

# Partnership Newsletter

March 2023

## Welcome to our Spring term Partnership newsletter.

Well those tiny buds are starting to blossom – thank goodness after the snow spell we recently had, this can only mean one thing – spring is finally here! We love the springtime in schools, the brighter mornings are welcomed and children being able to enjoy warmer outdoor learning opportunities is all we all wish for, particularly after the colder conditions we have been faced with.

It has been a busy term in schools and whilst we welcome the Easter holidays, we do also owe a very warm welcome to Tipton Green Junior School who joined to become part of EHLT on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Whilst we have worked closely with Tipton Green for some time, it is wonderful to welcome them officially to the Trust.

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.

## School Website Facelift

### Have you seen our new school website?

Pheasey Park Farm is the first school out of the Trust to have their School Website developed. This exciting facelift of our school websites uses advanced technology and software to show case and advertise key updates to our school communities and beyond. These new websites are incredibly easy to use and bursting with education specific functionality. This means our websites are not only designed to impress, but will enable our schools to continually engage and interact with our communities quickly and easily.

EHLT knows the value of ‘solid communication’ and as we continue to review and develop this area, we know that all parties linked to these sites will welcome these changes made.

We have been working closely with Squirrel Learning, over the last few months to develop these sites further and we are so pleased with the outcome from the recent launch of Pheasey Park Farm’s site.

Watch this space as we work on the development of all our Trust school’s websites ...

Why not take a look at Pheasey Park Farm’s new website –

[www.pheaseyparkfarmprimary.co.uk](http://www.pheaseyparkfarmprimary.co.uk)



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## Dates for the diary: Digital Learning Technologies

- **9th April** - Making the most out of Microsoft Word
- **3rd May** - Helping school identify an EdTech starting point
- **24th May** - Are you making the most out of Microsoft Powerpoint?
- **6th June** at Kingswood - Teaching and Learning with EdTech across the curriculum
- **14th June** - Helping school identify an EdTech starting point
- **5th July** - EdTech Leadership Programme - Cohort 1 Final Day
- **4th July** - Helping school identify an EdTech starting point

The Learning Development Pathways programmes have had a busy term working directly with Trust schools as well as reaching out wider to schools from across the city.

The numerous guest speakers which have hosted at the ECT and ITT conferences this term, have all contributed towards the excellent progress that our Trainees/Early Teachers are demonstrating. Sharing best practice is one of the important elements we apply in all of our programmes to make each and every Teacher shine.

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



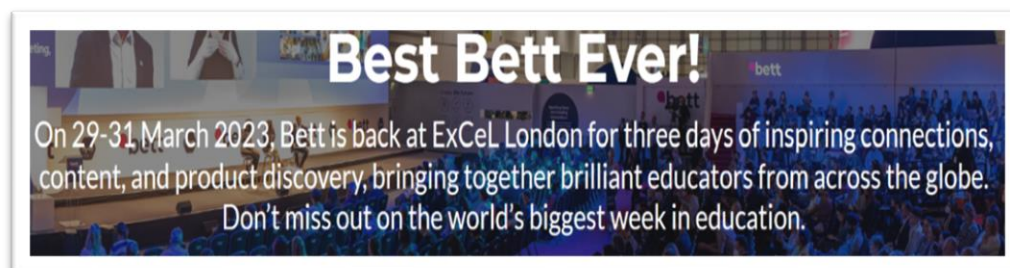
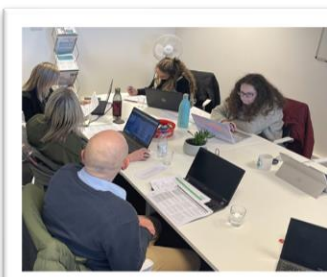
The Trust EdTech team have been working hard to develop their own expertise in order to disseminate to colleagues across the Trust schools. We have focussed on Lumio, with Smart Technologies and also Microsoft Minecraft Education. It will be exciting to see how these tools further support our children with their learning.

The EdTech Leadership Programme is well and truly underway. A number of our own schools, as well as schools outside of the Trust working, have been working together to increase their knowledge and deepen their understanding of implementing an EdTech strategy and managing EdTech across a school. The Trust's EdTech consultants will continue to visit each school throughout the Spring term to deliver bespoke support.

