



Partnership Newsletter

July 2023

Welcome to our Summer term Partnership newsletter.

Another term, another school year and another chapter in all learning journeys have been achieved and my goodness hasn't it been a brilliant, yet busy one!

We have celebrated many achievements across the year - our first ECT 21-23 cohort have successfully completed their 2-year induction programme with EHLT. Our Year 1 ECTs and ITT individuals who have also shown such passion and commitment to the profession at the start of their careers. We are extremely proud of each of these individuals for their engagement, enthusiasm and dedication they have shown. We must also recognise the many NPQs which have been achieved since September 2022 and how these qualifications positively impact our practice across schools.

We thank all of our schools, Universities and professional partners from across the cities for their continued commitment and for valuing our 'Partnership for Achievement' motto.

May I wish you all a lovely summer holiday, we look forward to the exciting adventures the new academic year 2023-2024 will bring! Happy holidays!

Rebecca Wood – Headteacher of Partnerships for Learning.

Congratulations!

We are extremely proud of all of our Early Career Teachers and Trainee Teachers from this year.

Congratulations to our Year 2 ECTs have successfully completed their full 2-year Early Career Framework induction and have gained the skills and knowledge needed for them to now continue to flourish in their journeys through the upcoming years.

Our Year 1 ECTs have reached the end of their first year of being an ECT, which is brilliant! Each and every one of these ECTs have put their full heart into everything they have come across and are now ready to enter the next stage of their ECT journey – well done!

Our trainee teachers have all completed their training year, gaining Qualified Teacher Status and securing their first teaching jobs, all in EHLT schools, which is excellent. We wish them well and are sure they will enjoy teaching their first classes in September. Thank you to their mentors and host schools for all the invaluable support and advice they have given them on their journey.

These ECTs and ITTs have all worked incredibly hard and have achieved so many successes here at EHLT, which we are very proud of. The commitment and passion from these individuals just reiterates the philosophy and ethos our Trust shares of putting our children at the centre.

Well done to all of these super stars – continue to shine each and every one of you!



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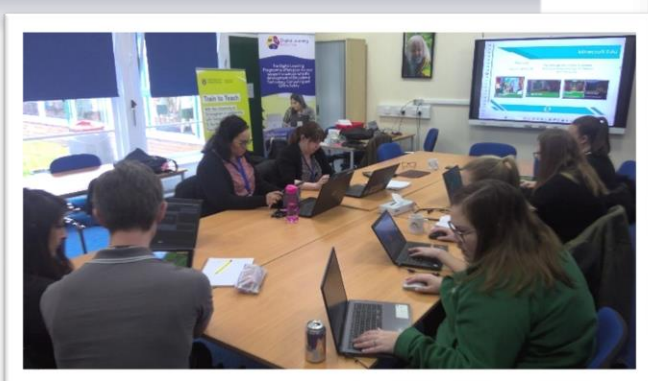
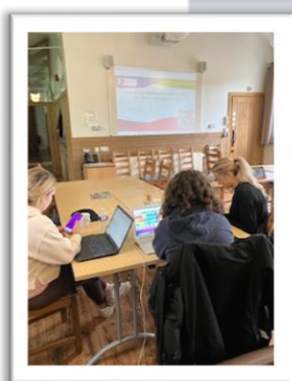
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Dates for the diary:

- Monday 4th September – School INSET.
- Tuesday 5th September – All EHLT pupils return to school.

Another successful term shared with our Early Career Teachers and ITT Trainees. It is amazing how much learning you can get into a term! Our ECTs and ITTs have worked so hard during this summer term and have engaged so well with the programmes they have been part of. Why not take a look on our Twitter feed to see how hard our colleagues have worked!

Follow us on Twitter @ElstonHallLT for more information on the different programmes we run.



The Summer Term has been busy with continuing EdTech development across the Trust and also with our EdTech partner schools.

EdTech Leadership Programme -

The EdTech Leadership Programme spent a day at Kingswood Trust looking at how technology can be used across the curriculum and in the outdoor environment to enhance learning opportunities. It was a busy and active day but very rewarding for all. The photographs show how software was used to animate and capture the collaborative creation of artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. The final day of the programme takes place later this term.

A special mention and congratulations to Yew Tree Primary School in Sandwell who currently attend our EdTech Leadership training programme. They have worked with Pheasey for a number of years and have now achieved the Naace Mark - an internationally recognised accreditation that celebrates the innovative and embedded approach taken with the use of technology across all areas of school-life.

