

**NST Newsletter: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- 50th Birthday Celebrations for Mellers Primary School
- Greenfields Plant a Tree for the Jubilee!
- The Gingerbread Man - join us on a delicious adventure!
- Model Pay Policy for Teachers (Academies)
- Do you have any F2 NQTs or RQTs at your school?
- ABLE Autumn Conference Now Open for Registration
- Local Authority Lead TA Network – 17th November **(1 document attached)**
- STEM CPD – Integrating Climate Change into the Curriculum
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- The Mighty Creatives - FREE Paul Carney Drawing CPD session
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**50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations for Mellers Primary School**

1<sup>st</sup> November marked Mellers 50<sup>th</sup>'s birthday, which the school celebrated with a special event on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We were delighted to attend along with other guests, including Lilian Greenwood MP, colleagues from the Local Authority, as well as current and former pupils. David Olusoga (TV Historian) was the special guest speaker, who joined the celebrations virtually, but promised to come along to the school the next time he visits the city. We were superbly entertained by the school's Choir, along with musical performances from former pupils Rajae and Brooklyn, Shernette, Haddy, Reuben, and Davelle.

East Midlands Today came along to record the event, and you can view a video clip of the celebration event on the Mellers Facebook page here: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/mellersprimaryschool/>

Thank you to Amanda, Laura and the rest of the Mellers team for organising a fantastic event, and for inviting us along to celebrate with you.



### **Greenfields Plant a Tree for the Jubilee!**

On Friday 15th October, Greenfields held a special event, where the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Sir John Peace, helped to help plant a tree which has been gifted on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen, as part of the Platinum Jubilee Queen's Green Canopy Project. Sir John Peace was joined by the Lord mayor and Lilian Greenwood MP.

Greenfields were chosen to represent Nottingham as the recipient of one of the Queen's Green Canopy Project trees; you can find out more about the QGC project and how your school could get involved here:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/queens-green-canopy/>

As you can see from the picture above, the tree looks perfectly at home and we know it will be very well cared for by the staff and pupils at Greenfields. Thank you Terry for sharing this with us!



**The Gingerbread Man - join us on a delicious adventure!**

Nottingham Schools Trust are working in partnership with Lakeside Arts Centre to create a school's exhibition of the adventures of The Gingerbread Man.

This lovely project encourages children's creative and artistic responses to the traditional tale of the runaway Gingerbread Man. Our youngest pupils will be story-making and story-telling by sharing stories of his adventures.

Rachel Feneley from Lakeside Arts Centre has designed an interactive, inter-arts project to stimulate reading, speaking and creative expression, schools receive a KS1 drama workshop in traditional tales and a specially designed large-scale wooden board to decorate and animate the Gingerbread Man's adventures in whatever style they choose.

Stuff and Nonsense's fantastic play runs at the Lakeside Arts Centre 11th - 30th December 2021 and our schools' exhibition will be in the Warner Gallery, next to the theatre. All exhibiting schools are invited to the exhibition and encouraged to attend the play.

Have a look at the trailer on YouTube and bring your school to see the exhibition and the show!

NST Schools were invite to take part in the project at the NST Art Network, join our next network meeting to learn about more arts opportunities for NST Schools – email [Emily](#) to be added to our Arts network circulation list.

### **Model Pay Policy for Teachers (Academies)**

A copy of the new model Pay Policy for Teachers in Academies, created by the Local Authority has been uploaded to our Portal for Academies to personalise and adopt as required. You can find this here (password – NST2017):

<http://www.nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk/hr-policies-and-documents/>

### **Do you have any F2 NQTs or RQTs at your school?**

Sarah Wright (F2 Leader from Walter Halls) has been in touch to ask if any other schools have an NQT or RQT based in F2, that would like to make links with their RQT EYFS teacher? It would be brilliant if we could create a group who could meet up to provide support to each other and share experiences. If you have anyone at your school who would like to buddy up, please get in touch with Sarah, but email to

[sarah.wright@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.wright@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk)

### **ABLE Autumn Conference Now Open for Registration**

The ABLE autumn conference which will be face to face (guidance permitting) at Eastwood Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> December. We open up the conference with great energy with a keynote from The Art of Brilliance. We have workshops covering managing sickness absence effectively, financial forecasting, understanding Teachers and local government pension schemes and mental health support for whole school wellbeing...and more! As NST member schools you all have one membership per school included so it is free to attend.

