

Ntlt Chronicle

Autumn 2021

Welcome to your autumn term North Tyneside Learning Trust newsletter. Although we are still facing the challenges of Covid, it's been great to see all of the exciting things happening in and around the Trust.



Trust News

Take a look inside for a round up of what's been happening in the Trust including our Local Leader Offer and an introduction to our new Directors.

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BIG
OPPORTUNITY

Trust News

Welcome to our new Directors

North Tyneside Learning Trust is pleased to welcome Margie Burdis and Gill Wilson to our Board of Directors.

Margie works for Capita and joins us as one of our Employer Partners Representatives; Margie is also a Trust Governor and Chair of Governors at Norham High School. Gill is Headteacher at Woodlawn School and joins the Board as Special Schools Representative. Both Margie and Gill bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Board and we're looking forward to working with them.



Margie Burdis and Gill Wilson

Annual Member Meeting Live Broadcast

Still feeling the impact of the pandemic but embracing technology, the Trust delivered this year's Annual Members Meeting via Zoom with a live broadcast to Headteachers, Trust Governors, Directors and Chairs of Governing Bodies. Joining us on the live broadcast were colleagues from across the Trust team to share what is happening in their areas and exciting plans for future work.

We also shared details about our new look Annual Review which is available to view on our website or you can contact the Trust to request a hard copy.



NLT Professional Development Offer

Following the success of the Teacher Webinar Series last academic year, the Trust has launched the NLT Professional Development Offer. We're inviting teachers, leaders, governors and support staff to join us for a range of sessions including guest speakers, networks meetings, and engaging workshops. Sessions this term have received great feedback:

"Very informative and relevant. Excellent practical ideas. Great webinar. Thank you."

For details about our spring programme, visit our website:

<https://ntlearningtrust.org.uk/events/ntlt-professional-development-offer/>

North Tyneside Learning Trust Professional Development Offer Autumn 2021	
Date/Time/Session	Description
10 January 2022 3:00 - 3:30pm Introduction to Metacognition with Dr Kirstin Mulholland	Join Dr Kirstin Mulholland in her Introduction to Metacognition session. Kirstin will share with us practical examples of developing metacognition in the classroom. Following on from this session Schools will be able to join Kirstin in a Work Group where we will explore metacognition in more detail and explore strategies such as 'think aloud', 'think pair share' and worked examples.
17 January 2022 2:00 - 4:00pm Maths Girls Wen Louise Kibbe	Maths and other STEM-based sectors offer young people a wealth of careers and opportunities and the STEM skills gap remains, not just in the right people, especially girls, to pursue STEM based subjects post-16 and beyond? MathsGirls is a fully funded programme available to all schools and young people in Key Stage 3 - 16 in the UK. Understand some of the barriers to students pursuing maths and other STEM-based jobs. Explore the importance of using statistical and inferential role models to combat some of these barriers. Discover how our online platform can support you to build and address meaningful structures to inform and inspire your students, whilst meeting Gatsby Career Education Benchmarks 4 and 5.
24 January 2022 3:45 - 4:45pm Primary Maths Subject Leader Network	Join our second primary maths subject leader network where we will be sharing good practice, the latest curriculum advice and exploring how we can establish effective problem-solving routines in the classroom. Our network is a great chance to learn with and from each other.
31 January 2022 3:30 - 4:30pm Careers Benchmark 3: Addressing the needs of individuals and narrowing the gap	Join us to hear how you can help to narrow the gap by introducing careers based activities to some of your long term disadvantaged students.
7 February 2022 3:45 - 4:45pm Building climate change into your curriculum	This session will explore how you can effectively integrate climate change into your curriculum. We will share ideas about how climate change can be explored by young people and resources to engage and inspire them to want to make a difference.

Turn over for more opportunities

Trust News

Trust Priorities

Towards the end of last academic year the Trust engaged in a series of roundtable discussions with Headteachers to review our 10 priorities and make plans for their future delivery.

As part of these plans, we have launched a wide range of opportunities for staff and governors in our Trust Partner Schools. Current opportunities include:

- NTLT Professional Development Offer
- Leadership Coaching Programmes for new and existing Headteachers and senior leaders
- Local Leader Offer (see below)
- Digital offer connecting schools to a wide range of eLearning providers.

