

## **NST Newsletter: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Welcome back everyone. We hope that you enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the summer holidays and have survived the start of term!

Our first newsletter of 2020-21 is a bumper edition. Read on for the following items:

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### **Inclusivity Award for Old Basford School - 3RD PLACE NATIONALLY!**

Old Basford School has been recognised in a national award for schools that work hardest at promoting understanding and combating discrimination between those of different religions and ethnicities. The Nottingham primary school has been placed third in the annual [Accord Inclusivity Award](#), and is one of only four schools to be recognised this year.

Chair of the Inclusivity Award judging panel, the Revd Stephen Terry, said 'Schools can have a major role in boosting the acceptance of difference and diversity in society, which all too often gets overlooked due to the many competing demands placed on teachers. Old Basford School is to be congratulated for being self-reflective and pro-active in recognising that its provision of Religious Education needed to improve, and in adopting a package of other important approaches which have boosted pupils' awareness and acceptance of diversity. The judging panel is delighted to recognise Old Basford School as an example to others.'

Huge congratulations to Vicky and everyone at Old Basford – well done!

### **NQT Welcome Event – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

The Local Authority will be running an online welcome event for our NQTs on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, between 1.00pm and 4.30pm.**

The event will introduce NQTs to the Induction Programme, and cover:

- What to expect in your NQT year and from your mentor
- Top Tips
- Policies and Procedures
- Support available
- The role of the Appropriate Body

To book a place at this event please visit the Local Authority's NQT Induction website here:

<http://www.nottinghamschools.org.uk/teaching-and-learning-support/nqt-induction/training-and-development-opportunities>

Also, if you haven't already done so, please can you send the names of any NQTs you have at your school to [Emily](#), so that she can send them information about CPD opportunities during the year.

### **Autumn Term Subject Leader Network Meetings**

We are now taking bookings for the following online autumn term network meetings; click on the links below for further details or to book:

- [PE, School Sport and Physical Activity Network](#) – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September
- [Music Network](#) – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September
- [Forest Schools and Outdoor Learning](#) – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October
- [Drama Network](#) – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October **\*NEW NETWORK – see article below for more information\***
- [Art Network](#) – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October
- [PSHE Network](#) – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October
- [Science Network](#) – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October
- [RQT Network](#) – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Booking details for our other network meetings later in the autumn term will be released soon, so look out for those in forthcoming newsletters!

### **New NST Drama Network – first meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Our new Drama Network brings teachers and theatre professionals together in the shared understanding that drama and theatre play a crucial role in the development of young people creatively, academically and personally.

The Network will meet termly at Nottingham Playhouse (from the Spring term onwards), to discuss and share ideas and techniques for exploring and embedding drama in the curriculum both as a distinct discipline and as an element of other subject areas.

The content of sessions will be developed by Network members from schools and the Playhouse, taking full advantage of the strengths, resources, experience and knowledge of both the theatre and education professionals.

Our inaugural meeting will be held online as a meet and greet session with Martin Berry, Head of Participation at Nottingham Playhouse. This will take place on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm to 4.30pm** on Zoom. Visit our Eventbrite page for more details of how to book:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drama-network-meeting-tickets-119243046161>

### **NST Phonics & Reading Training Programme for 2020-21**

During 2020-21 Janet Thompson, Jess Steele and Emma Hollis will be delivering a range of CPD opportunities on Phonics and Reading for Leaders and teachers. Emma and Jess will be available to work directly with you in schools, tailored to meet your individual needs.

A copy of our training programme outlining all the CPD on offer is available on the NST Portal (password – NST2017): <http://www.nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk/2020-21-programmes-and-opportunities/>

The first couple of training sessions are coming up soon, and these ones are specifically for staff who already attended Letters and Sounds training with Janet in the summer term – please can you forward these details to your staff to book in?

- [Letters & Sounds Post-Training Q & A Session - Top Tips for COVID 19 Return](#): Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 3.45pm to 5.45pm
- Letters & Sounds Part 3: Practice and Apply - Ensuring Progress: [Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#), or [Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 3.45pm to 5.45pm](#).

### **Understanding the EYFS Training with Mary Prest**

Places are still available for the following online training sessions with Mary Prest (these are repeats of the training Mary ran for us in the spring term). Click on the links below to book in:

- [Understanding the EYFS – for English/Literacy Leaders](#) – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September
- [Understanding the EYFS – for Maths Leaders](#) – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September

- [Understanding the EYFS – for Science Leaders](#) – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September
- [Understanding the EYFS – for Headteachers and Senior Leaders](#) – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September
- [Understanding the EYFS – for Foundation Subject Leaders](#) – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

**Safeguarding Update training at Melbury on 10<sup>th</sup> September – small number of extra places available**

Lou Maltby (one of our fabulous ADSLs) at Melbury is running a Safeguarding Update training session at her school on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 3.45pm to 5.45pm**. Lou is delivering this training in person (socially distanced, of course!) and has room for a small number of extra people, if any staff in your schools have missed your own update training.

