



TRUST Newsletter

Improving education and life chances for all children and young people

Happy New Year and welcome to our new look 2014 newsletter, providing our schools, employer partners, further and higher education partners, Trust Governors and other key stakeholders, with important information on activities and exciting new developments taking place across the Trust. This refreshed version of the newsletter aims to be more accessible, easy to share with colleagues and contains lots of useful links and downloads.



The new contents section provides a summary of what's inside as well as quick and easy access to individual articles of interest. 2014 promises to be a very exciting year for the Trust, particularly as we launch our new programme, Step into STEM, and make preparations for our first Trust Star Awards ceremony to honour and celebrate the achievements of children and young people from Trust schools across North Tyneside. I hope you enjoy reading about this and much more in this edition of TRUST.

Kehri Ellis, Chief Executive of NTLT

News & Events

Launch of Step into STEM!

Step into STEM is a new 5 year programme which delivers hands on career focused activities designed to raise awareness of engineering and inspire young people in Trust schools to consider engineering as a career option. The Trust has successfully secured resources through Charitable Trusts to fund delivery in schools working in partnership

with The Smallpiece Trust, Arkwright Scholarships Trust, Engineering Development Trust and STEMNET. As part of the launch the Trust's 10 secondary schools will be offered a free [STEM Enrichment Day](#) for Y9 students providing a valuable insight into the exciting world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Schools who participate will also receive a free STEM club kit, with all of the materials necessary to run a STEM club in school. Special thanks goes to the projects funders; the Ballinger Charitable Trust, the Shears Foundation and R.W. Mann Trust.



STEM Careers Strategy Launch Success!

Over 40 Headteachers and Science Leads representing over 30 Trust schools gathered for the launch of the Trust's STEM Careers Strategy in November. Teachers were joined by representatives from the Trust's Higher and Further Education partners; Newcastle University, Northumbria University, Newcastle College and Tyne Metropolitan College. Key note speaker, Bridgette West from [Beauty By The Geeks](#), opened the evening with an inspiring talk on setting up her successful new [blog](#) which reveals the science behind beauty products and the [educational courses](#) that she delivers in schools with the aim of inspiring and engaging girls in particular with science subjects. Lynne Cooper, Professional Development Leader at the National Science Learning Centre in York, also gave a talk on the variety and value of [CPD programmes](#) run at the centre and the [ENTHUSE grant awards](#) that are available to schools to cover the course costs and contribute towards transport and supply cover. Delegates split into three workshops focusing on Raising Aspirations, Enquiry Based Learning and Assessment for Learning. A brief report on the event, including action plans drawn up in each of the workshops will be distributed to Headteachers and Science leads by email.



Aiming for the Stars: Children's Awards Ceremony

An enthusiastic team of representatives from across Trust schools are busy making plans for the Trust's first Children's Award Ceremony. The awards will celebrate the achievements of children and young people across all Trust schools and awards will be available across a range of areas in keeping with the values of the Trust including; Entrepreneurship, Volunteering and Diversity. Employer partners are being approached to judge and sponsor individual awards. [Vision for Education](#), a teaching recruitment and supply agency have agreed to sponsor the event. The ceremony will be taking place on Monday 23rd June, 4-7 pm at the Village Hotel. Further updates about this exciting event will be featured in future editions of TRUST.

Five schools enter Formal Consultation Stage

Balliol Primary, Ivy Road Primary, Richardson Dees Primary, Whitehouse Primary and Preston Grange Primary have entered the formal stage of the consultation process to join the Trust. Schools that decide to join are expected to become members in April this year which could bring the total number of schools supported by the Trust to 45, further enhancing the Trust's capacity to improve education and life chances for all children and young people in North Tyneside through our model of collaboration and school to school support.

Congratulations to Primary Science Award Winners!

Congratulations to Denbigh Community Primary School and Stephenson Memorial Primary School who have been awarded the national Gold [Primary Science Quality Mark](#) (PSQM), - the highest level a school can achieve. Congratulations also go to Hadrian Park Primary School who have achieved the Silver award. The award is given to schools who work together to share good practice and show excellence in science teaching and learning in their school and the wider community. In addition, Science Leader and Assistant Head Anna Peart of Denbigh Community Primary School (below right) has been nominated for a Primary Science Teacher of the Year Award. This is a fantastic achievement and the Trust wishes Anna the very best of luck.





Rachel Brown

Trust Apprentice Appointed

The Trust is delighted to welcome Rachel Brown as the Trust's new Finance and Administration Apprentice. Rachel, a school leaver from Marden High School, will provide valuable support to the Trust and joined us earlier this month.

