

Autumn Term 2020

Welcome to the latest edition of TRUST...

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Welcome to the Autumn Term 2020 edition of the TRUST newsletter.

This has been a challenging term for many of us so it's great to be able to share some good news stories from our wonderful Trust schools along side features from the Trust team and regional partners.

As we count down the days until we break for the Christmas holiday we would like to wish our members, partners and friends a very merry Christmas and we are looking forward to working with you in 2021.



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Trust News

Message from the Chair



I am delighted to have taken over as Chair of the North Tyneside Learning Trust and hope that I can continue the great work of my predecessor, David Baldwin, who has done so much over the years to build the trust into such an effective and collaborative organisation. There is also a sense of trepidation, as we need to continue to develop the Trust during such challenging times, but I know the Board are determined to maintain the level of offer that has become the gold standard over the past 10 years.

There is much to celebrate over the last 10 years and if you haven't done so already I recommend watching the short film that Kehri sent out recently; it is quite incredible the amount that has been delivered by a single organisation that is unique in its scope. I hope that the next 10 years will build on these achievements, indeed we have already started working on plans that will develop the Trust further to ensure that this is the case.

This type of collaboration is what makes the Trust successful and it is how we will continue to enhance the offer so that the investment made by schools is value for money for all. The strong collaboration between Trust schools is matched by the ever strengthening partnerships that we have with employers, which results in many fantastic opportunities for children of all ages across North Tyneside. These partnerships are critical as we all share a collective responsibility for the future of children, young people and the community in North Tyneside and this shared purpose is what must drive the direction in the coming years.

As we approach the end of a challenging term or more accurately a challenging 9 months, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Trust to thank colleagues for the fantastic work you do every day, and our friends and business partners for their ongoing support. It has not been easy at times, but the wonderful sense of community in North Tyneside is something of which we should all be proud. I wish you all a relaxing, restful and safe Christmas.

Jonathan Heath

View the NTLT 10 year anniversary video [here](#)



Trust News

Star Awards 2020

When the first lockdown started back in March, it looked like our annual Star Awards would have to be cancelled altogether and we wouldn't be able to celebrate the outstanding achievements of young people from across the Trust.



Although we weren't able to put on the usual show and celebrate in the same way, thanks to technology and social media we still received over 370 nominations and students received their certificate through the post. Many students shared their joy at receiving their certificate via Twitter and it was great to see so many proud young people.

The Star Awards will be back in 2021 so watch out for more information in the new year.

The Trust's New Project Manager



Katrina Moffat joined the Trust in September taking over from Sam Galilee as the project manager. Although new to the role, Katrina is not new to working with the Trust having been a Trust Governor for over 8 years; she has also worked closely with Trust partner schools as part of the Villiers Park Educational Trust Scholars Programme.

Katrina has worked in education for more than 20 years and values the contribution the Trust makes to the education of the children and young people of North Tyneside, "North Tyneside Learning Trust is able to provide its children and young people with a range of experiences to support their education and development. It's exciting to be able to work for an organisation who are focused on improving the life chances of children."

Katrina can be contacted on katrina.moffat@ntlearningtrust.org.uk



Trust News

#Germfest

NTLT turned a plan for in-school workshops and CPD into an online event

Working in partnership with STEM Learning and the NHS, NTLT held Beat It; an event all about bacteria for primary school children and teachers.

As part of World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) this one day online event brought speakers from the exciting world of microbiology to educate children about microorganisms, the different ways they make us ill and how our bodies can fight back, through self-care and a better understanding of what treatments work best and when.

Our amazing volunteers included the NCCE Computing Hubs, Primary Science Teaching Trust, Science on Stage (inc. Reece Foundation), the NHS, E bug, Public Health England and Monash University in Australia! Over 90 teachers signed up, and the videos have been watched another 70 times since the event. Most of the schools were from the north east, but we did have some joining us from Saudi Arabia and Sweden!

