

## **NST Newsletter: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- Autumn Term Network Meetings
- Diversity Network – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2pm to 4pm, at Nottingham Nursery
- ABLE Masterclass 30 November 2021: Risk Management in Schools
- Forest School at Nottingham Nursery (**1 document attached**)
- Living Streets: WOW – the year-around challenge for primary schools
- Reducing Parental Conflict Training for Partners
- November issues of the ChalleNGe Primary and Secondary Digital Schools Newsletters
- #NCBetterBooks 2021 (**2 documents attached**)
- Join the Primary CultureMeet 17 November, 3.30-5.00pm, Online
- STEM Courses Available in November and December (**1 document attached**)
- Inspire Education – Free Eight-Week Trial (**1 document attached**)

### **Autumn Term Network Meetings**

The following autumn term Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book. Click on the links below to visit our Eventbrite page:

- [Early Years Network – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Diversity Network Meeting – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [PE Network](#) (note – this is a link to the Active Notts conference on 24/11/2021, which we are funding PE Leaders to attend)
- [Maths Network – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Inclusion Network – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 3.30pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [History network – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Science Network – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)

Email [Emily](#) if you have any queries.

### **Diversity Network – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2pm to 4pm, at Nottingham Nursery**

The next Diversity Network is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and we are hoping to get representation from each of the NST schools at this session. The first network in October received some very positive feedback with attendees taking away lots of ideas for improving diversity and inclusion in their schools.

Our aims are to improve curriculums, resources, role models and representation in schools in order to ensure all children attending NST schools feel valued and included. We also aim to ensure our NST children grow up to become respectful and accepting of the differences of others.

This work also feeds into collaborative work that is being done across the city of Nottingham with other Multi Academy Trusts to ensure all pupils are receiving a diverse and inclusive approach to education.

The Network on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November has the focus of supporting Muslim pupils in our schools and educating staff on the experiences of the Muslim community. This session will feature a number of guest speakers sharing their own personal experiences and ideas for making the future brighter for pupils in Nottingham schools.

We really hope you can attend. To book a place and to view the agenda for the meeting, follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diversity-network-meeting-tickets-190928691857>

### **ABLE Masterclass 30 November 2021: Risk Management in Schools**

This two-hour virtual programme is designed to provide business leaders and their teams with a broad overview of what Risk Management provision is required as outlined by the DfE and ESFA and other professional bodies.

Drawing on guidance from the DfE, ESFA, industry leaders, case studies and peers, the session will help you understand what leaders and their organisations need to focus on and comply within their delivery of risk management.

Through this immersive and interactive programme we will cover:

- Risk Management Requirements as outlined in the Academies Trust Handbook and the Orange Book 2021-22
- Risk management frameworks and practices
- How integrated risk management works
- The mechanism of governance and its critical relationship with risk

As NST member schools you have one membership per school included so it is free to attend.

For more information and to register go to: <https://ablepro.info/conferences/>

### **Forest School at Nottingham Nursery**

Please find attached a flyer from Nottingham Nursery Schools promoting their offer of Forest School sessions.

Call Nottingham Nursery School on 9159090 or email [reception@nurseryschool.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:reception@nurseryschool.nottingham.sch.uk) to ask for further details or book a session for your children.



### **Living Streets: WOW – the year-around challenge for primary schools**

WOW is Living Streets year-round walk to school challenge, designed to promote active travel and physical activity as well as reduce congestion around the school gates. It's quick and easy to run and the impact is also hugely positive: if pupils exercise regularly or travel to school sustainably (walk, cycle, scoot), they are awarded a monthly badge. Living Streets currently works with local authorities across the country including Essex and combined authorities including Greater Manchester, South Yorkshire and West Midlands. In these areas, participating schools see a 23% increase in pupils walking to school and a 30% reduction in congestion outside the school gates. This is particularly important now, when social distancing is necessary for families. Fewer cars means less chaos outside gates – allowing children to safely attend school.

