



NST Newsletter: Monday 18th September 2023

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DfE EYFS 'Expert and Mentor' Covid Recovery Programme – Information for Next Term - Spring 24

Settings who would like to apply for support from an Expert and Mentor pair can apply now for support in the Spring Term. Details are in the document attached and the link to apply is [Early Years Experts and Mentors programme - Request for support Spring 2024 \(office.com\)](#). All of our settings with children in F1 or 2YO provision are eligible, even if they have already received support from the programme.

English Hub September Newsletter and Autumn Overview

Please see the attached email from the Flying High English Hub which contains their latest newsletter and a range of information about their forthcoming CPD opportunities.

Cultural Rucksack A-Z directory for schools

ChalleNGe, Nottingham's Cultural Education Partnership, brings you an A-Z Directory of arts, cultural and heritage organisations working with schools in Nottingham. You'll find information on each organisation's core offers, supporting the planning and delivery of creative and cultural experiences within your school. Develop your own creativity and connections across Nottingham's cultural education sector, and support your pupils to learn about and feel part of their city.

Find it here: <https://challengenottingham.co.uk/cultural-rucksack>



FFt Autumn Literacy Programme – Starting Monday 19th September

We are delighted to confirm our programme of **free** online CPD for schools is now open to registrations! This autumn, we have an exciting line-up of short sessions led by our team of FFT Literacy experts to support senior leaders, teachers, and governors.

We are also pleased to announce that we'll be joined by **Alex Quigley, author of the best-selling book series: 'Closing the Gap'** who will be running two sessions on the topic of **Vocabulary** and **Reading**.

Spaces are limited to these sessions, so please secure your place today by viewing our available dates from the programme below.

Teaching Spotlight: Spelling theory and research



Date & Time: Tue, 19 Sep 2023 at 15:45



Focus area: Spelling

Our **Spelling theory and research** Spotlight session is ideal for those who would like to understand a national picture in terms of early spelling, with practical activities to support class-based teaching.

Teaching Spotlight: Building a child's vocabulary



Date & Time: Wed, 20 Sep 2023 at 15:45



Focus area: Reading & Vocabulary

We will present encouraging findings from current research on children's vocabulary development at our **Building a Child's Vocabulary** Spotlight event. This free, 60-minute webinar led by our FFT Literacy Experts will examine the importance of expanding a child's vocabulary in developing reading fluency and comprehension.

Teaching Spotlight: Reading Theory and Research



Date & Time: Mon, 25 Sep 2023 at 15:45



Focus area: Reading

Those wanting to put theory into practice with our most recent EEF-focused research should attend our Teaching Spotlight **Reading Theory and Research**. Discover what Ofsted is saying about reading, with a reflection on report comments and feedback from schools.

Teaching Spotlight: Phonics subject knowledge



Date & Time: Tue, 26 Sep 2023 at 15:45



Focus area: Reading & Writing

By attending our **Phonics subject knowledge** Spotlight session, you will explore key concepts such as phonemes, graphemes, letter-sound correspondence, blending and segmenting, as well as discuss how to teach common exception words. Join us to enhance your understanding of phonics instruction and improve pupil outcomes.

Closing the Gap with Alex Quigley

Closing the Vocabulary Gap



Date & Time:
Thu, 5 Oct 2023 at 16:00

Closing the Reading Gap



Date & Time:
Web, 18 Oct 2023 at 16:00

During both sessions of Closing the **Vocabulary** and **Reading** Gap, Alex will provide insights into the science of learning to read. Educators will gain a deeper understanding of effective strategies for teaching with the demands of new, larger, and more challenging school curriculums.

[View our full CPD programme →](#)

NAHE Update – 11/09/2023

The latest NAHE email bulletin can be viewed online here: <https://www.smore.com/g6f7g-nahe-update?ref=email>

ECT Registration Information

Please find attached an email from the Flying High Teaching School Hub which contains information about how and where to register ECTs when they join your school.