If you missed it, the videos are available [here](#). We've got coding, singing, careers, a tour of a real lab, plus teacher CPD... and lots more! We hope you can check out the resources and activities and please let us know if you enjoy them.





Trust News

Being a Trust Governor

Being a school governor is a hugely rewarding role. It gives you the chance to make a real difference to children and young people, give something back to your local community, and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. The Trust aims to appoint two Trust Governors to join each of our 43 foundation member schools.

We spoke to Margaret Scott, Foundation Governor at Wallsend Jubilee Primary School for her thoughts on being a Trust Governor:

How long have you been a Trust Governor?

I've been a Trust governor for around 10 years after the Trust advertised in college. I was Head of Teaching, Learning and Staff Development at the time so thought it would be an interesting thing to do. I had attended meetings of the Trust in other capacities and was keen to see its role develop in supporting learning in North Tyneside.

Why is being a Trust Governor important?

When I retired in 2012 I wasn't sure whether I would still add value to the role of governor but was persuaded that I could and I have realised since that a successful governing body just needs people who are keen to commit to learning about the way the school is run, how well the children are doing, and to get to know the school leadership and staff where possible.

What advice do you have for anybody considering applying to be a Trust Governor?

My advice to anyone considering applying would be to consider whether they would be willing to enter that sort of relationship with their allotted school - to step humbly but not apologetically and to genuinely commit to being a critical friend.

Contact jacqui.sugden@ntlearningtrust.org.uk for more information on being a Trust Governor.





Trust News

NTLT Maths Network



This term has seen the launch of our first Maths network! Nine schools are working with us in collaboration with P2P Count Up. The network has started to explore the use of this board to develop children's basic skills. P2P Count Up is a fantastic manipulative which can be used from Early Years to Key Stage 2. It supports children in developing a depth understanding and quick recall of key facts including:

- Number bonds for all numbers to 10
- Multiplication facts
- Addition & subtraction of fractions

This versatile resource has already been used across the network schools with children in Early Years as well as Key Stage 1 and 2.



Year 1 in Ivy Road Primary School have had some super mathematicians using the board alongside a part part whole model. You can see their tweets on their school Twitter feed!

Amberley Primary School were excited to get started with using the board and used it in staff training with their Early Years! We can't wait to see how they use their board with their children!

Our network meets again before the Christmas break and we are looking forward to being able to share more magical mathematicians with you!





School News

Good News Stories from Trust Schools

Every term we will showcase some of the wonderful things that are happening in Trust schools. If you have something you want to share, no matter how big or small, please contact

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Poppies on Display

Did your school help decorate shop windows with poppies for Remembrance day?

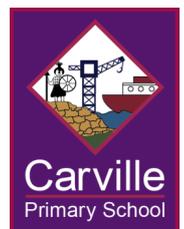


Carville Primary School

Save the Children Grant Awarded

Carville Primary School are proud to have been a referral partner for Save The Children Emergency Response Grants since lockdown occurred in April 2020. The grants were established and funded to support vulnerable families facing economic hardship and with children at risk of falling behind as a result of the coronavirus restrictions.

Working with support from the Wallsend Children's Community we have been able to support 23 families with learning resources, toys, products and services worth in excess of £360 per family. This has enabled them to provide their children with learning resources, toys and games to support mental health and wellbeing and furniture and other basics to improve their quality of life.





School News

Hadrian Park Primary School



Rocksteady Rock Band

Rocksteady is an organisation that provides music education in the form of creating mini rock bands. We were keen to be involved with this organisation as it provides fun, engaging and accessible musical experiences which we deemed paramount in the current climate, particularly to promote well-being. We wanted to provide as many positive experiences for our children as possible in 2020. We have discovered that pupil wellbeing, confidence and ownership has been given an enormous boost. The children leave these rock band rehearsals on a high after playing the drums, electric guitar, keyboards or singing with the microphone.

"I think it's great playing lots of music. It makes me happy" Tommy (pupil)

"We usually play songs from other bands and it's makes me want to make my own songs. It makes me feel different from everyone else." Isaac (pupil)

In addition to this we seized the opportunity to create a staff band. This gives staff the opportunity to meet once a week and let their hair down in a fun and creative environment after a hectic week in the classroom.

