

*“Science worth sharing”*



From its inception, NST announced its intention to support teachers deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that engages, excites and motivates; one that enables all our children to fulfill their potential and become confident individuals, responsible citizens, future proofed and successful lifelong learners. One subject that has the potential to deliver all the above is science; instilling intrigue and enabling students to develop understanding and form questions based both on the knowledge they already have and the insight they wish to gain in the future. It is no surprise to find that students who excel in science lessons are likely to develop a strong ability to think critically.



In early 2016, Ofsted inspectors focused on science provision in 234 routine inspections of primary schools in England and found that many primary schools failed to prioritise science and that the quality of science teaching was variable.

Consequently, we are writing to invite you to be part of a new, exciting science network aimed at providing teachers with news of recent local and national developments, liaising with national bodies for innovation and inspiration as well as enhancing subject and pedagogical knowledge of science teaching.

The network will be led by Laurel Armstrong, an experienced teacher and freelance consultant with a mouth-watering background in science education and research. Laurel is currently leading the teaching of science at Hempshill Hall Primary School (a PSQM Gold school) and the P6P science network. She is very excited at the prospect of extending the outstanding work taking place across the P6P partnership to all schools in the Trust.



Each meeting will include opportunities to share ideas and discuss current priorities facing individual schools as well as the Trust as a whole. Schools will have the opportunity to discuss the focus of future network meetings and locate experts who can provide training tailored to our needs.

The 2 hour termly meetings are aimed at science leaders within schools (capacity for up to 30 leaders plus facilitators).

The first network meeting will take place between 3pm and 5pm on 28<sup>th</sup> March at Hempshill Primary and Nursery School (Armstrong Road, Hempshill Vale Estate, Nottingham, NG6 7AT). Subsequent meetings will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> June and the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

We are very excited about launching the network and hope that science leaders in all schools will be able to engage.

Please inform us of the name and email contact details of the teacher attending the meetings from your school and email to [patandsarah.fielding@nottingham-school-trust.org.uk](mailto:patandsarah.fielding@nottingham-school-trust.org.uk)

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