

Newsletter



ONE Trust, One Vision, Ambition for All

A message from the CEO

We are close to completing our full first year as the ONE (Owl North East) Trust and what a full-packed year it has been. For Trustees, Governors and Staff there has been a tremendous amount of work undertaken to set up our systems and processes to help the smooth running and efficiency of our MAT going forwards. This work continues as we strive to keep strengthening the work of the Trust and its 8 academies. Thank you, once again, to everyone for your continued engagement and feedback.



It has been an absolute pleasure to visit each of the school's Christmas performances this year, and to listen to the children's wonderful singing and narration. I look forward to joining more of your special events in future.

The ONE Trust Board of Trustees and I will be visiting schools more widely in the next few terms to get to know more about each school community. We want to find out more about how we can support schools further and look forward to talking to the local governors, staff and pupils. Feedback from parents is very important and always appreciated so please visit our ONE Trust website at www.onetrustacademies.org.uk should you wish to get in touch.

Have a wonderful festive break and I look forward to updating you further with our Trust development work and opportunities in the New Year!

Julie Stuart
Chief Executive Officer, ONE Trust



Christmas Gifts - Courtesy of Westerhope Golf Course

We would like to say a special thank you to Westerhope Golf Club for their very kind and generous gifts for some of our ONE Trust pupils.

We can't thank the members enough for bringing a smile to the faces of those children who need it the most.



Please can you pass on our sincere gratitude for the wonderful gifts donated by the Westerhope Golf Club today!

The children and families will be so grateful for the generosity and thought. I am personally so thankful that they have been able to support the local community in this way.



Mrs L Thompson
Simonside Primary School

I would just like to pass on my sincere thanks to Westerhope Golf Club for their generous donations for the children from West Denton Primary School.

Wow - it is so heartwarming to see the Christmas spirit shining through, giving our children these amazing gifts. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Miss R Croll
West Denton Primary School



I would like to express a huge thank you to the staff and patrons of Westerhope Golf Club for their extremely kind donations of Christmas gifts. These gifts will be very much appreciated by the families we share them with at what can be a challenging time of the year.

Thank you!

Mrs S Richardson
Milecastle Primary School



Opportunities for our pupils

Harnessing Technology and Online Safety

Each term, the computing leaders at our schools meet to ensure we have a collaborative approach towards computing across our Trust. This includes organising various pupil events, incorporating computing training for staff, and sharing our expertise and resources. In the spring term, children across our schools will get the opportunity to take part in a programming event using Spheros and we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day together in February.

Here at the ONE Trust we understand the importance of online safety across our schools and therefore we host a termly online safety network group. We ensure that all of our schools offer the most robust approach towards all aspects of online safety, which includes the online safety curriculum, filtering and monitoring, and parental engagement.

Sports Competitions

We have held two sporting events this term and have been so impressed by the participation of all of our schools.

The first event was a Year 3 and 4 dodgeball tournament, and the second was a Year 1 and 2 multi-skills event. The winners for both these events were Knop Law Primary who scooped up the medals and winner trophy. Well done to all the children who took part and for the staff who accompanied them.

The staff were so impressed by the sportsmanship and quality of skills displayed by all of the children who took part. It is wonderful to get all of the children together in competitive sporting games and we are very much looking forward to the Year 5 and 6 Basketball tournament next term.



Investing in our Staff

Staff Training & Curriculum Development

Here at the ONE Trust, we are always thinking of ways in which we can make pupils learning more fun, exciting and ensuring that can show they know and remember more. I updated you in the summer to say that all of our schools and the staff were being trained on an approach called Pupil Book Study. This helps leaders to check the quality of the curriculum and teaching and learning by finding out what the children have to say about their lessons and what they can remember about their learning.

The feedback following this term's training has already been very positive in terms of staff enthusiasm and engagement. I look forward to visiting the schools and talking to the pupils to find out more about the impact on their learning.

Head Teachers as Learners

Peer review is a process that can be used to support head teachers and improve teaching and learning in schools and can be a really important part of collaborative working in a multi-academy trust.

ONE Trust Head Teacher Peer Review has begun this term with Head Teachers working in triads to visit one another's schools and conducting learning walks. The Head Teachers have really enjoyed the opportunity to visit other schools, helping leaders on their priority areas and, in turn, bringing ideas and learning back to their own schools.

Would you like to become a Local Governor?

The Trust is always looking for passionate and committed individuals who have the time and interest in helping support our schools in their ongoing development work, in line with the schools and Trust vision and values.

Individual Local Governing Bodies will have their own Parent Governor elections, however, some of our schools are looking for Co-opted Governor appointments. If you are interested in finding out more about being a Local Governor at one of the ONE Trust schools then please pass your name and contact details to your school office or get in touch via our website at www.onetrustacademies.org.uk.

Goodbye and Thank You to Mick MingStones

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mick MingStones, current Head Teacher at West Denton Primary. Mick has been at the school for over 14 years and has taken them through four successful Ofsted inspections as well as bringing his passion for the outdoors as an integral part of the school's curriculum offer. We wish him all the best in his new venture, 'Thriveinlife.uk', aiming to support young people therapeutically to thrive outdoors.

Following an in-depth and intensive recruitment process, a new Head Teacher has been appointed at West Denton, Gavin Johnston, who will take up his duties in the summer term of this academic year. Until this time, Rachael Croll, the current Deputy Head Teacher will act up as Head Teacher.



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