Sarah Morgan will be working on behalf of Naace to deliver professional development for ECTs at the Edge Hill University ECT conference on 26th April. The focus of the presentation is the inclusive classroom and how EdTech can support with this.

The main event in the EdTech world is BETT – which is due to take place in London at the end of March. Sarah Morgan has been asked to present to two different audiences where she will be able to represent our Trust and offer support to other schools.

Finally, Pheasey Park Farm will be hosting a Microsoft Showcase morning during March inviting schools outside the Trust an opportunity to visit a Showcase school. This is in response to several request from schools this term.



## Message from the CEO

As I read this Newsletter, I quickly notice how much has been achieved this term. Of course, one of the most important developments is the academisation of Tipton Green Junior School – we very much welcome them to our family of schools.

Traditionally the Spring Term is the one where we can push ahead with our learning as there are less disruptions. This year has been no different and as staff begin to analyse progress and plan for the summer we know this year we will face a full raft of statutory assessments for four of our year groups. The summer term also promises to include lots of other activities where children from The Trust can come together and collaborate in many different ways including some of our residential visits. I am sure also the Coronation will find a place for celebration.

Working together across our Trust is of course the most important part of our philosophy – this was supported in February when all our teaching staff came together to consider key aspects of our vision, but also to moderate our judgements from year groups in our different schools. Whatever else we share we will always ensure our main purpose is for children to achieve the maximum of their potential.

We look forward to keeping you up to date with our events and progress as our new websites begin to be introduced across our schools. **Kevin Grayson – Chief Executive**

## Thinking about Teaching or looking for a career change?

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

*"It has been an experience I will never forget. From day one the trust has been, and continues to be so supportive, not only with academia but personal circumstances too. The process between placements has been seamless, with all placements arranged within a timely manner in wonderful schools. The teachers are knowledgeable and make every lesson look effortless and are willing to share strategies and ideas to support you within the classroom. My mentors knew how to progress me within my career and made it achievable within the targets set.*

*The additional ITT training that is provided through the trust is beneficial to build upon your own knowledge and skills and is on a more personal level with other students from the trust, instead of large lectures, allowing you to talk freely and ask as many questions as you would like. I would recommend Elston Hall Learning Trust to anyone who wishes to become a teacher, you will not be disappointed with the support and guidance given throughout your journey."*



**Sophie Hyde, ITT, Goldthorn Park Primary School, 2023.**



## Welcome to Tipton Green Junior School

We are delighted to share the news of Tipton Green Junior School joining the Elston Hall Learning Trust, as they converted on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The Trust have been working in partnership before the conversion, so we are excited to strengthen these partnerships as they join officially. We warmly welcome the Headteacher Mr Rowe, all of the staff and pupils from the school.

This is a cause for celebration for all schools within our Trust and as EHLT continues to grow, the positive impact of collaboration becomes even more apparent as we all benefit from sharing best practice, resources and stronger partnerships.



## Trust Governance Evening

Leaders, Trustees and Governors from across all six Trust schools joined together to share an informative evening at the Molineux last month. Key information and updates on school and Trust related themes were shared and explored. It was wonderful for those who attended to be part of a conference where excellent practice was shared and explored further.



### Are you interested in becoming a Trustee?

We are in the process of expanding our Trustee Board and would welcome anyone who feels that they could add value to our existing Board of professionals to please get in touch. For further information of what this role entails, please contact Sarah Mallon - [enquiries@ehlt.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ehlt.org.uk)



## EHLT MAT Open Morning

Elston Hall Learning Trust were proud to serve at the recent 'Academisation & Information Event' which was hosted by Services for Schools at the Molineux, a few weeks ago. As we are a child-centered Learning Trust, it was only appropriate to use the voices of our pupils to represent what we do.

The children who were chosen from four of our Trust schools who attended this open event represented the Trust extremely well. They all demonstrated such enthusiasm and pride during their interactions and discussions with the professionals who visited the EHLT exhibition stand.

It was a proud moment for all associated within our Trust to see our children being professional and showing such devotion.



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