



Partnership Newsletter

March 2024

Welcome to our Spring Partnership Newsletter.



Whilst it has been a very short spring term, it has been jam-packed and staff in all of our schools have worked extremely hard to secure children's progress and achievements. It is important we thank everyone involved in this learning journey – staff, families, external partners and of course our wonderful children. We know that working collaboratively achieves more!

It has been a fantastic term! As you will see below, spring term has been full of exciting events, activities and achievements. Staff and pupils have participated wholeheartedly in national events such as Children's Mental Health Week, World Book Day Comic Relief and further Trust events such as EHLT Number Day.

May I wish you all a very pleasant Easter holiday with your families. We look forward to welcoming you back to the summer term where more exciting events will take place in some warmer weather conditions.

Rebecca Wood – Headteacher of Partnerships for Learning.



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Trust INSET Conference



Last month, nearly 500 members of EHLT staff, Trustees and Governors gathered together for a collaborative Trust INSET.

This proved to be a huge success as individuals were able to network with colleagues from across the schools, share best practice and actively participate within group tasks. Key speakers shared informative content on curriculum updates, Trust related topics and the many successes of the Trust.

It was a busy, yet inspiring day for all involved and staff went away feeling fully informed and enthused knowing that they are part of a wider Trust team.

EHLT is a Trust to be proud of!



Trust Number Day



All schools from across the Trust celebrated 'Number Day' on Friday 2nd February and money was raised for the NSPCC.

This annual campaign organised by the charity NSPCC encourages children to get involved in number-based activities including 'Dress up for Digits', in which children get dressed up in number-themed costumes. Children enjoyed maths games, solving fun puzzles and enjoyed learning about numbers during the day. We also hosted the Big Trust Maths Quiz, which was a huge success. Well done to all the children and congratulations to **Palmers Cross** who were the proud winners! What a brilliant day!



Elston Hall Learning Trust wish all our schools, families and working partnerships a very Happy Easter.

Springtime is here!



Another successful term shared with our Early Career Teachers. It is amazing how much learning you can get into a particularly short term! Our ECTs have worked so hard during this spring term and have engaged so well with the programmes they have been part of. Many congratulations to our Trust ECTs and those ECTs we work closely in partnership with who are registered on our Induction programme. We are proud of all your successes!

Remember to keep updated via our Twitter feed on the progress of our EHLT ECT programme!

Follow us on [@ElstonHallLT](https://twitter.com/ElstonHallLT) for more information on the programmes we run.



World Book Day Celebrations

Across the Trust, our schools had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day, not only with amazing costumes but the opportunity to take part in many activities to encourage a love of reading. Check out our school websites and Twitter updates for the many captured moments across the week in all of our schools. We are a Trust that loves reading!



World Book Day visit to meet Dame Jacqueline Wilson

Children from Goldthorn Park Primary School were thrilled to be celebrating WBD with best-selling children's author Dame Jacqueline Wilson! As one of Britain's best-selling and most beloved children's authors, she has written more than 188 books, selling more than 40 million copies worldwide. Dame Jacqueline Wilson shared her experiences with the children and answered questions about her new book, 'The Girl Who Wasn't There'. What an excellent day!



EHLT have a Young Authors' Prize winner!



The Wolverhampton Young Authors' prize which is now in its fourth year, drew hundreds of entries from young storytellers in Years 3 – 11. Children were challenged to write an original short story, no more than 400 words, based around this year's theme 'heroes'.

Goldthorn Park Primary School were joined by award-winning historical fiction novelist, Paul Dowswell. Paul offered the budding authors creative writing advice and shared extracts from his seven-time award-winning book, *Ausländer*, before presenting the winners with their personalised trophies.

EHLT are very proud of our children who took part and for **Katrina from Goldthorn Park Primary School** who won the prize for Year 6, 7 and 8. Many congratulations!



Message from the CE

It is difficult to believe we are drawing close to the end of the Spring Term already – it has been a challenge to ensure all the learning we planned for this term has been completed ahead of the Easter Break. However, looking across schools at spring term progress there are many positives recorded in our key subjects; reading, writing and maths.

It is good to see signs of Spring around our schools and daylight extending each week This is allowing our extra-curricular activities to begin once again, particularly our after-school sports clubs. I am already hearing of success on the football field for our girls and boys.

We have also made an early start this year to our residential programmes; some children from Year 2 have already visited lovely Kingswood, Year 6 children from Goldthorn Park and Elston Hall had three days at Laches Wood, while our children from Pheasey Park built their adventurous skills at Whitemoor Lakes – more residential to come.

A number of our children in certain Year Groups are beginning preparations for national tests, our staff making detailed plans to ensure they have the best support for these. We appreciate the way our families offer their support in helping their children in their preparations. Our schools will really appreciate children's' attendance being the best it can over the coming months.

The majority of EHLT schools have now migrated to their new website – one more school to complete the list. We have worked hard to find a design that includes all the information families need, presented in the easiest way to navigate. Please do make use of your school's website passing on any comments to the school that confirm our design or offer suggestions for the future.

May I wish everyone a lovely Easter holiday.

Kevin Grayson – Chief Executive

EHLT School Websites

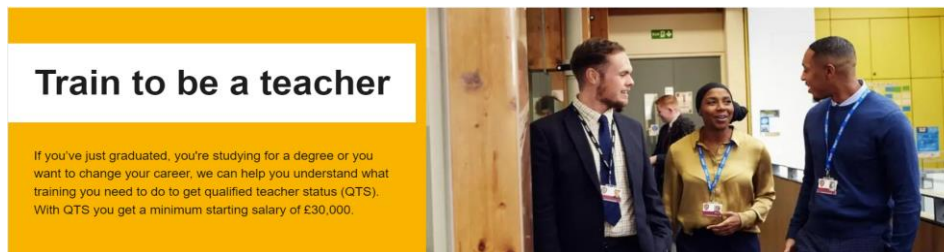
Goldthorn Park have been the most recent school to have their school website enhanced and doesn't it look wonderful! Tipton Green Juniors are next in line for their site being developed and launched over the upcoming weeks. Remember to keep checking our websites for further updates!



Interested in training to be a teacher?

There are different routes available to you, so why not come and chat to us about our Strategic Alliance Postgraduate routes into Primary Teaching. We work with a wide range of schools across Staffordshire, Sandwell and Dudley and we can look to place you within schools that best suit your training needs. As we work in conjunction with Birmingham University and the University of Wolverhampton, we are sure you will find the programme that suits you best!

For further information regarding the ITT that is hosted through EHLT please email: rwood@ehlt.org.uk



One of our partners is hosting an open ITT event –

Are you passionate about education and looking to embark on an inspiring career as a teacher? The University of Birmingham's Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with QTS programme may be what you are looking for!

With courses in eleven different Secondary subjects and several Primary options too, there is plenty to choose from. Some subjects also provide generous bursaries (if eligible) and final year undergraduates at the University of Birmingham can apply for a fee discount of £1,500 for the course.

Why not come and join the University at our next event during the Postgraduate Open Day on:

Wednesday 20 March 2024

3.15pm until 4.15pm

Room G03, Ground Floor, Alan Walters (R29 on campus map)- refreshments provided

Book via - <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/open-events/campus-events/plan-your-day>

You will be given an overview of both Secondary and Primary PGCE courses available and there will be an informal Q&A with Primary and Secondary academics from the University of Birmingham.

If you are unable to attend on this occasion but would like to know further information about this course, please contact itadmissions@contacts.bham.ac.uk



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