

# Scene!

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### Primary Parliamentarians shaping Nottingham's future

Last Wednesday and Friday, children representing 24 primary schools across the City met at The Council House to take part in Primary Parliament.

They worked with the Nottingham Good Food Partnership on the theme of growing good food in schools, creating designs for a 'good food' playground. They then took part in a consultation on the new Central Library and voted accessibility as the most important consideration. Meanwhile, focus groups for the Big Reader, Big Future campaign helped with the development of promotional videos for careers.

Cllr Khan and Director of Education John Dexter praised the amazing ideas of Wednesday's session. Cllr Mellen was delighted with Friday's presentations, and read 'The Promise' to a rapt Chamber as part of his Big Reading Challenge. In both sessions, Parliamentarians displayed excellent cooperation, creativity, work ethic and leadership, with a clear growth in confidence from the last sessions. You can read more in [Primary Parliament Post](#).

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### Urgent and important stories...!

**Update for School Business Managers: Staff Absence Insurance Tender** - Nottingham City Council has gone out to tender and has awarded the contract however we are in the standstill period and cannot announce the new provider until the end of March. [more information](#)

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## Important but not urgent stories...!

**Thank you for supporting the Big Reading Challenge** - Thank you to every school that supported Cllr David Mellen's Big Reading Challenge, which saw him read to 6,504 children in 50 days to raise more than £5,000 for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, an amazing scheme that delivers a free book every month to children from birth to five years old. [more information](#)

**Narrowboat hire costs slashed for City Schools** - The transfer of Nottingham Narrowboat Project from Nottingham City Council Education Services to a new Charity supported by a three-year grant from the Big Lottery Fund, has resulted in charges for the hire of the two narrowboats by Nottingham City Schools being reduced to just £35 per day, per boat. [more information](#)

**IDEAL training: EAL in the Early Years** - Providing approaches to ensure inclusion, progress and accurate assessment of bilingual children in EYFS settings. The course takes place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at The Indian Community Centre Association. To book a place or further information email: [ideal@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:ideal@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) or call 0115 8764690

**FAO School SENCOs** - Oak Field School will be hosting a summer school for pupils who have severe and profound learning disabilities. The dates are 29th July - 2nd August 2019 and 5th August - 9th August 2019. The summer scheme caters for a wide range of pupils but may not be appropriate for every child with SEND. All new children and young people are visited to ascertain need. For further information please call 07534 856095. [Letter to Parents/Carers \(City\)](#) [Letter to Parents/Carers \(County\)](#)

**Universal Infant Free School Meals Forecast Tool 2019/20** - On 18th March 2019 a Universal Infant Free School Meals Forecast Tool was sent to all maintained school business managers. This tool is to assist schools in estimating their Universal Infant Free School Meal Funding for the financial year 2019/20. Guidance is included in the tool but if you have any queries please email [school.funding@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:school.funding@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

**Immunisations: resources for schools from Public Health England** - Promotional resources for GP practices, nursery settings, primary and secondary schools. [more information](#)

**DfE Update: Teacher appraisal and capability: model policy** - Guidance for schools on appraisal and capability policies. [more information](#)

**DfE Update: Managing change: reducing teacher workload** - Materials to help leaders and teachers review tasks associated with managing change in schools, so they can reduce workload. [more information](#)

**DfE Update: Ways to reduce workload in your school: tips from school leaders** - Tips from school leaders, teachers and sector experts to help schools reduce workload. [more information](#)

**Nottingham Citycare 0-19 Health Improvement Support: RSE for Primary and Secondary Schools** - A reminder of the ongoing offer of free Relationship and Sex Education support. This support will be ongoing at this time and is free for all Nottingham City schools, Primary and Secondary. The Citycare Team have delivered a variety of sessions with City schools over the past few months and it has been great to see the engagement with schools on the issue of RSE. [more information](#) email [vanessa.mcfarlane@nhs.net](mailto:vanessa.mcfarlane@nhs.net)

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### Stories you might find interesting...!

**Teachers' Open House at Newstead Abbey** - Nottingham City Museums and Galleries would like to invite you to our next Teachers' Open House event on 21st March 2019 at Newstead Abbey from 4pm - 6pm. [more information](#)

**Working Together to Fly the Flag for Languages** - Taking place on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019, this event aims to inspire and prepare delegates to work together on Primary Languages. Delegates will be able to choose from a series of workshops which focus on practical activities to provide a wealth of ideas for the classroom. [more information](#)

**Pythian Club are presenting a play and workshop focused on weapon-enabled youth violence** - Double Edge is a play and workshop exploring the consequences of knife crime on families, communities and individuals. Schools who may consider accessing this are welcome to contact: [pythianproductions@yahoo.com](mailto:pythianproductions@yahoo.com) [more information](#)

**Accessible Minibuses Grants** - The Lord's Taverners provides a range of specially adapted minibuses for SEN Schools catering for young people with learning and physical disabilities. The minibuses are provided to enable schools to engage pupils in a range of sporting and recreational activities within the local community. [more information](#)

**Nottingham Contemporary** - This season, Nottingham Contemporary are screening moving-image works responding to the history and dynamics of contemporary Brazil, by artists Ana Vaz and Tamar Guimarães, and a spoken-word performance by Pedro Neves Marques. [more information](#)

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