Watch our for more information of future opportunities on our website and weekly bulletin.

North Tyneside Learning Trust 10 Priorities

- To develop the profile of the Trust
- To strengthen leadership
- To increase participation and attainment in STEM subjects
- To strengthen governance
- To support apprenticeships
- To improve employment opportunities
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- School improvement
- To increase progression to FE/HE
- To improve social mobility and tackle disadvantage

NTLT Local Leader Offer 2021-2022

Connecting schools is central to our work in the Trust and our school improvement work is enhanced by our Local Leader team. Local Leaders are seconded from schools within North Tyneside Learning Trust and allow schools in the Trust to connect with other schools, their expertise and enthusiasm. Our Local Leader team supports schools by leading professional development opportunities, enabling networks and offering bespoke advice and guidance to schools.

In the academic year 2021-2022, our Local Leaders cover the areas of:

- Early Years
- IT
- Science
- Careers
- Leadership

Information about what our Local Leaders are offering can be found in the new [Local Leader Offer brochure](#) for 2021-22. We're encouraging teachers and leaders in Trust Partner Schools to sign up for sessions and access this exclusive resource.



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NTLT STEM Hub

eLearning

We have had the amazing opportunities to work with Sphero and Showbie this term and provide some high quality, bespoke training opportunities for our Trust Partner Schools. Sphero delivered 2 days of workshops to our schools sharing their Indi and Bolt robotics, and sharing with staff how these can be used across the curriculum in different phases. Showbie worked alongside us to create a Showbie Community, where schools were offered free Pro Licenses to trial in their schools. We had great success with this, with Grasmere Academy being given the amazing opportunity to trial this school wide! Congratulations to Michelle Witty-Crane! We look forward to working closely with Showbie next term to grow our Showbie Community.



We are also delighted to have launched our ICT Local Leader Programme this term, with 3 Action Research Groups being led by teachers in our Trust Partner Schools. These groups will focus on eSafety and Digital Footprint, Transition of Digital Skills, and Assessment and Feedback using Technology. Sarah Dundas (Westmoor Primary School) and Natalie Fenn (George Stephenson High School) have successfully delivered their first sessions, and Ben Hayden will begin his group in January. If you are interested in getting involved in these groups, we would love to hear from you.

Science & the Science Learning Partnership

This term we have been able to offer all of our partner schools a £450 bursary towards Science CPD from the SLP, which 22 of our schools have already taken advantage of. Staff from our Trust Partner Schools have been able to attend CPD on Science Deep Dives, Science Capital, Physics for non-specialists and many more. We are pleased to announce that we will be extending the bursary to cover the spring CPD offer for any schools who have not already used their full bursary.

A flyer for the Science CPD Bursary. It features a colorful header with yellow, green, and blue sections. The text reads: 'Science CPD Bursary', 'NTLT is offering all Trust Partner Schools a bursary of up to £450!', 'This is for CPD from the Science Learning Partnership (SLP)', 'This could allow your school to access:', followed by a list: '• 1 whole day course', '• 1 short remote course', '• A series of network sessions'. It also includes a note: '*Check the NTLT website for further information or combinations'. Logos for 'ntlt North Tyneside Learning Trust' and 'SCIENCE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP' are visible. A speech bubble icon says 'Applies to all Phases'.

We also had great attendance from Science subject leaders at our Trust Science Network, where our Local Leaders in Science introduced their projects. The first of these projects has just launched; Gemma Robson from Wallsend Jubilee Primary School began her Working Scientifically Action Research Group with an open classroom event and another three projects will begin after the Christmas break.

For more info please contact our Lead Practitioners:
eLearning: laura.dickinson@ntlearningtrust.org.uk
Science: amy.banks@ntlearningtrust.org.uk

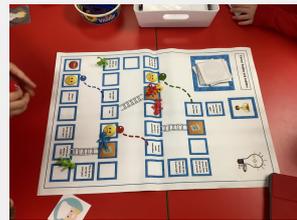
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World of Work

Primary WOW

Primary Wow has been in full swing this term and it's been brilliant returning to face to face delivery. The introduction of two new workshops has proved to be a great success, the first giving year 4 children the opportunity to look at the more unusual jobs during the "weird and wonderful jobs" session and the second 'Career Blockbuster' is a lively interactive team session for year 5 children.