Minecraft -

Schools within the Trust came together for two training sessions to explore Minecraft Education and the opportunities it can provide for all learners across the curriculum. This opportunity was well received by the staff. A big thank you to John Hartley from EngagedU for leading these sessions.

Wider Support -

Sarah Morgan presented to Computing Leads and Digital Technology Leads from Edge Hill University this term to share the benefits and strengths of using a Self-Review Framework to support schools in moving forward with their EdTech journey.

Message from the CEO

What another excellent year for Elston Learning Trust – we began the year with five schools and closed with six after the conversion of Tipton Green Junior School. Our Trust now numbers nearly 2, 800 children with schools across three Local Authorities in the Black Country. Of course, the number of children is not the most important thing, it is our children's learning and their achievement. To illustrate this, I can report that in recent Year 6 SATs results, the average percentage of children across the trust achieving an expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths across the Trust was 73% compared to a national average of 59%.

As we know learning is far more than the three core subjects, so all children have explored the most exciting topics as part of their foundation curriculum many of these supported by thought provoking visits and visitors and themed days, that have challenged our families to get just the right costume!

Residential visits have continue to play an enormous part of our trust ethos, expeditions taking part in all schools from our youngest children in Key Stage 1, beachside days for Year 4 and adventure camps for Upper Key stage 2. In some cases and so rewarding for me to see – is that some of these residential visits were shared across different schools.

Personal development of course is never ignored with key learning planned around online internet safety, responsibility ambassadors and an enormous range of extra-curricular clubs. Sport continues to play an important part of our ethos - competitively there was much success for our schools with girls, boys and mixed teams having league, city and Black Country success.

A few of our staff look to leave us this summer for different reasons to be replaced by experienced leaders and ECTs now beginning their own careers – What better place to do this than Elston Hall Learning Trust.

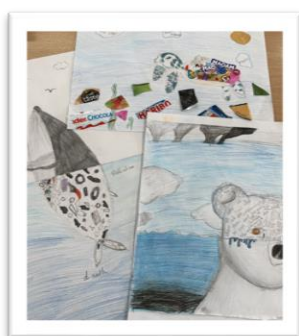
I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday with your families

Kevin Grayson – Chief Executive

Celebration of 'sustainability' through Trust creative arts week

Last week, schools from across the Elston Hall learning Trust shared an inspiring creative arts week to celebrate the theme of 'sustainability'. Children and staff all took part in a variety of collaborative activities to celebrate the importance of sustainability – 'under the sea' dances, 'Trust Trash band', Forest school workshop, beautiful collage and art sessions, parent workshop painting pebbles for the 'pebble garden', bottle top art workshops and so much more! Children from across all Trust schools came together virtually for the opening and closing ceremonies which Mr Grayson hosted. Lots of fun, laughter and learning was shared and memories to last a lifetime!

It was a truly memorable celebration to be part of and we are all very proud of the dedication our schools have made to this week! Take a look on the schools' Twitter pages to see the extensive amount of hard work and enjoyment which went into this special week.



Elston Hall Learning Trust Football Cup

EHLT were delighted to host an inter-Trust football tournament during the summer term, with teams competing from across our Trust schools: Elston Hall, Palmers Cross, Edward the Elder, Goldthorn Park, Pheasey Park, Palmers Cross and Tipton Green Juniors!

This event was held at Palmers Cross and 6 a side teams competed in a nail-biting tournament.

	Gold Cup	Silver Cup	Bronze Cup
Winners	Elston Hall	Edward the Elder	Pheasey Park Farm
Runners Up	Palmers Cross	Goldthorn Park	Tipton Green

Special thanks to Mr Green and Mr Somel, who organised an excellent event where all pupils felt a sense of reward and achievement. It was fantastic to see football uniting schools in our Trust and our Trust motto, 'Partnership for Achievement', in full action!

Many congratulations to all the cup winners, runners up and to all of those who took part.



EHLT Websites

In the previous newsletter, we shared with you that our Trust websites were being developed. Plans for these new websites are developing well, and we are now onto our third school, which is very exciting!

I'm sure if you have had an opportunity to visit the Elston Hall or Pheasey Park Farm school websites, you will have seen the successes that these sites have brought.

We are hopeful that all our Trust school's websites will be completely developed by the end of the upcoming autumn term.

Why not visit and take a look at these wonderful new sites –

www.pheaseyparkfarmprimary.org.uk

www.elstonhall.org.uk



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