The Sheriff's Challenge for 2023-24

Schools will be able to start the new Sheriff's Challenge on Monday:

To Celebrate and be Inspired by the Summer Olympics in 2024

Celebrating Paris '24 Olympic and Paralympic Games

~ Schools have been set the challenge to cumulatively walk or run 24,000 miles!

Pupils are set the individual challenge to walk or run 26.2 miles

~ The equivalent of running a marathon over the academic year!

Further information about the Sheriff's Challenge is available in the attached document. If you would like any further information, get in touch with Helena Cresswell (Schools Project Officer) at Helena.cresswell@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Huge congratulations to Welbeck primary School who were top of last year's leader board, running over 12,300 miles! Well done also to the other NST schools that took part: Heathfield, Rise Park, Henry Whipple, Robin Hood, Middleton, and Mellers.

Local Authority Agreement Trialling Sessions for 2023-24

We are pleased to announce the focus areas for our Agreement Trialling sessions this year.

The areas of focus for the Autumn Term are listed in the table below, the full list of sessions for 2023/24 is attached.

The areas selected are directly linked to feedback received last year and in response to the trends identified in the 2023 data.

We are also happy to share that we are hoping to have SEND support at each session, depending upon availability, as this was such a positive feature last year.

	Year	Focus	Date	Venue	Times
Autumn Term	F1	Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Understanding the World	7 th November 2023	Castle Cavendish	09:00-12:00
					13:00-16:00
			8 th November 2023	Online via Teams	09:00-11:30
					13:00-15:30
	F2	Maths and Understanding the World	21 st November 2023	Castle Cavendish	09:00-12:00
					13:00-16:00
22 nd November 2023			Online via Teams	09:00-11:30	
				13:00-15:30	

Click [HERE](#) to book.

Please note, the face to face sessions were fully booked in the summer term, so book early to ensure a space.

Teach Computing Newsletter

The latest Teach Computing newsletter is now available, which contains details of their range of CPD that is available, along with information about subsidies for eligible schools.

View the newsletter online here:

<https://email.teachcomputing.org/q/11mfHLyZMX4IPlwMIXg4BDQ/wv>

Active Notts Young People Insight Evaluation: Shaping Future Provision

Active Notts have carried out some work over the past year to gain young people's voice (in schools and in community settings) to help inform the work in relation to young people in the city. They have passed their report onto us for circulation as it contains some key insights worth sharing with schools. A copy of the report is attached.

If schools need any support around some of the recommendations, Active Notts would welcome your feedback to help direct their resources. Contact Naomi Bennett-Jones (Children and Young People Strategic Lead at naomi.jones@activepartnertrust.org.uk, or call 07880 316006 (working days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

Autumn Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

Dates for the following meetings are now available to book on Eventbrite (click on the hyperlinks below to book):

- School Business Managers Network – Wednesday 13th September, 9.00am to 11.30am (SBMs should have already received a diary invite for this but let [Emily](#) know if you haven't and she can re-send this to you).
- [Geography Network – Friday 22nd September, 9.00am to 3.30pm](#)
- [RE Network – Thursday 28th September, 1.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Music Network – Monday 2nd October, 3.30pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [PSHE Network – Monday 9th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Inclusion Network – Tuesday 10th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Curriculum Leads Network – Friday 13th October, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- [MFL Network – Tuesday 17th October, 3.45pm to 5.15pm](#)
- [Art Network – Thursday 19th October, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- [English Network – Tuesday 7th November, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Assessment Leads Network – Friday 10th November, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- [Early Years Network – Thursday 16th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#) *note change of date*
- [History Network – Monday 20th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- PE Network – NST funding one place per school for PE Leaders to attend the Active Notts conference on Monday 20th November. Contact [Emily](#) for further information.
- [Phonics Network – Tuesday 21st November, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- [Design and Technology Network – Wednesday 29th November, 2.30pm to 4.30pm](#)
- [ICT Network – Wednesday 6th December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Science Network – Thursday 7th December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)

Jane Gill is delivering her termly Maths Network meeting on the following date (places funded by the NST – click on the link below to book):

- [Friday 6th October, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)