So far this term we've visited 9 of our Trust Primary Schools and Julie, our Primary World of Work Lead, has lots of schools booked in for next year. If you haven't booked your activities, contact Julie now to arrange a meeting to discuss how she can help: julie.scott@ntlearningtrust.org.uk



Middle, Secondary and Special WOW

It's been fantastic to get back into schools and to be able to deliver face to face World of Work activities again. In the autumn term alone we have delivered 33 career focussed workshops and organised 2 career fairs, 1 employer workshop event, 2 Enterprise Mornings, 3 Career Speed Dating events and 4 Mock Interviews to over 2000 pupils with the support of 150 employer ambassadors.

We have also launched our Sixth form programmes Think Law & Think Engineering and have had a record number of students applying for these. There is lots more planned for the rest of the academic year and this starts with our largest career fair yet being held at John Spence on January 6th. This is being offered to all our high schools and we have a fantastic range of employers, training providers, colleges and universities attending.

We're also looking for employers to support many of our upcoming events. If you're interested in taking part in a mock interview or career speed dating session, take a look at our [current list of opportunities](#) and contact Angie, our World of Work Secondary Lead to get involved: angie.patterson@ntlearningtrust.org.uk



School News

Hazlewood Community Primary School Sumdog Champions!

Our Year 4 children are Champions of the North Tyneside Learning Trust / Sumdog Maths competition. This was a contest between all NTLT schools. The children thoroughly immersed themselves into the competition. They were so inspired they even continued the competition at home. After a week, Year 4 were placed in first position. We are all very proud of the children's achievements. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all schools who participated in this exciting competition. It was a great way to learn maths in a fun and interactive way. We are looking forward to taking part in this competition again next year!



Preston Grange Primary School Intra-School Basketball Champions!

As Storm Arwen raged across the North East, children from Preston Grange Primary School stormed the court at the Vertu Motors Arena. Children from Year 4, 5 and 6 had the unique opportunity to take part in an intra-school basketball competition on the same court that was about to host a battle between the Newcastle Eagles and Sheffield Sharks.

The teams were treated to a pre-game motivational speech from Kieron Achara, a former Olympic and BBL basketball star. Once on the court, all teams showed fierce determination to win and all 16 games were noted for their closeness and display of basketball skill. It was clear that all involved wanted a chance to play at half-time in front of a stadium of fans.

The successful teams rose magnificently to the challenge of playing to such a huge, basketball-loving crowd but an early basket from Ruban Badhwal ensured there was a clear winning team.

As well as the opportunity to play, children and their families experienced a top-flight basketball game in a sold-out arena and soaked up the atmosphere of a game played by athletes in their prime. It was a fantastic experience for children, families and staff alike and one we look forward to repeating in the Newcastle Eagles' annual Hoops 4 Health competition where Preston Grange will be able to test their mettle against other schools.



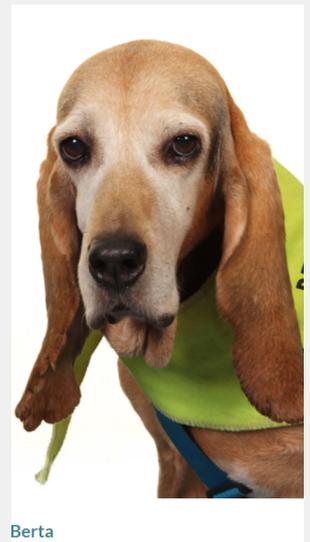
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Monkseaton Middle School Animal Club

We have a wide range of clubs and extra-curricular activities at MMS, all of which are free to ensure all children can attend. Animal Club is very popular, with around 45 attendees every week. The children learn how to look after the school animals - Dougal the guinea pig, Keith the Gerbil, Brian, Dave and the kids - about 100 Giant African Land Snails plus Berta, the school dog. The children also learn about animal welfare, farm animals, the RSPCA and other animal rescue organisations and we are planning a visit to Kirkley Hall too. There are visiting animals that the Animal Care Club teacher brings in (including tortoises, lizards, fish, other dogs, terrapins....).

