

# Sewell in SCHOOLS

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Hello and welcome to the first edition of Sewell in Schools for 2018!

Through this newsletter, we aim to keep you up to date with news, services, events in schools and in our wider teams across the region.

While the school gates are closed, we're always on hand to make sure everything runs smoothly.

We're fortunate that we haven't had a lot of snow this year, but we're always ready with our equipment and teams to be on the safe side. We subscribe to a forecast from the Met Office, which monitors air and ground temperature, as well as humidity, and we receive a weather prediction so we can more accurately decide when we spread grit on school sites, ensuring safety at all times.

As we move from Winter towards Spring, temperatures can often be a problem to control.



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You can help us by making sure your air conditioning isn't conflicting with your heating systems, and windows are not open when the heating is on high. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need any help or guidance.

As always, I'd like to thank our Sewell Facilities Management teams for their continued work to ensure the schools look fantastic 24/7. We really welcome engagement and feedback from you, as the more we integrate within your teams, the better service we can provide to meet your needs.

We hope you enjoy catching up with all the news in this edition of Sewell in Schools and please don't hesitate to contact us any time.

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# 'I treat this building as if it were my own'

The Ron Dearing University Technical College (UTC) opened its doors to students five months ago, creating a world of new opportunities in the fields of digital technology and mechatronics.

Dave Marris, Facilities Officer at Sewell Facilities Management, has been based on site since August and opens the school from Monday to Friday, as well as being on site to carry out planned and reactive maintenance tasks.

This can include everything from water checks and deliveries, to adjusting doors and maintaining the underfloor heating system.

Dave, who previously worked as Facilities Officer at Victoria Dock Primary School in Hull for 18 months, said: "It's wonderful to be able to take care of a building where students have such fantastic opportunities available to them.

"I'm really proud of it and we all take great pride in our work because we care. I look after it as if it were my own and I want people to have that wow factor every time they walk in.

"The staff and students are brilliant, and they know me as a familiar face around the school. They know they can knock on my door, or leave a note, because no job is too small."

Developed by Hull Esteem and built by Sewell Construction on behalf of Hull City Council, the employer-led school is packed with £1.6 million of cutting edge technology.



Dave is supported on site by Facilities Officer Richard Wilson and the cleaning team, with presence on site from 7am to 7pm. The Sewell Facilities Management Customer Care Team is also on hand to coordinate additional help at any point.



Mark Ollerenshaw, Vice Principal at Ron Dearing UTC, said: "Dave and the whole Sewell Facilities Management team feel like part of the school and the Ron Dearing team, and they have since the start.

"They fit in so well and have great relationships with everyone. It's absolutely apparent their key motivation is making sure everything is right for the pupils so they can get on with their learning and the school day.

"Everything is done straight away to the best possible standard and we have the upmost confidence in the whole team. They are really flexible and, whatever we need, they respond and there's never a problem."



## Congratulations to stars recognised at education awards



We'd like to say huge congratulations to all of the winners at the Golden Apples Education Awards, celebrating all things great in the sector in Hull and the East Riding.

Sewell Facilities Management sponsored the awards for the fourth consecutive year, recognising the best schools and colleges have to offer and praising those who go the extra mile to make a difference, day in, day out.

Martin Stead, Managing Director of Sewell Facilities Management, said: "The awards event was held during the afternoon this time, which enabled more children to attend and it worked really well. Everyone was so supportive and complimentary of each other, and it was great to see so much pride in the faces of those who attended.

"The quality of the entries was absolutely fantastic but we still need more for next year. We have already committed to being the main sponsor the Golden Apples again in 2018, and we'd love to see more of our schools in Hull and the East Riding putting entries forward.

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MARTIN STEAD, MANAGING DIRECTOR, SEWELL FM



"It's all about you and shining a light on the amazing education sector, so please get involved and watch out for entries opening again later this year. We know there are still so many stars out there who deserve to be recognised."

## Kingswood Parks pupils show their creative side



Children involved in Kingswood Parks Primary School's computer club got their creative thinking caps on to design their own apartment using online technology.

It comes as work to extend the Hull school and double capacity continues, and they can watch progress being made on their site each day.

Pupil Emily Foster was the winner of a £20 Toys R Us voucher, hard hat and hi-vis vest in November after creating a two-bed apartment using an online programme called Planner 5D.

The Sewell site team was invited to guest judge the competition, also giving a talk on Building Information Technology (BIM) to show them how their completed school will look.

BIM sees collaboration and information shared between engineers, clients, architects and contractors in a 3D format and is widely used within the construction industry.

Designs and briefs are now more thorough than ever before, providing further cost and quality assurance. BIM also includes looking at the whole life of the building and ensuring facilities management plans are in place from the start, reducing variance in design.

Carol Harris, Facilities Manager at Sewell Facilities Management, said: "We have been involved in the research, development and design meetings for the extension from the beginning.

"We've given advice on various things, including types of flooring, perhaps which haven't worked well in other areas, and other materials, to ensure the building is in day one quality for years to come.

"As we look after Kingswood Parks Primary School, we know it inside out, and it's important for us to be involved to plan how best to maintain the whole site going forward. It also helps with a smooth handover once Sewell Construction reaches completion."

