

Partnership Newsletter

December 2022

Welcome to our December Partnership newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their hard work and dedication over this busy autumn term, including all our staff, partnered schools and Universities. The singing of Christmas carols throughout our Trust Schools is just one reason to remind us of the value of 'shared' times during this festive period.

Our devoted Trainee Teachers and Early Career Teachers working on the EHLT training programmes have completed the autumn term with huge successes – well done to each and every one of them!

With Christmas nearly upon us, I would like to wish you all a happy, restful and festive holiday and hope that you get to share this special time with those nearest and dearest to you.

See you all in the New Year!

Rebecca Wood – Headteacher of Partnerships for Learning.



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Dates for the diary:

- **'Train to Teach'** spring event – 20.3.23 (9:00am – 11:30am) (Venue TBC)

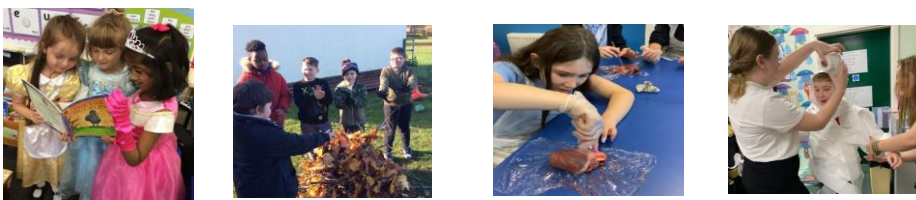


EHLT School Updates

It's been a busy term for our Elston Hall Learning Trust schools – all children have fully embraced the Topics they have been learning about through the Dimensions curriculum. The many themed days and experiential learning opportunities which have taken our children into a language-rich world, have inspired and enthused imaginations in all areas!

Our children are bursting with excitement to know what Topics are coming their way next term!

Take a look on the schools' websites and Twitter feeds for updates of our children loving their learning!



Are you keeping updated via our Twitter feed on the progress of our EHLT ECT and ITT programmes?

The ECTs and ITTs have been working extremely hard and have achieved so much during this autumn term. They have engaged so well within their programme Modules whilst demonstrating such commitment to their children and teams. Huge congratulations to them all!

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



The Digital Learning Programme has had a busy half-term working directly with schools in the Trust as well as reaching out wider to schools and a variety of industry partners.

We were delighted to host Smart Technologies for Trust training. The Trust EdTech Leads from all schools came together in the new (very delightful!) training room at Elston Hall to find out how they can make further use of the software already available, to explore further opportunities and to discuss the future both within Smart and within each school.

The Digital Learning Programme were asked to meet directly with the DfE on the 9th of November to discuss a self-review framework created by the DfE, that may provide direct support to schools in the future.

On the 17th November the Digital Learning Programme represented the Trust at the EdTech Summit held at Birmingham where networking with other schools and industry partners took place.

Having worked closely with us for 3 years, the Digital Learning Programme proudly showcased Yew Tree Primary School, Sandwell to colleagues from Taipei. This took place on 23rd November and was supported by the company View Sonic who are eager to share strong leadership of EdTech across a wider audience.

On Friday the 2nd of December the Digital Learning Programme team were invited to Microsoft Headquarters in Reading, to present to the UK Showcase and Incubator Schools as part of the UK Microsoft Summit. The presentation shared the journey of moving from one device to having one-to-one device usage within a school. The demand for the presentation was so high that the team ended up presenting it three times to different breakout groups.

On Monday the 5th of December the Digital Learning Programme team were asked by Microsoft, in partnership with Tablet Academy, to present at Charlton secondary school in Shropshire. The focus of this presentation was to share the benefits of becoming a Microsoft Showcase school, the journey to becoming a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE) and also how to start the journey by becoming a Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE). This presentation was warmly received with several primary schools asking for further details about how they can access our support.

On Tuesday the 6th December the Digital Learning Programme was asked to be part of a keynote presentation at the Westminster Education Forum. The focus of the discussion was to discuss the next steps for EdTech in England. Lord Vaizey of Didcot, Khalid Mahmood MP and Bridie Tooher, Deputy Director, Digital Strategy for Education, Department for Education were also present and shared their thoughts on the topic.

EHLT maintains a Microsoft Showcase school as Pheasey has been awarded the status for a second year.

Message from the CE

I always enjoy reading this Partnership Newsletter, not simply to hear about the many meetings and presentations our leaders are involved in but as a reminder of the training that continues across the Trust. Our schools are often 'home' to visiting students, Early Career Teachers and experienced leaders engaged in teaching and learning development; during busy weeks it is easy to miss but the enthusiasm these folks bring to The Trust and their profession is simply excellent.

Whatever the training content I am proud of the commitment the trainees and leaders bring to the conversations and activities we plan, especially as the national agenda can shift and change. We look forward to continuing sharing our programmes in the New Year.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Kevin Grayson – Chief Executive

Thinking about Teaching or looking for a career change?

There are different routes available to you, so why not come and chat to us about our School Direct 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!

Our 1 year, full time course will prepare you for the most rewarding career in the teaching profession. Come to our next 'Train to Teach' open morning –

Monday 20th March – 9:00am until 11am

For further information and to book a place at this event please email: rwood@ehlt.org.uk

Have you accessed the 'get into Teaching' website where the DfE share some helpful steps to support ITT to explore further information on Teacher training and the courses out there...

Have a look - [Steps to become a teacher | Get Into Teaching GOV.UK \(education.gov.uk\)](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/steps-to-become-a-teacher)
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Don't just take our word for it, here is what one of our current Trainee Teacher's has to say –

My experience as a trainee within the Elston Hall Learning Trust

"Since joining Elston Hall Learning Trust, I have felt fully supported from the very beginning of my teacher training. My class teacher and mentor have presented me with many opportunities to progress my teaching experience and have always offered me advice and encouragement to achieve my targets. The Trust have also provided a number of invaluable training conferences that have allowed me to further develop the skills I have gained in the classroom so far and observe experienced teachers from across the Trust. Within a few weeks of my first placement, I have felt completely part of the staff at Elston Hall and my colleagues have been incredibly supportive during my initial teacher training."

Emiley James – Year 1 School Direct Trainee, Elston Hall Primary School



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