A key part of the club is the development of Lead Animal Technicians, who take responsibility for feeding the animals every day (as well as at the club). The Leads train the Animal Club members how to feed the animals on a rota each week. The Lead Technicians take their role very seriously and can be relied on to train and support the younger children.

Feedback from the children about the club is that they really love to learn about the animals. Berta, the school dog, is often used to support children who are dysregulated or as a reward for excellent progress or focus. She is also a wonderful 'reading dog', who will 'listen' to children read (accompanied by an adult) - some children are much happier to read to Berta than they are a human



Berta

Mission Discovery

'Mission Discovery' is a STEM course led by NASA astronauts and scientists which took place over half term. Working in teams, students developed their idea for a space experiment. Here's what some of the participants from Marden High School said about the experience:



Marden High School

"It was a amazing time and I would recommend it to anyone, it was great to meet the astronauts and other people that came along"

"Over the 5 days we participated in fun team activities and it really helped develop my communication skills as we were teamed with complete strangers. I really enjoyed brainstorming and coming up with bright new ideas for experiments, and then working together as a team to make a presentation. We also received lots of lectures and presentations from famous astronauts who told us all of their personal experiences up in space. It was really interesting to hear some of the stories they told. Overall, it was a really exciting opportunity, and the people and the atmosphere was so lovely. I really recommend it to anyone given the same chance"

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Hadrian Park Primary School Erasmus+ Project



In September 2019, we started an Erasmus+ Project with a school in the town of Hildesheim in Northern Germany. Our two year project was entitled 'Healthy Kids - Active Kids', with a planned first year focus on healthy eating and the second year focusing on sport and physical activity.

We were fortunate to be able to take 12 Year 5 pupils over to Germany in December 2019 for a week long visit. We took part in school lessons every morning and shared our findings based on a food and eating habits related questionnaire we had completed in school before the visit. We also took part in cultural activities every afternoon including visiting a German Christmas market and a walking tour of Hildesheim.

Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic meant the project had to be put on hold due to different restrictions in each country and further planned visits were unable to take place. We have been given a year's extension to the project and are now busy trying to get the project back up and running. Our Year 5 classes have written 'All About Me' letters that will be shared with the Year 5 classes in our partner school. Both Year 5 and 6 have also made Christmas cards and Year 6 have created videos sharing their favourite Christmas traditions.

Our pupils are very excited about receiving cards and letters from their new friends in Germany and possibly meeting some of them if future visits can take place.



School News

George Stephenson High School CSI Teams



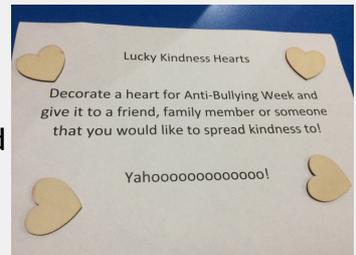
The CSI teams are student led groups for all years. CSI stands for 'Celebration of Student Individuality'. Our mission is simple:

- To celebrate each and every student for all of their qualities and individualities
- To celebrate diversity throughout the school
- To break down stereotypes and challenge discrimination and prejudice
- To have a safe, positive and relaxed environment
- To work together as a team on different ideas and projects



To raise awareness of National Anti-Bullying Week our CSI team created and ran many different activities and events:

- Student Led Anti-Bullying Assembly – Our Year 7 students felt especially nervous delivering assemblies live especially to the older students, but they delivered with confidence and flair! They created an assembly which matched the theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week – 'One Kind Word' and also explained what the different types of bullying are, the school's procedures and policies for dealing with bullying and all the different avenues for support.
- Anti-Bullying Graffiti Wall – The Anti-Bullying Graffiti Wall filled the whole hall. Students from all year groups could come and write their own inspiring messages on it which will be displayed in the Health Education Department.
- Do Not Mask Your Feelings – Students were given masks to decorate and stick on different emotions and feelings that they experience. These will be used in a giant display to encourage others not to mask their feelings and seek help if needed.
- Spread the Kindness – students and staff were given small wooden hearts in which they could write a special message on or just decorate and give to someone special to them whether it be a friend, family member or even a teacher to celebrate the theme of 'One kind Word'.
- A Student Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy - We read through the school's updated Anti-Bullying Policy and helped to create a simple poster that students can understand and refer to that is now in the process of being made and will be displayed in all classrooms.