SIDEKICK Cash Back Scheme

The Trust is working with [Sidekick Office Products](#), part of the NBT Group and based in Killingworth, on a 5% cash back scheme based on office product purchases across Trust schools. Any partner or member of the Trust who purchases consistently with SIDEKICK Office Products has their annual spend tracked. The Trust is set to receive 5% cash back from SIDEKICK to invest in programmes to support schools. SIDEKICK is already a popular supplier for North Tyneside schools providing quality products at competitive prices.



Elklan Speech & Language Support Course

Later this term 15 teachers from Trust primary schools will begin the nationally recognised Elklan accredited award in supporting and developing children's language and communication skills. The course will cover all aspects of speech and language and aims to provide practical advice and strategies to be used in the classroom. The course usually costs £300, however the Trust and North Tyneside Council's Language and Communication Team are heavily subsidising the course so that the cost is just £50 per school. CPD for teachers continues to be a priority for the Trust to increase schools' capacity to deliver an outstanding education for all our students.



Talk4Writing

Talk 4 Writing Research Project

Gill Kemp, School Improvement Advisor in Primary English, launched a Talk 4 Writing project with Trust schools earlier this month. Talk 4 Writing links with the new curriculum emphasis on spoken language and vocabulary development. The approach suits all pupils of all ages, but the use of audio, visual and action makes it especially useful when teaching SEN children and boys. 15 teachers from Trust schools begin the course on 20th January and will be attending a further 3 sessions over the next year.

Opportunities

Innovation Beyond the Classroom STEM Learning Visit

Representatives from Trust schools are invited to Tyne Metropolitan College for a STEM Learning Visit on Wednesday 12th March from 10am - 4pm. The event, titled 'Innovation Beyond the Classroom', will discuss STEM promotion and advocate best practice, showcasing the impact of STEM investment through partnership working with local employers, pioneering school and university engagement as well as highlighting innovation and technology within teaching and learning practices. The day includes networking opportunities, an interactive creative session using digital media and a tour of the college facilities. For more information please contact emma.garrick@tynemet.ac.uk or call 0191 229 500. Please click [here](#) to see the draft agenda for the day. To register please click the button below.

[Register for STEM Learning Visit - 12.03.14](#)

Outstanding Teaching Programme 2 for 1

The Trust is pleased to announce its continued support for the popular Outstanding Teaching Programme. The Trust will pay the course fees for 1 teacher from a Trust school when two members of staff are registered from a school on either programme. Both OTP Level 1 (formerly the Improving Teaching Programme) and OTP Level 2

are supported by the Trust. More information about the courses can be found below. Please contact dawn.harvey@ntlp.org.uk to book a place.



Whitley Bay
Teaching
School Alliance
Outstanding Teacher Programme Level 1

Who is it for?

This nationally accredited programme is aimed at teachers who want to advance, develop and improve their teaching practice in order to deliver consistently good lessons.



Whitley Bay
Teaching
School Alliance
Outstanding Teacher Programme Level 2

Who is it for?

This nationally accredited programme is designed for consistently good teachers who have the ability to be regularly outstanding. They should have the interest to contribute/to lead whole school staff training.



Talk 4 Writing Spring Conference Discount



On Friday 7th March Pie Corbett is running a conference at the Centre for Life in Newcastle on '[Formative Assessment through Talk for Reading and Writing](#)'. The Trust has secured an exclusive discount for Trust schools of 10% off the cost if they book one delegate place and 15% off if they book two or more. To claim the discount simply write 'NLT Discount' on the online registration form in the purchase order number box, along with any purchase order number required. For more information please contact Nick Batty, Talk 4 Writing Coordinator at contact@talk4writing.com.

[Register for Talk 4 Writing Conference - 07.03.14](#)

Grants 4 Schools Membership Offer

[Grants4Schools](#) is a comprehensive and up to date funding information service for both primary and secondary schools providing information on grant funding opportunities from the European Union, UK Government Agencies, the Lottery and other Grant Making Trusts and Foundations. A number of Trust schools already subscribe to Grants4Schools membership and we are encouraging Trust schools to sign up for a FREE 14 day trial of the service. After the 14 day trial, the Trust will fund 1 years membership for all schools wishing to continue their membership. If you would like to take advantage of the Trust's offer of one years membership please contact our Partnership Coordinator, Chloe Mortimer, at chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk by February 14th 2014.

