



Improving education and life chances for children and young people in North Tyneside



Welcome to the summer issue of Trust. Lots of exciting developments have taken place within the last few weeks; the Trust has expanded to welcome an additional 5 new Trust Schools, a new Board Director, employer partner and 6 new Trust Governors. The Trust continues to work in collaboration with a range of new and existing partners to develop new projects. I hope you enjoy reading about some of these in this edition of Trust. As the summer holidays approach I would like to thank everyone for their hard work this year across all of our Trust Schools and I hope you enjoy the summer break. I look forward to working with you again in September when we will be returning with a special edition of Trust containing a science supplement.

Kehri Ellis, Chief Executive of North Tyneside Learning Trust

Welcome to our new Trust Schools

The Trust is delighted to welcome five new schools who joined the Trust on the 1 July 2013, raising the total number of Trust Schools to 39. This is fantastic news for the Trust as the more schools we have working together within a formal collaborative structure, supported by our employers and higher and further education partners, the greater our ability to improve education in the borough for all our children and young people.

The new schools were formally welcomed at a very successful event hosted by our employer partner, Shasun Pharma Solutions, on the 3

July 2013. David Baldwin (Chair), Kehri Ellis (Chief Executive) and Chloe Mortimer (Partnership Coordinator) welcomed Headteachers and Chairs of Governors from all five new Trust Schools, along with the Trust's two Employer Directors, David Hodgson (Shasun Pharma Solutions) and Ian Richardson (Capita Symonds).

The event was a great opportunity to introduce schools to our directors and staff, current Trust projects, and for the Trust to better understand each school's priorities going forward.



**Appletree Gardens
First School**



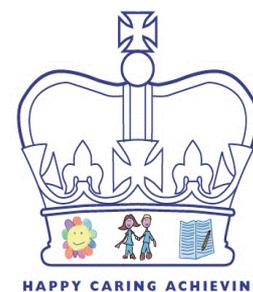
**Burradon Community
Primary School**



**Denbigh Community
Primary School**



**Valley Gardens
Middle School**



HAPPY CARING ACHIEVING

**King Edward
Primary School**

The Trust has been working in partnership with British Airways on a £20m bid to the UK Commission for Employment and Skills. A successful bid would see BA working in collaboration with over 100 schools across North Tyneside, London and Manchester. The bid's primary focus is on investing in young people to develop their project management and employability skills. BA also proposes to offer hundreds of traineeships, apprenticeships

and work experience placements to give young people a valuable insight into the world of work. The Trust ran a series of successful meetings between representatives from BA, Trust Secondary Schools and Employer Partners, all of whom have recognised the potential benefits that this opportunity presents for young people in North Tyneside. To view the full proposal please click [here](#). Updates of this project will be provided in future editions of Trust.

Step Forward with STEM

The Trust, in partnership with The Smallpiece Trust, Arkwright Scholarships Trust, Engineering Development Trust (EDT) and STEMNET, four of the largest and most well established STEM educational charities in the UK, are to develop a 5 year programme of hands-on careers focussed activities designed to raise awareness of engineering as an attractive career option and inspire local children and young people to consider a career in engineering. Funding applications have been made to various

companies and trusts to secure the grant funding required to launch the scheme.

A programme of engineering related activities will be run with pupils in years 9, 10, 11 and 12; they include designing and building engineering projects such as a wind turbine, work-related assignments led by role model engineers and a residential course at Newcastle University. Updates will be provided in future editions of Trust.

Trust Apprenticeship Programme Success



Scott Graham

North Tyneside Learning Trust has supported employers in North Tyneside, including many Trust Schools, to create 50 new apprenticeships for young people. The Trust covers half the salary costs by providing a bursary of £3,550. Our apprentices have brought considerable value to their place of work and have worked in a broad range of occupational areas, including engineering, mechanics, business administration and ICT. An apprentice 'Hall of Fame' has been established to help share some of our success stories and encourage more young people to consider an apprenticeship. To view our 'Hall of Fame' on our website please click [here](#).

All of our apprentices are aged 16-18 and have attended a Trust School. Many have already completed their apprenticeship and have remained in employment which is a fantastic achievement. In particular we would like to congratulate Scott Graham (above left) who completed his apprenticeship in Information and Communication Technology at Trust School Churchill Community College. Scott remains in employment at the school and was recently awarded with the title 'Apprentice of the Year 2012/13'. The Trust would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Scott on his achievement.

The Trust has agreed funding for a further 20 apprenticeships this year, with Trust Schools prioritised as employers in the first instance. If you are interested in taking on an apprentice or for more information please contact Claire Dunn on 0191 643 6407 or email claire.dunn@northtyneside.gov.uk.



The Trust has been working in partnership with Tyne Met College to deliver STEMtastic 2013. Over 370 Year 6 school pupils from Trust primary schools attended STEMtastic 2013 at Tyne Met College on 10 July 2013. Students participated in a range of STEM workshops delivered by Tyne Met and Queen Alexandra Sixth Form College staff, Fabricom Offshore Ltd and The Centre for Life.

The activities ranged from learning about the stars and planets and making air propelled rockets, to discovering how to design their own IT character and learning about anatomy.

The Trust plan to work in partnership with Tyne Met College to run STEMtastic on an annual basis, building on the success of the event year on year.

Apprentice Students on Campus at Northumbria University

The Trust and Northumbria University worked together to run the University's annual 'Apprentice Students on Campus' week, as part of the University's range of aspiration raising events. Year 6 pupils from six Trust Primary Schools visited the campus for one day and were introduced to university through activities such as campus monopoly, library treasure hunt, sports activities and interaction with current university students.