The CSI Teams have been doing a lot more than this, we just can't fit it all on one page... join us in a future newsletter for updates.

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Artsmark Award Hadrian Primary School

Pupils and staff at Hadrian Park Primary School have embarked on an exciting journey to gain a prestigious Artsmark Award, in a momentous year for the programme as it celebrates 20 years of arts, culture and creativity in schools.



The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, putting creativity and wellbeing at the heart of the curriculum. Artsmark ensures every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.

In order to become an awarded Artsmark school, Hadrian Park Primary School is developing their arts and cultural provision to ensure they have a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum for its pupils. They will achieve this by creating an overall plan demonstrating their commitment to cultural education that will be delivered across the whole school.

Hadrian Park Primary School is being supported by Culture Bridge North East in planning and developing their objectives. Culture Bridge North East is working alongside the school at various stages to support their Artsmark journey.

Primary Science Quality Mark Wallsend Jubilee Primary School

The Primary Science Quality Mark programme ensures effective leadership of science, enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. It encourages teacher autonomy and innovation while at the same time offering a clear framework for development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning. Schools that achieve PSQM demonstrate commitment and expertise in science leadership, teaching and learning.



Gemma Robson, along with staff at Wallsend Jubilee Primary School, has successfully fulfilled all of the necessary requirements to achieve the award. Congratulations to Wallsend Jubilee and all staff involved in this achievement.

NTLT bursary available

Trust Partner Schools wishing to work towards either Artsmark or Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) can access a bursary of £500. Contact the Trust for more information.

Opportunities

North Tyneside Learning Trust

Local Leader Offer
2021 - 2022



NTLT Local Leader Offer

There's still time to sign up for our Local Leader Action Research Groups and networks. We have a number of groups starting in the new year, for more information please contact:

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Science: amy.banks@ntlearningtrust.org.uk

Primary Leadership:

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Secondary Leadership:

louise.bray@ntlearningtrust.org.uk

NTLT Professional Development Offer

Don't miss the first session from our spring term Professional Development Offer. All staff and governors are invited to join us as we welcome Dr Kirstin Mullholland for a session focused on an introduction to metacognition with an opportunity for colleague to discuss implementation and impact in schools. Sign up [here](#)

An Introduction to Metacognition with Dr Kirstin Mullholland
Monday 10th January 2022
3.00 - 5.00pm

Join Dr Kirstin Mullholland in her Introduction to Metacognition session. Kirstin will share with us practical examples of developing metacognition in the classroom. Following on from this session schools will be able to join Kirstin in a Work Group where we will explore metacognition in more detail and unpick strategies such as 'think aloud', 'debrief' and worked examples.



NTLT Star Awards 2022

The NTLT Star Awards will be returning in 2022. Information will be sent out to schools in late January and schools can book a launch assembly to take place in February. Trust Partner Schools should email katrina.moffa@ntlearningtrust.org.uk to book your assembly.

Opportunities

The logo for 'Show Racism the Red Card' features the text 'SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD' in white, uppercase letters on a red rectangular background. The word 'RED' is underlined.

Show Racism the Red Card

NLT Partner Schools can access a bursary towards the deliver of courses offered by Show Racism the Red Card. Primary schools can access up to £300 and secondary schools can access up to £500. Contact sue@theredcard.org for more information and to book.

The Trust will also be hosting a CPD session in the summer term for all staff, watch out for more information coming soon.

BU Programme (supporting mental health)

We have limited places available for schools to access the free 4 week online BU Programme, supporting the mental health of our young people.

The BU (Be Yourself) Programme supports young people to help build resilience to cope with the emotional challenges of everyday life and develop the foundations for positive mental health. The programme targets social-emotional wellbeing across 5 key areas: • Communication • Friendship • Feelings • Mental Health • Self-image

To find out more or to book ypur place, contact katrina.moffat@ntlearningtrust.org.uk



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