[I would like to take the Grants4Schools 14 day FREE Trial](#)

Trust School Improvement Team

Wendy Mitcheson - Primary Maths Lead

Singapore Bar Course - 27th February 2014

After much interest in the 'Singapore Bar' from Maths leads across the Trust Shapla Hodges has been persuaded to deliver a training course locally at the Assembly Rooms in Newcastle on Thursday 27th February from 9:45 am to 12:45 pm. The Singapore Bar is a very successful method used by maths teachers of all phases (not just Primary) and involves a pictorial representation used to enable children to solve problems in arithmetic with greater meaning and accuracy. The day will cover the following topics;

- Fundamentals of Singapore Maths and 3 core competencies of the approach
- Concrete Pictorial Abstract approach
- Looking for patterns and connections
- Mental strategies
- The Bar Model Method

This teaching technique also enables younger children to grasp algebra concepts visually. The course costs £55 + VAT. If anyone is interested in attending the course please email Wendy at wendy.mitcheson@ntlp.org.uk

Trust schools Education Trip to China

A delegation of Primary Headteachers in North Tyneside visited schools in Shenzhen, China to see first hand the methods and styles of teaching used in different parts of China to teach primary pupils. The Trust sponsored Wendy Mitcheson, Primary Maths Lead, to accompany the Headteachers, experience primary maths teaching and then share her learning across Trust schools. Wendy said "Teachers in China appear to have fantastic opportunities for continuous professional development... Although it was a snapshot of their education system, I feel that there are many opportunities for learning from the different approaches adopted and both countries can continue to learn from each other." To read about Wendy's experience please [click here](#).

New Primary English Support

The Trust is delighted to welcome Jackie Glazzard to the Trust's School Improvement Team this month. Jackie is a teacher at Stephenson Memorial Primary



Jackie Glazzard

School and will work for the Trust as the new Lead Phonics/EYFS Transition Teacher for 1 day a week.

Primary English Support Update

Deborah Hughes, who is a HLTA and works half a day a week for the Trust, was in Grasmere Academy in the second half of the Autumn term working with Teaching Assistants on improving Literacy interventions in KS1. Deborah is now starting at Denbigh Primary this half term working with Year 1 teachers. The aim is to support boys who are reluctant to write, with a view to developing outdoor writing opportunities.

Colleen Stephenson, who is also a HLTA and works for one day a week for the Trust, has completed a term at Wallsend Jubilee Primary supporting the school in rolling out ReadWriteInc. She has developed resources, helped to set up assessment processes & supported TAs with training. Colleen is now at Battle Hill Primary working in KS1 on supporting Literacy interventions.

Any Primary school interested in working with Deborah or Colleen in the Summer term 2014, please contact Gill Kemp gill.kemp@northtyneside.gov.uk.

Trust Science Lead Teacher (Primary) Vacancy

The Trust is looking to recruit an outstanding science practitioner with a sound knowledge and understanding of the latest approaches to effective science teaching and learning to support our growing network of Trust schools. The Trust is looking for someone who is self-motivated and dynamic, with a successful track record of teaching science across the primary age range. To see the full job advertisement please click [here](#).

Please click the links for the [job description](#), [person specification](#) and [application form](#). If you are the right person for this exciting new role please submit an application form to rachel.brown2@ntlp.org.uk by 12 noon Monday 10th February. Interviews will be held on 24th and 25th February. If you would like an informal discussion about the role please contact Lynne Horton on 0191 643 8541 or email lynne.horton@northtyneside.gov.uk.

Trust Governors

Welcome to our new Trust Governors

- Carole Baker, **Department for Work and Pensions**, Westmoor Primary School
- Kehri Ellis, **NTLT**, Carville Primary School
- Carlene Golightly, **Changes Within**, King Edward Primary School
- Andrew Mears, **Nigel Wright Consultancy**, Wellfield Middle School
- Chloe Mortimer, **NTLT**, Western Community Primary School
- Sue Ormerod, **Nigel Wright Consultancy**, Forest Hall Primary School
- Simon Ripley, **Headteacher at Woodlawn School**, Silverdale School

Upcoming Trust Governor Network Event

Wednesday 26th March 6-8 pm

Following on from the success of our first Trust Governor Network Event held last October, the Trust is busy making preparations for a follow up event on Wednesday 26th March from 6 pm to 8 pm. This time we are inviting governors to share their experiences, achievements and challenges as part of the programme. If you are a Trust Governor and are willing to share your experiences at the event please get in touch with our Partnership Coordinator, Chloe Mortimer, at chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk.



Contact Us

If you have a news story, announcement or suggestions for future editions of TRUST please contact our Partnership Coordinator, Chloe Mortimer, at chloe.mortimer@ntlp.org.uk.

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