Tyneside Trackers with Newcastle University

A number of pupils from Trust Schools at Seaton Burn and Churchill Community College have joined pupils from schools in Northumberland on a year long exciting programme of activities exploring careers in Science and Engineering. The project, supporting 25 pupils in total, called 'Tyneside Trackers' is being co-ordinated by staff from the Trust's partner Newcastle University and generously funded by Merck Sharp Dome Ltd. The pupils gave up their free time over the May half-term holiday to explore marine science, engineering, chemistry, study skills and the physics of colour in 'Explore Week' at the University. This month, the pupils participated in a two day programme of visits to companies such as Proctor and Gamble, Millers, and the Nissan factory to observe science and maths in action in

the work place and hear about each company's recruitment process. An afternoon session followed, getting the pupils to think about how they can prepare themselves for the future workplace. Mrs Annie Russell of the Dove Mare Laboratory, Newcastle University who is leading the project said: "It is important that our young people are given opportunities to think about different careers that don't always immediately spring to mind. Tyneside Trackers will give them the freedom to think outside the box over the coming year about what they enjoy, and what they excel at."



The Trust is delighted to announce the appointment of two Higher Level Teaching Assistants with a specialism in Literacy; they will have a particular focus on supporting schools with intervention, reading and phonics. Colleen Stephenson and Deborah Hughes will be working alongside Gill Kemp (Literacy Adviser for LA) for a training period, then working between schools to provide support where required. Their role is to be

tailored to individual schools and their breadth of experience spans the primary age range.

All primary Trust schools will be able to access this support throughout the year. If you have a specific request please contact Gill Kemp directly: 0191 643 8505 or gill.kemp@northtyneside.gov.uk



Colleen Stephenson



Deborah Hughes

Maths Lead Update



Wendy Mitcheson

Wendy Mitcheson, the Trust's Primary Maths Lead, hosted a successful Year 6 Level 6 support meeting, which was a fantastic opportunity for collaboration between Primary, Middle and Secondary Trust Schools. Following the event Wendy has offered to work with individual Trust Schools to help them devise a plan for teaching level 6 over the course of the next academic year.

If your school would like support with Level 6 Maths from Wendy please email her at wendy.mitcheson@ntlp.org.uk. Thanks to Valley Gardens Middle School for hosting the support event.

New Employer Partner Secured



VODA North Tyneside have recently signed up as the latest formal Employer Partner of the Trust. VODA is a registered charity providing advice, training, information and support to volunteers, voluntary and community organisations in North Tyneside. VODA also share the Trust's principals of working in collaboration by encouraging and developing networks

and partnerships between organisations from different sectors. Already VODA has provided the Trust with invaluable specialist support by advising and helping the Trust establish its formal policies and procedures and governance arrangements.



Over 100 Teachers from all over the region participated in TeachMeet, an event arranged by Teachers for Teachers involving short and snappy 2 and 7 minute presentation slots on what is working well in the classroom. Presentation topics ranged from supporting students with independent learning to using Skype in the classroom. The event on the 25th June

was hosted by George Stephenson High School and was a fantastic opportunity for collaboration in the region between schools. The Trust is encouraging more schools to host similar events in the new academic year.

Engineering & Manufacturing Careers Conference

The North East has a rich heritage of engineering and manufacturing success which is continuing to grow and develop in new and emerging fields. To support these sectors a huge talent pool of people is needed over the next few years, skilled at all levels to ensure that our performance as a region is maintained. It is important that young people in Trust schools are fully informed and aware of the opportunities that exist.



On the 25th September Nissan Motors, Sunderland is playing host to the first 'North East Engineering & Manufacturing Careers Conference'. The event is aimed at teachers with careers responsibility within schools and colleges, and intends to raise awareness of the opportunities and the routes that young people can take to find local careers in the engineering and manufacturing sectors. The event is free to attend however places are restricted to one teacher per school. To register your place, please click [here](#).

Trust Governors

The Trust would like to welcome our new Trust Governors:

Mark Beverley	Benton Dene School	St James's Place Wealth Management
Dawn McIntyre	Redesdale Primary School	Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Will Sadler	Beacon Hill School	Beacon Hill Arts
Stephen Scott	Amberley Primary School	Northern Power Grid Holdings Company
Sarah Weddle	Valley Gardens Middle School	Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Suzie Young	Woodlawn School	Procter & Gamble

If you are interested in becoming a Trust Governor, or know someone who might be, please contact our Partnership Coordinator, Chloe Mortimer, on chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk for more information on the role and how to apply. A complete list of Trust Governors can be found on the Trust's website [here](#).



Ian Grayson

Welcome to our newest Trust Director, Cllr Ian Grayson, who joined the Trust Board in June 2013 as the new Local Authority Director. Ian is the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning on North Tyneside Council. Ian has a wealth of experience of the education sector gained from being a teacher in Newcastle for over 25 years and through his current role as Chair of Governors at Valley Gardens Middle School.

Thank you to David Lilly

Thank you to David Lilly, our previous Local Authority Director who left the Trust Board in May. The Trust would like to thank David for his valuable contribution to the work of the Trust.



David Lilly

Save the Date – Annual Members Meeting

Date for your diary: The Trust will be hosting its second Annual Members Meeting on Thursday 17th October 2013. Headteachers, Chair of Governors and representatives from all our Employer Partners will be invited to attend the twilight meeting. Further details will be distributed via email after the summer holidays.

Contact Us

Thank you for your valuable feedback on the last newsletter, your comments, suggestions and contributions are welcome. If you have...

- A news story, information item or announcement to share
- Comments on this edition of Trust
- Suggestions for improving future editions of Trust

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