"It's half an hour of fun and laughter after a busy week. A small bit of normality." Mrs Brown



School News

Marden High School

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th of November we remembered those who have lost their lives in battle. Due to the restrictions in place across the country, we were aware that many of our children who are part of groups such as the Scouts, the Guides and the Cadets would not have the opportunity to take part in the annual ceremonies. Therefore, on Wednesday 11th November we invited any student who was part of a uniformed service or group such as Scouts and Guides to wear their uniform to school that day. We also displayed a range of poetry written by our students reflecting on the sacrifices made by those we remembered.



Marden High School



National Poetry Day: "Vision" Poems - See it Like a Poet Competition

Inspired by the theme of "Vision", students from Marden wrote a glittering array of poems for this year's National Poetry Day. Inventive poems that inspire, offer perceptive interpretations of the world around us and make us think a little deeper.

Vision (Haiku) by Isla B (Year 7)

Behind my blindfold

Mind's eye paints vivid pictures

Sound and touch guide me

There is another excellent example on the next page.



School News

Marden High School

Peeling an Orange by Isla N (Year 7)

Peeling an orange is a delight to me, some small, some big, some tough, some soft.

Like a globe of sunshine, it makes me smile inside; it speaks of the summer sun and of warm places far away.

I wonder where my orange has come from, with its delicious taste. Has it come from a tropical island far, far away?

My orange isn't bold, it shies away from others; it sits in the fruit bowl and does not wish to take centre stage, with its bursting flavour and bright cheerful sight. It merely blends in with all the other plain ordinary fruits.

Unlike my apple, my sweet orange has had a journey all of its own, from growing on a luscious green tree, underneath the Mediterranean sun, to being parted from its purpose, and shipped on a rocky boat in darkness to our cold far shores.

What a journey my little orange has undertaken, should we think more of what this little fruit has gone through to become our treat?

I love the dimpling of its skin, the rough yet smooth texture in my hands, the wondering I go through, if this fruit leather will peel away from its juicy flesh inside, the white fur coat it wears underneath its thick exterior, then onto the little seeds inside, those seeds that won't grow in the Mediterranean sun, or bask in the glory of its lush

green leaves.

Sometimes my orange is creating its own orange, a little unassuming offspring inside, that makes me want to wrap the orange back up in its fur coat and shield and apologise for its invasion, but we don't, we marvel at its creation, never stopping to think how marvellous nature is, and the wonder to behold.

Does my orange like me? I think this orange is angry at its treatment, I have admired and looked forward to my soft fruity treat, only to be attacked by its citrus anger, ouch and it's in my eyes, trying to halt my will to consume its flesh.

The saddest fruit to see is the orange that has been admired, forgotten and taken for granted, the fruit that was bought with glee, then abandoned, unwanted and ignored. The sunshine that was absorbed, the growing that was done, the full spectrum of Mother Nature all pushed aside and abandoned in my fruit bowl. My golden globe, now left wilted, its sunshine goodness now seeping away, dying alone, all that energy lost, as we toss the shrivelled fruit aside, sanctioned to the bin, to rot and decay.

But somewhere far, far away in the Mediterranean sunshine a little orange pip is starting to sprout, growing fast and strong under the blue sky, waiting to produce for me some more lovely, juicy, sweet oranges!

School News

Amberley Primary School

Operation Board Game

Naomi and Ali Harris enjoy a weekly board-games night with their family, but were shocked to discover that for some families the cost of some of their favourite games may be too much. Naomi said, *“board games can be really good fun and me and my sister just wanted to help other families enjoy these because the Christmas holidays may be a bit boring if children are still in lockdown and some parents may not be able to afford some of the games”*.



Carefully choosing age-appropriate board games, Naomi and Ali put together Amazon wish-lists to share with others. Ali said, *“we picked games that we enjoy and which we know kids would like”*. From Jenga to Cluedo, Guess Who? to Guess Poo? – the fun-family games list has generated enormous amounts of support from families and friends.