Register for your place here:

<https://ablepro.info/conferences/>

See agenda here:

<https://ablepro.info/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Autumn-Conference-Agenda-08-Dec-21-1.pdf>

See details of speakers here:

<https://ablepro.info/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Speaker-and-Workshop-Details-08-Dec-21.pdf>

### **Local Authority Lead TA Network – 17<sup>th</sup> November**

The Teaching Assistant networks are an exciting opportunity for Teaching Assistants in school settings across all phases to collaborate and share best practice.

Facilitated by **Suzanne Scrivens**

#### **Professional Development Consultant for Support Staff in Schools**

Each session will enable practitioners to review and discuss:

- the most up to date local/national guidance and materials available that support and develop teaching assistant practice
- current practice and what makes great teaching assistant support
- training and development opportunities for support staff in schools.

Ideas for topics of discussion are encouraged, supported and researched by Suzanne enabling purposeful discussions at each network.

**To book onto the networks please complete the attached booking form and email to [suzanne.scrivens@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.scrivens@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)**

All meetings will take place at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre, 1.30pm to 4.00pm, on the dates below:

- 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022
- 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022

***NOTE: The NST will fund places for **one TA per school** at each of these network meetings. Further places can be booked at a cost of £40 per TA (schools will be invoiced separately for any additional places booked).***



Teaching Assistant  
Networks 2022 book

### **STEM CPD – Integrating Climate Change into the Curriculum**

Climate change is among the greatest threats and challenges of our time. From scientific analysis and technology to global political debate, tackling climate change requires a multi-disciplinary approach and encompasses a wide range of topics. During this course, you will learn about the science behind climate change, the strategies that are being employed to tackle the problem and explore creative ways to integrate this topic into the primary curriculum.

DTSA have worked with STEM on a new training course that pays out more money to a school in a bursary, than the course actually costs.

The course is aimed at Secondary Level – but is on Climate Change that can be integrated into the primary curriculum. The facilitator delivering has worked with primary schools for years and is going to use the secondary topic and discuss with the delegates how that can then be embedded into the primary curriculum.

If your school agrees to be invoiced £185 per delegate for the training, pays the invoice and completes the training, then STEM will send £400 to the school bank account for each completion. This means for every teacher who completes the programme, **£215 of money can be added to your departmental budget** to do with what you wish – whether that be extra CPD or new materials.

Please contact [Stem@DTSA.org.uk](mailto:Stem@DTSA.org.uk) urgently to avoid missing out on this offer. First come = first served.

We have secured 2 afternoon dates – both of which must be attended to get the bursary. We hope that by making it 2 afternoons that cover can be sorted more easily.

**Dates:** 16<sup>th</sup> November 1pm – 4pm

25<sup>th</sup> November 1pm – 4pm

**Venue:** Brookfield Primary School

**Cost:** £185 with £400 bursary available

### **STEM Learning – latest bursary funded courses available**

The latest STEM learning newsletter is now available, containing details of their CPD opportunities. You can view their newsletter via this link:

<http://email.stem.org.uk/q/11mfHLyYBN8OK9jq9mNKVmv/wv>

### **The Mighty Creatives - FREE Paul Carney Drawing CPD session**

A link to sign up to the FREE Paul Carney Drawing CPD session on the 25<sup>th</sup> Nov is now available on The Mighty Creatives website. This is an ONLINE session across the East Midlands and entitled The Power of Drawing.

<https://themightycreatives.com/events/the-power-of-drawing-with-paul-carney/>

### **ChalleNGe Partners – Two CPD Opportunities for Teachers**

#### **Freedom of Expression for Challenging Conversations: How to put young peoples' voices at the centre of discussions about racism**

***Thursday 18 November 4-6pm. New Art Exchange. Free.***

This twilight CPD event for secondary teachers and other staff in schools is a place to explore ways in which young people can creatively and openly confront racism. Led by Aicha Daffe (Art teacher at Fernwood School) and Janelle Brown (Next Gen) the session will be practical and discursive, aiming to provide teachers with the tools to have challenging conversations and support their students. Free but booking is essential, [email](#) to secure your place.

#### **Nottingham Contemporary: Experimenting with Sculpture and Painting CPD**

***Thursday 25 November 4.30-5.0pm. Nottingham Contemporary. Free.***

Using the new exhibition 'Our Silver City 2094'. as inspiration, exploring themes of futurisms, sustainability, and survival, you will develop ideas about how to amplify young voices for critical thinking about the future. Find out about Nottingham Contemporary's offer for schools and how they can support a visit. This practical session will be delivered by an Associate Artist and the Schools Programming team with COVID safety measures in place. [Find out more](#)

### **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:

- [Geography Network – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 3.45pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [ICT Network – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [MFL Network – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 3.45pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [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.