

Growing Trust



As many of you will know our school has been a part of the Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust (ALPT) since 2014. The members and partners of the Trust have been working to develop co-operation between the schools over the past two years to further enhance the quality of opportunity and learning for all of our children.

The Trust has made progress on a number of fronts and we thought it would be helpful to give you a short résumé of just some what has been happening over the last year.

Showcasing the Trust



The Trust and its schools are an integral part of our community and we are keen to improve links between the two and to let local people see what our amazing children can achieve.

The Trust recently hosted at an art exhibition at Trinity Church Hall in Rawdon. Well

attended by many parents and families. From paintings influenced by the style of Andy Warhol and David Hockney to digital photography and 3D creations pupils from all of our schools showcased their artistic talents and imaginations on a theme of 'My Community' and showed what that means to them.



Over the two days of the exhibition pupils from each of the schools also worked on a collaborative collage 'Our Community' which is currently on show in the Rawdon Community Library until the 13th July.



Chair of the ALPT, Alison Anslow said, "the ALPT schools are at the heart of our community and this was the first occasion of its type where we have all come together. It was wonderful to see the imaginations and

skills of our pupils coming to life in the exhibition. The standard was really high and enjoyed by pupils and visitors alike. We very much hope that this will be the first of many successful future events."

Teaching and learning

A partnership has been developed with Leeds Trinity University and a number of projects have been developed. These are focused on promoting learning and further enhancing teacher development. The main projects are based around the following areas:

- Action Research projects by staff leading to impact on practice and process

- Continuous Professional Development of Middle and Senior Leadership
- Raising Pupils' Aspirations to attend University
- Literacy and early Language development – early learning family intervention work
- Adult engagement with further study and access to higher education

It's early days as yet as the projects all began during or after April 2016, but we will provide project updates to you over the coming months.

Assessment of pupils is a critical part of a teacher's work and having a shared view of assessments across all of our schools is important. Work was undertaken by all Trust Primary Schools who all contributed to a significant piece of work, which culminated in an assessment handbook for all Primary teachers. The handbook has allowed Trust schools to move smoothly from one assessment system to another and also to use a common language when discussing pupil progress.

Parents with children in Primary Schools were kept informed through parent information events held centrally at Trust High Schools, and training was also provided in all settings to enable teachers to utilise this new resource. It is pleasing to say that this work has been adopted by The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust in all its primary settings, and families of schools in Skipton, Huddersfield and Sheffield have also received training on the use of the ALP system.

Going forwards

Whilst the Trust will continue its work to advance the education of the learners at the schools and to benefit the community there are plans to revisit its role and in this ever changing landscape to look at how best it can benefit everyone.

We will provide more updates on the Trust's progress during the next academic year and you can also see what has been happening by visiting www.aireboroughlearningpartnership.co.uk.