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BETTER**

TEAM TALK

*MEETING THE PEOPLE
WHO MAKE LIVES BETTER*

Maurita Parkins

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What's your perfect weekend?

Spending time with my children, normally something outdoors and relaxing. It always has to be outdoors!

Describe a moment in your current role that made you feel especially proud.

Last year, there was a boy here who was struggling both academically and with behaviour. We do a forest school, it was a really windy day and we were trying to get a fire going to have hot dogs, he was so determined, it took him about an hour and he managed to do it and we all managed to have hot dogs. No matter where you are going if you have that determination and survival skills you will go far.

What's something surprising about your job that most people wouldn't know?

Being a TA and working with so many children people might think you stay in your comfort zone and do the same thing day in and day out but there is always opportunity and chance to level up and develop professionally.

If you could swap roles with anyone in the Trust for a day, who would it be and what would you hope to learn?

Emma, our headteacher as she sees things from a different perspective and I think that would be interesting.

If you could instantly learn a new skill to use in your role, what would it be?

A fire breathing course, I want to do this course soon. I like to do things that challenge me I think it would also be fun and different for the children to experience.

What do you think makes your school a unique place to work or learn?

Family feel, really special and unique in the sense that everyone including the parents feels like a big family. So many holistic interventions for the children to access. Not seen anywhere near as much enrichment in other schools as this school has.

In one sentence, how would you sum up what "Making Lives Better" means to you?

It is all about sharing love and embodying that wherever and whenever you can because that's what makes the world go round.

Which book, TV show or film do you recommend to everyone?

Instinct! It's a good watch for adults, it's about a prison psychologist and a man who has spent years working with gorillas. I love how they challenge each other, it is really insightful and thought-provoking, which makes it my go-to film.

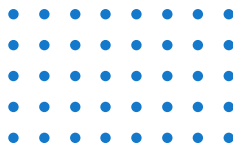
What's one thing on your bucket list you still hope to tick off?

I would love to be in an aerial arts show in a circus.

Do you have a favourite place you love to visit again and again?

The outdoors, anywhere around Bury in the countryside. Always the trees.





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