Over 100 games have so far been delivered to Naomi and Ali, with both girls opting to turn their family living room into a mini distribution centre for parcels.

Naomi, self-elected Head of Operations, said, *“The parcels get delivered by Amazon now every day and it has been good fun because then me and my sister pile up the games ready for delivering to Children North East, my sister helps me to flatten the cardboard ready for recycling and then we make a note of who has donated it so that we can thank them.”*





School News

Monkseaton Middle School



Food Technology

No cooking, but amazing learning is taking place! We have not been able to cook, but we are spending our learning time finding out about the amazing food we can eat.

Year 5 have been investigating the Eatwell Guide and what it means to eat seasonally and where our food comes from.

Year 6 have learnt about sugar: pure, white and deadly. They were amazed to learn that just one can of coke provides nearly double the daily amount of sugar recommended by the Government!

Year 7 are about to analyse recipes to find out if they meet teenager's dietary needs. Not forgetting the lesson that began with the question, "Are you a sinker or a floater - what has a grain of wheat got to do with it?" An intriguing question!

Year 8 researched why Michael Phelps ate 12000 kilocalories per day and did not gain weight, this led to finding about the perils of poor food choices and how to avoid them.

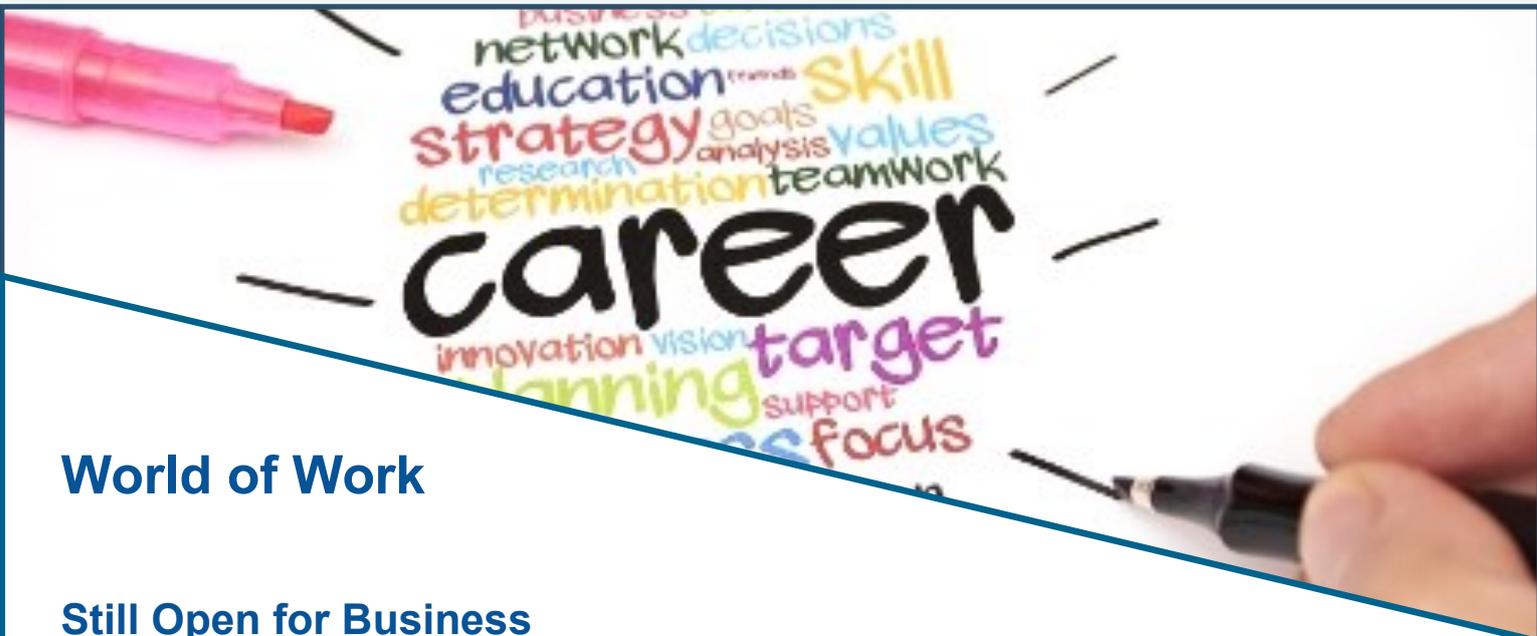


First Impressions of the School

Some of the children, shared their impressions so far of the primary part of our school. What follows are some of their thoughts which they willingly shared:

Jennifer "My favourite lessons in Monkseaton Middle School are Drama, Art and Science. I like Drama because we can have fun and read scripts together in expressive voices. The experiments in Science are really exciting as we are always busy. I love to draw, so I have really enjoyed Art."

Olivia "I think having a Primary teacher is very good, as we are getting even more learning done, since we are not having to change classrooms. Instead we are relaxing and reading our books while the next teacher comes to our classroom. Another positive of having the same teacher is that we have extra time to spend with our form teacher, who is really funny."



World of Work

Still Open for Business

You might not have seen our World of Work Project Leads, Angie and Julie, out about in schools recently but they have still been busy at work making many of our activities available in a digital format. Both Angie and Julie are available to support your CEIAG needs in school and are happy to discuss alternatives to face to face delivery.

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Virtual Mock Interviews

Year 12 students from Burnside College are experiencing virtual mock interviews this term with the support of the Trust and local employers. The first round of interviews were conducted by Melissa and Wendy from the DWP who provided students with feedback on their CVs and interview skills.