Located on the Kingswood residential development in North Hull, Kingswood Parks Primary School educates more than 350 pupils from ages 3 to 11. But due to an increase in housing in the area, there is a need to expand capacity to 630 pupils.

To watch drone footage of the site and see how the building is progressing, visit:

<http://bit.ly/2n3doVA>

## Award for supporting young people with a learning disability

Sewell Facilities Management has won an award for offering paid employment opportunities to young people with a learning disability.

Last year, the business joined forces with the Hull branch of national charity Mencap, giving young people supported by the charity full and part-time cleaning roles in offices and schools across Hull.

Since then, the charity has noted significant positive changes in the young people, seeing them grow in confidence, self-esteem and respond well to increased levels of responsibility.

Now, Sewell Facilities Management has been awarded Employer of the Month by Mencap's National Employer Engagement Team in recognition of the partnership and employment opportunities provided.

Tom Farrow, Operations Manager at Sewell Facilities Management, said: "We were delighted to win this award in recognition of the fantastic partnership we have with Mencap.

"Offering these employment opportunities is something we feel very strongly about and they have an on-site supervisor who can support them in their roles.



"We are very keen for this partnership to continue and grow, and we hope to be able to offer this opportunity to more young people in the future."

Sam McCarthy and Elliot Parkinson are currently supported by Mencap and employed by Sewell Facilities Management as part-time cleaners across three sites in Hull.

Sam is based at Freetown Court and the Ron Dearing University Technical College (UTC), while Elliot's role is at Endike Academy. Mencap received funding from Talent Match Humber to look at work opportunities for young people.

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Kerrie White, Locality Manager for Mencap, said: "This award recognises Sewell Facilities Management's complete commitment to working with us and the full support they have given to the young people involved.

"For us, it's making a massive difference. I look at Elliot and Sam and see how much they've progressed within the Sewell family. The Sewell values are so important and it's the right fit."

## New outdoor classroom & play equipment at St Barnabas



Learning will be brought to life at St Barnabas CE Primary School in York after an outdoor classroom and play area was installed.

A large timber gazebo has been put in place for use as an outdoor classroom in the warmer months, as well as a weaving trellis which the children can decorate and weave fabric through.

A mud kitchen, complete with miniature sinks, water and sand play areas, has also been installed alongside a large mirror board, whiteboard and chalkboard.

The new outdoor classroom and equipment was made possible thanks to a grant from the Big Lottery Fund and Sewell Facilities Management facilitated access to the site, ensuring it was installed safely during the Christmas holidays.

Facilities Officer Dave Healey said: "It's a really fun outside area for the children. The mud kitchen and boards are in a contained area for the foundation stage children and the rest is for the whole school. There is sand everywhere and the children love it. Come summer, it will get even more use.

"Everyone is really happy with it. The mud kitchen area has been extended so the children have more space to play."



Headteacher Karen Boardman said: "These items will give more opportunities for children to do more of their learning outdoors in the fresh air. The outdoor classroom will also be used by the playgroup, toddler group and out of school club.

"We had to contribute a small amount to this outdoor project, which we hope to fund through various fundraising, including non-uniform days."

The school held an official opening of the area with a day of outdoor-themed activities, including tree planting and a visit from a poet on February 1st.

## Festive fun across the region!

Although Christmas may now seem like a distant memory, our teams were involved in plenty of festive fun in 2017!

Sewell Facilities Management had a couple of new recruits throughout December. The Sewell Elves, Buddy and Holly, got involved in everything from a surprise visit to primary schools to climbing the Christmas tree at the Ron Dearing University Technical College (UTC), spreading Christmas mischief wherever they went.

Meanwhile, Facilities Officer Phil Welburn and Cleaning Supervisor Andy Pinchbeck joined Endike Academy's male voice choir to sing in a Christmas school assembly alongside five teachers, performing to the whole school.

Phil said: "We did the same at Easter last year and we were asked to do it again at Christmas. "Everybody loved it and they would now like us to join the choir for special assemblies at the school, so Andy and I are now members."

Father Christmas also paid a visit to the children at Victoria Dock Primary School.



We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year, and you never know - Buddy and Holly could be back to create some Christmas cheer at your school next Christmas!

Since the last edition of Sewell in Schools in October, through to January 25th, 2018, our teams have completed thousands of maintenance tasks in schools:

**1,000** reactive tasks + **1,877** planned maintenance tasks = **2,877** tasks in total!

# An insight into our services

## Your facilities management



A tailored facilities management service that focuses on the areas where you need support.

## Statutory compliance & maintenance



Building risk assessments, fire safety inspections, fire and electrical system checks and legionella monitoring.

## Reactive maintenance



24/7, 365 days a year. For urgent support, experts are never more than 30 minutes away.

## Planned preventative maintenance



Mechanical and electrical equipment servicing, record keeping, cleaning and caretaking.

## Lifecycle planning



Thinking ahead to optimise your school's value. Maintenance and decoration assessments, energy assessments, forward planning and budgets.

## Cleaning & caretaking



We become part of your team to keep your buildings in top condition while you get on with the day-to-day running of your workplace.

## Refurbishment & decoration



We work around the way you do business. We often decorate your building out of hours, or during school holidays to ensure minimum disruption and day one quality.

## 24/7 customer care team



At any time, day or night, you can pick up the phone to our friendly and knowledgeable team who are based locally. Call **01482 787777**.