all ages with representatives from all the GTAT schools.

To start the meeting, I shared how the name of the Greenwood Tree Academy Trust had originated and was taken from Thomas Hardy's novel, 'Under the Greenwood Tree'.



I explained that we were working hard sharing ideas across schools on teaching to make them better. We also outlined the plans to work with Trees for Dorset to plant an appropriate tree at each school in the Autumn. We intend that each school's tree will become a symbol for its place in the Greenwood Tree Academy Trust; reminding us that together we are stronger and can achieve more.

A guest speaker who is an expert on sport and disability came to talk to us and showed a video about looking forward to the forthcoming Olympic Games in Rio. He talked through a project that can be accessed by each school by enrolling on '**Get Set's Road to Rio**'. Get Set is the British Olympic Association and British Paralympic Association's youth engagement programme and the Road to Rio initiative encourages young people to travel the distance from London to Rio by taking part in our Road to Rio Challenge recording group physical activities at school. Activities are recorded on the web site and then a distance is calculated and accrued, with prizes awarded along the way. The pupils were going to go back to their schools to enrol and find ideas how they could be more active. You can find out about it by following this link: <http://www.getset.co.uk/road-to-rio>

At the end of the meeting we picked names out of a hat and a middle school pupil won a copy of the Thomas Hardy's Novel and two first school pupils won nature books with a focus on trees.

I wish you all a restful half term break and look forward to updating you about further exciting developments in the future.

Best wishes,

Mr Chadwick
Executive Head Teacher