Places are limited so if you would like any of your staff to attend please send their details to [Emily](#). Places will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

**Voice Nottingham Programme Dates for 2020-21**

The Voice 21 team have confirmed the following course dates for the Accelerate and Amplify programmes this year. Participants will be sent all the necessary information but here are the dates for your school diaries in the meantime.

*Note, the training prior to Christmas will take place online, and the intention is to run the later training in-person (tbc).*

- Amplify Day 1 – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 9.00am to 12.30pm
- Amplify Day 2 – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 9.00am to 12.30pm (session 1), and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 3.30pm to 5.00pm (session 2)
- Amplify Day 3 – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, full day
- Amplify Day 4 – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, full day
  
- Accelerate Day 1 – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 9.00am to 12.30pm
- Accelerate Day 2 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, full day

**Youth Mental Health First Aid Awareness Training**

This three-hour course is an introductory session to raise awareness of young people's mental health. It covers mental health issues affecting young people and the skills to support them.

The next sessions will take place online on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am - 12.30pm. The NST will cover the cost of the course materials for colleagues from member schools.

A flyer with further details and booking information is available on the NST Portal here (password – NST2017):

<http://www.nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk/2020-21-programmes-and-opportunities/>

### **Details of the Local Authority's online Emotional Health and Resilience Network**

*Thursday 15th October, 3.45pm - 4.45pm*

*Provisional theme: Leading Mental Health in Schools.*

School colleagues are welcome to attend to hear about current local and national initiatives as well as share their practice on developing a whole school approach to promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in their setting.

To reserve a place and receive joining information, please email:

[karen.smith2@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:karen.smith2@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

A flyer detailing further information is available on the NST Events Calendar here:

<http://www.nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk/event/emotional-health-and-resilience-network-meeting/>

### **IDEAL Training Programme for 2020-21**

The Local Authority IDEAL Team have released their training programme for this academic year, along with their package details, and information about the EAL Excellence Award. These can be found on our Portal (password – NST2017):

<http://www.nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk/2020-21-programmes-and-opportunities/>

### **EAL Virtual Conference 2020 - Scaffolding Language, Scaffolding Learning**

Live and recorded online sessions, featuring international EAL specialist Andy Harvey and overview of the work and research of EAL expert Pauline Gibbons.

**Audience:** All Primary, Secondary and Special school staff: leaders, teachers & TAs

**Part 1:** Friday 2nd October 2020 (9:30am - 1.00pm)

**Part 2:** Thursday 8th October 2020 (1.30pm - 4.45pm)

**Location:** Online

**Cost:** £80 (both half-days), £45 (1 half-day), £30 (For selected good practice videos - not including keynotes)

For more information and to book a place, view the flyer on our events calendar here:

<http://www.nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk/event/eal-conference-part-1/>

### **Spare PUMA Tests at Melbury**

Carolyn Marshall (School Business Manager at Melbury) has been in touch to let us know that they have some spare PUMA tests, that they would be happy to pass on to other NST schools for free. Here is what they have available:

- Autumn Y6 x30
- Spring Y1 x10
- Spring Y2 x10
- Spring Y3 x48
- Spring Y4 x18
- Spring Y5 x18
- Spring Y6 x59
- Summer Y6 x38

If you are interested, please email [admin@melbury.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@melbury.nottingham.sch.uk), or telephone (0115) 9157786.

### **Tackling the Impact on People's Financial Well-being in Nottingham, of COVID-19**

Nottingham Financial Resilience Partnership invites you to attend its virtual conference on Friday 18 September 2020. With inputs from national, regional and local speakers/ panel members, participants will explore:

- What is known about the different impacts on people's financial well-being to date.
- Hear from you about the impacts that you are seeing.
- Plan how we can respond and act in Nottingham over the coming months to tackle the impacts.

If you would like to book, please email Emma Bates at [emma@financialinclusionsupport.co.uk](mailto:emma@financialinclusionsupport.co.uk) with your name and email address. The full booking form and joining details will then be forwarded.

### **Equation Online Training**

Equation are running a number of online training opportunities for Nottingham City staff – visit their Eventbrite page for further details:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/equation-8359033489>

### **Religious Education for All 2021-2026: Final Call for Booking a Place at the Launch Event**

Heidi Shewell-Cooper has asked us to remind you about the launch event for the new RE syllabus 'Religious Education for All 2021-2026'. This will run as a week of online events, during w/c 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The deadline for orders is midday on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

A flyer containing further information and booking details can be viewed on our events calendar here: <http://www.nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk/event/religious-education-for-all-2021-2026-re-syllabus-launch-event/>

### **Other RE Resources**

Heidi also asked us to remind you about:

- The RS Resources Centre: visit their website at [www.reresources.co.uk](http://www.reresources.co.uk) or email [info@rsresources.co.uk](mailto:info@rsresources.co.uk)
- Inter Faith Week 2020, which will take place from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Visit their website here: <https://www.interfaithweek.org/>

### **Pearson UK Writing Competition 2020**

Pearson UK's writing competition for 4 – 18 year olds is due to open on 8<sup>th</sup> September, and the theme for this year is 'Everyday Heroes'. To find out more and register visit [their website](#).