The success of the first round of interviews has led to the Trust pulling together a team of local employers from across the borough to carry out interviews with the whole of Year 12.

Students are expected to treat the virtual mock interviews in the same way they would a face-to-face interview and dress and act professionally.





World of Work

Think Law & Think Engineering

This term has seen the launch of the new Think Law and Think Engineering Career Ready programmes for Year 12 students from Trust partner schools.



preparing young people for the world of work

Students will take part in a series of virtual masterclasses throughout the year preparing them for the world of work as well as giving them information about career pathways, opportunities and expertise in the relevant sectors.

The first Think Law session was delivered by Newcastle Law firm, Womble Bond Dickinson and Newcastle University's Law School and the first Think Engineering session was delivered by Engineering UK.

More Schools Make Use of Unifrog

We are really pleased that now, along with our 9 nine high schools, our 4 middle schools (Marden Bridge, Monkseaton Middle, Valley Gardens and Wellfield) and now making the most of the Trust funded Unifrog careers platform. As well as allowing students to explore different careers, post-16 and post-18 course options and apprenticeship options, Unifrog allows pupils and staff to record and evidence their key activities and competencies and helps pupils prepare their CVs and personal statements. Unifrog also offers a range of useful resources such as a full careers library, careers lessons and resources for pupils from Key Stage 3—5



Coming Soon...

World of Work Project Leads have been busy creating resources to share with you whilst we're unable to join you in school. Watch out for our 15 minute careers challenge resources for first and primary schools coming to schools in the new year.



Trust Opportunities

Opportunities and Services Directory

We're busy updating our Opportunities and Services Directory which will be sent out to Trust partner schools in the new year. The directory will provide partner schools with an over view of the wide range of Trust opportunities available throughout the year and is supported by our weekly Opportunities eBulletin which provides current and up to date details of Trust and external offers.

Here's a snapshot of just some of the fantastic opportunities Trust partner schools have accessed so far this year:



CPD: Ambition Institute bursary (£1000) and NPQ bursary (up to £1000)



NLT Maths Network: One FREE P2P Count Up Board for first, primary, middle and special schools when you join the network.



eLearning: A suite of videos created by our eLearning Lead Practitioner to support delivery of remote learning



Think Law, and Think Engineering workshops for Year 12 and Year 13 students



iPad song writing festival



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