

Newsletter



ONE Trust, One Vision, Ambition for All

A message from the CEO

As we come to the end of our first academic year as a new multi-academy trust, I have been reflecting on how much we have achieved in such a short amount of time since our conversion in January. There has been such a lot of learning for us all through these first few terms of set-up, as we entered into unknown territory and to try to ensure we had the necessary systems, processes, procedures and policies in place for our future work together. This has been no mean feat and I would like to thank the Head Teachers, local governors and all the staff for their work, understanding and resilience through what has been a challenging few months in this change process.



We end this academic year with a new Labour government and a new Secretary of State for Education pledging to drive change and build a fairer society that delivers the best life chances for every child. They aim to achieve this by expanding the Early Years education system, recruiting new expert teachers and providing support for children with SEND and their families.

In an ever-changing educational landscape, I truly believe that our venture into the new ONE Trust as a strong and supportive family of schools has been the right decision for us all. We are moving into the next academic year and beyond with much more information and clarity on our school priorities and development planning. We will continue to share our work and exciting events with our whole school communities. I hope that these termly newsletters provide you with a snapshot of the ONE Trust work along with our new website at www.onetrustacademies.org.uk. We value your feedback so please feel free to get in touch via our contact page.

I hope you all have a lovely summer!

Julie Stuart
Chief Executive Officer, ONE Trust



Opportunities for our Pupils

Programming Event



Earlier in July, Year 5 and 6 children from our schools took part in a programming event at Knop Law Primary School, in conjunction with Royal Grammar School. All of the schools involved attended two computing sessions with Dr Steve Bunce (RGS) to learn how to program a floor robot called a Sphero. The children were then challenged to create a large programming mat linking to a country and event from the upcoming Olympics. Each school sent 10 children along to Knop Law to show off their hard work and showcase their new skills. All of the children had a great time taking part in the challenges on each school's handmade mats.

A special thank you to Knop Law Primary for hosting and Dr Steve Bunce from RGS for running the event.

Sports Competitions

This term, the Trust has held two more sporting competitions where our schools have come together for some friendly and fun competitive activities based around their P.E. curriculum offer. The pupils evidenced their skill levels, team work, and most importantly, we had lots of smiling faces!

For the Years 1 and 2 Multi Skills event, Waverley Primary School were the winners and in the Years 5 and 6 Basketball Competition, Throckley Primary School secured the trophy. A huge well done to all of the children who participated and thank you to Jessica Cowling for organising these activities.

WAVERLEY Y1/2 - MULTI SKILLS



THROCKLEY Y5/6 - BASKETBALL



Maths Competition

Earlier this term, eight teams of Year 5 pupils from schools across the trust gathered for the first ONE Trust Maths competition, organised by Katherine Thorpe. The children's knowledge and team working skills were put to the test in a series of general mathematics questions covering the full range of the curriculum. When the final scores were calculated, it was very close with just 4 points between 2nd and 5th place! Well done to Simonside's 'Maths Wizards' team for coming in 3rd place, just one point behind Throckley 'Blue' team in 2nd, and congratulations to Throckley 'Green' team for taking 1st place.



Year 6 Careers Event



In June, we had our Year 6 Careers fair, sponsored by Vision Education and hosted by Westerhope Primary, which was a roaring success.

Thirty stall holders made up of businesses, entrepreneurs, colleges and universities attended and spoke to 350 Year 6 children from all eight schools in the ONE Trust. The children had the opportunity to find out what could be possible in the world of work and were introduced to careers and possibilities they had never heard of.

All of the exhibitors gave up their time to inspire the next generation and ONE Trust are incredibly grateful for their support. We hope to continue with the fair next year with an even wider range of exhibitors. A special thank you to Sarah Russell and Patrick McDonald for organising this fantastic event.



Investing in our People

Pupil Book Study Training

As a Trust, we are committed to further improving outcomes for children across all of our schools; this means that continuous professional learning is essential and at the heart of our practice. As we move towards ONE shared vision, we are looking for opportunities to further collaborate as a group of schools and strive towards a shared pedagogy, underpinned by research, with learners at the centre.

This half term, staff from across the Trust were thrilled to attend training led by Alex Bedford - creator and author of the highly acclaimed Pupil Book Study series. Following the Pupil Book Study approach as a group of schools will allow us to quality assure our curriculums and make further refinements to both structure and facilitation. Staff left the training highly enthused and motivated and we'd like to thank Alex for sharing his wealth of wisdom with the wider team. This was our first shared training session as a Trust and we look forward to implementing Pupil Book Study in the autumn.



Network Groups

The ONE Trust have continued to strengthen their staff networks and training across the year, with a revised focus on our Trust priorities and to ensure that we are sharing best practice and training that has a direct impact on our workforce development and outcomes for all our children. I would like to thank all of the staff for their engagement and participation in these groups.

We are very excited to introduce new networks which will further aim to raise standards across all of our schools. From September, our staff network groups will cover the following areas:

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)	Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE)	Harnessing Technology
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)	Pedagogic Development	Online Safety
Maths	Key Stage 1 Moderation	Attendance
Physical Education (PE)	Key Stage 2 Moderation	Mental Wellbeing

As you can see, ONE Trust are committed to continued professional learning for the benefit of all, helping us to realise our vision:

‘To build a shared learning community in which children, young people, staff and parents discover their talents, realise their potential, and develop a passion for learning that endures throughout their lives.’