Valued at upwards of £500 per school, the initial 10 free WOW spaces offered to schools in Nottingham were snapped up quickly. Fortunately, we were able to secure funding for 20 more places – so don't miss the chance to secure one of these fully funded places for your school!

#### **About the Event (Free and Online)**

Living Streets are delighted to invite you to an **online introduction to WOW – the year-round walk to school challenge**, to demonstrate how this exciting programme can work in your primary school.

Working with Nottingham City Council, Living Streets are offering a number of **free**, government funded places on WOW, so come along to **find out about how WOW can promote active lifestyles for all children, as well as decreasing congestion around the school gates.**

We are holding two session on Monday 22nd November at 12.30 pm & 15.45pm each event will last 15 minutes, with the opportunity to stay online and ask questions at the end. Register on the registration link below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Registration Link</b>
Monday 22nd November	12.30 - 12.45	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-wow-active-travel-to-school-nottingham-tickets-194318149817">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-wow-active-travel-to-school-nottingham-tickets-194318149817</a>
Monday 22nd November	15.45 - 16:00	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-wow-active-travel-to-school-nottingham-tickets-194322021397">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-wow-active-travel-to-school-nottingham-tickets-194322021397</a>

If you can't make it, but would like to find out more, fill in the form here or email Edwina Woodland-Fowkes on [edwina.woodlandfowkes@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:edwina.woodlandfowkes@livingstreets.org.uk) and we'll get in touch with you directly.

### **Reducing Parental Conflict Training for Partners**

*Please see the information below from Kate Thurman at the Local Authority regarding this training:*

I am so excited to be able to offer you some free online training on Reducing Parental Conflict.

We have 3 sessions online in December. In total we will be running 25 sessions. 3 more in January, 3 in February, March and April. Total no of spaces per session is 20.

I am taking bookings now for:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm Zoom 20 places

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm Teams 20 places

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 am -11.00 am Teams 20 places

A link will be sent when you book onto the session.

### **Reducing Parental Conflict - Improving Awareness and Understanding**

This awareness session is part of a DWP funded National Programme to increase awareness of the potential impact of parental conflict on children.

The training was designed to build awareness and support anyone working with families to develop the confidence, knowledge and skills to reduce conflict and drive more positive outcomes.

This session aims to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of parental conflict on children
- Improve awareness of the potential triggers and signs of relationship distress
- Increase skills needed to identify and react to the impact poor parental relationships have on outcomes for children

It will also cover the difference between domestic abuse and parental conflict.

These sessions are delivered by Equation and are an adapted version of the National Awareness module developed for the programme. These adaptations have been made by the Nottingham City Children's Domestic and Sexual Violence Safeguarding Group.

Here is a link to a video for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElwltJQu1K4>

If you would like a place please contact me as soon as possible for the above dates in December.

Kind Regards

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### **November issues of the Challenge Primary and Secondary Digital Schools Newsletters**

The November issues of the Challenge [Primary](#) and [Secondary](#) Schools Digital Newsletters are full of useful information for Teachers at Nottingham City Schools. News about workshops and resources from our partners, as well as training and CPD for teachers. Visit our [website](#) to download your copy and add yourself to the mailing list <https://challengenottingham.co.uk/>

### **#NCBetterBooks 2021**

All city primary schools and academies should now have received their set of racially and culturally diverse reading books from the Nottingham Citizens, Matthew 25:40 Campaign launched on World Book Day 4 March 2021. If you think you have missed out, please contact with Heidi Shewell-Cooper (particularly if you think you haven't received a copy of Marcus Rashford's which arrived after the main deliveries!

We have been bowled over by the responses from children and schools and the coverage on social media. We have loved connecting local communities and schools where campaign team members and supporters have been able to handover books in person. **We would love to see how you use the books**, please do continue to share and use #NCBetterBooks. Challenge will be capturing this work on their website too.

We are now attaching our original book list and a resource list which we hope will help schools as they continue to link these texts and others to their curriculum and continue to increase children's access to these books. Neither list is exhaustive and new titles are happily being produced. We trust these are helpful. On it you will find the free downloadable art and storytelling workshops using the books from Nottingham Contemporary and videos encouraging families to read these books and visit their libraries Read On Nottingham Literacy Champions.

