

Co-operative Trust Update for the Autumn Term 2015

Our work with the Co-operative trust continues at pace, with meetings for assessment leads looking at assessment without levels, Literacy leads looking at writing and EYFS looking at the new assessment arrangements in early years. In addition a writing PDDay for all trust schools was held on the 25th September. This PDDay was designed specifically to meet the needs of EYFS/KS1, this was led by Andy Taylor, whilst the KS2 day was led by Val Raynor. Teacher/TA feedback was very positive regarding both trainers and their input. Jamie Kilner continues to work with all schools in the trust and has agreed to act as the trust Improvement Partner holding all schools to account and reporting back to the Trust Board.

On the 16th September the Co-operative Trust celebrated its first birthday with a collaborative event in the Town Hall. Parents/carers, Governors, stakeholders and interested parties were all invited to the event. This was very well attended and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Each school presented a performance of either dance, drama, or music, with a finale where all the children sang “Believe” before the cutting of the birthday cake!

Following a visit to Archibald Primary School, Mrs Nelson and I have been looking at the use of Partners in excellence (PixL) as a method of increasing outcomes in Year 6. PixL provides Associate Support, where each partner school has an attached associate who visits school five times a year, and following assessment meetings, helps to implement the theory of PixL in their setting. These associates are experienced and successful in the application of PixL principles and are partners with the school in raising achievement. Teachers/ TA's are supported through an online resource bank and much more. Evidence shows that PixL schools have increased outcomes at the end of year 6 through the use of these resources, a tailored approach to individual need, and intensive support. Having met with Mrs Norma Newell the Middlesbrough associate we hope to begin this strategy in January.