Nottingham Citizens undertook this campaign because it mattered to local people and local people have worked together to provide a local solution. We have also secured a 3% increase in the budget for representative books in the new city Children's Library and will continue to work with Cllr Campbell-Clark on this issue.

There is more to be done, and national research suggests a slowly improving picture. See: <https://clpe.org.uk/research/clpe-reflecting-realities-survey-ethnic-representation-within-uk-childrens-literature-0>

The Reflecting Realities report, identifies and evaluates representation within picture books, fiction and non-fiction for ages 3–11 and provides a benchmark to track and understand progress and a toolkit to support both producers and consumers of children's literature to be more critically reflective in the move towards a more inclusive future. This report looks at the children's literature published in the UK in the 2020 calendar year.

The report's key points:

- a positive increase in children's books featuring a minority ethnic character from 10% in 2019 to 15% in 2020 and up significantly from the 4% reported in the inaugural report in 2017;
- Increase in representation in picture books and non-fiction – representation in fiction books remains the same;
- The Reflecting Realities reports have inspired a number of initiatives from a variety of organisations, implying positive change in the industry

Congratulations to the schools and staff who supported and fundraised for this campaign which is now drawing to a close. If you would like any more information about how schools can be active members of the Nottingham Citizens alliance addressing social injustice and working with local communities to bring change in the city and local neighbourhoods, see <https://www.citizensuk.org/chapters/nottingham/>

Contact Heidi Shewell-Cooper [Heidi.shewell-cooper@nottinghamcitizens.org](mailto:Heidi.shewell-cooper@nottinghamcitizens.org)  
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### **Join the Primary CultureMeet 17 November, 3.30-5.00pm, Online**

CultureMeets are open to all teachers from Nottingham city Primary schools. Once every half term, these online meetings give arts organisations five-minute slots to highlight their core on-going offers and teachers can listen in or share their experiences. It's also an opportunity for teachers to contribute to the development of the Cultural Rucksack, and find peer support for the development of creativity across your school. [Find out more and book your free place.](#)

### **STEM Courses Available in November and December**

Please find attached an email from the Science Learning Partnership which details a number of STEM CPD opportunities which are taking place during November and December.

### **Inspire Education – Free Eight-Week Trial**

Inspire Education have set up a **FREE 8-week** trial on the Inspire.Education platform - **please see attached sheet for your school's demo login details.**

Inspire provides an immersive 3D environment where children interact with characters and artefacts across time and location to broaden their knowledge, make connections, deepen their understanding of a topic and refine literacy skills along a progression pathway.

Our platform encourages children to master the humanities, the arts, and STEM subjects through reading and 21st Century skills.

Each topic consists of full mapped-out lessons, reading texts, 100s or resources and videos and fully interactive scenes.

Accessible for use both in the classroom and from home, Inspire.Education is the perfect tool for blended learning and supplies all the tools that you need to provide exceptional remote learning.

There are two areas on the platform:

**Inspire.Education** - includes topics such as:

- Volcanoes
- Rainforests
- Ancient Greece
- Great Fire of London
- Blue Planet
- Anglo-Saxons
- Vikings
- Maya Civilisation
- Ancient Egypt
- Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages
- Space
- Victorians
- Industrial Revolution.

**Inspire.Writing** - includes cross-curricular writing projects such as: Greek Myths and Legends, Space, Chocolate, Dragons, Viking Raiding, Victorian Crime Stories, Pompeii, Knights and Castles, North America Crime, Enchanted Forests, World War 2, Traditional Tales and much more.

If you like what you see, and what like to know more about the resource, Inspire Education have a webinar for NST schools on:

**Tuesday 11th January from 4 to 5 pm.**

Please [book here](#) if you would like to attend.

Prices:

Full package (includes inspire.education and inspire.writing): **£50 per month**

Inspire.Education **£38 per month**

Inspire.Writing: **£30 per month**