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THE SEE VIEW

TRUST NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Spring term edition of our newsletter "THE SEE VIEW."



As we approach the end of a very busy and equally short term I would like to share some of the successes and new beginnings we have ahead of us as part of the Sea View Trust Family of Schools.

We have passed the midpoint of our Trust Year of Support and the Central Team have been collecting the many good news examples of how schools and staff are supporting each other and our children and families. Successes include, but are not limited to:

- Exemplary in-reach practice between Park Community and Devonshire Primary Academy supporting pupils with complex SEND needs;
- Community Based Learning Projects which are becoming a key driver for the curriculum for Valley College;
- The effective Early Years Enhancement offer at Revoe Learning Academy supporting some of our youngest and most vulnerable children;
- Parent Assessment Workshops at Tor View to help parents to understand the small steps approach;
- Mental Health sessions for parents/ carers and families at Anchorsholme Academy.

Our Learner Voice group are considering Trust sustainability and support for our World.

At Trust level we are supporting staff through active engagement with key groups: Safeguarding, Well-being. Learner Voice, Deputy and Assistant Headteachers, Headteacher Board; SENCo, Able and Talented to better understand what is needed to support staff and enable school improvement.

The Trust's implementation of Incremental Coaching has been very positively received but as ever there is room for improvement and we will be making minor tweaks in accordance with Leaders' feedback.

We have also extended the Behaviour Hub support work with a number of key Trust personnel supporting Blackpool's Priority Education Investment Area (PEIA) Projects. Our SEND Review Offer is widely acclaimed and it is clear that this support has directly supported more than one school in improving their Ofsted grading.

We have had a number of key successes across the Trust with our Embrace Teaching School Hub reaccreditation for the next 4 years, confirmation of Embrace SCITT's readiness to deliver and most recently our applications to open both a medical Alternative Provision free school and SEMH free school in Blackpool.



Wishing everyone a restful break.
Angela

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CENTRAL TEAM UPDATES

Two New Free Schools!

The Sea View Trust is absolutely delighted to announce that we have been successful in our bids to open two new free schools in Blackpool.

In both bids, the Trust were engaged in a rigorous application and interview process.

Blackpool Medical Alternative Provision Free School
This was a joint application with Blackpool Council and we are confident that together, we will improve the lives of children and young people in Blackpool with medical needs.

The new AP free school will cater for 48 learners aged 7-16.

The school will support vulnerable young people who require specialist approaches to meet their varied medical needs. The Trust is committed to working with all stakeholders to secure an amazing education provision which will complement the existing specialist school landscape in Blackpool.

It is a great honour for the Sea View Trust to be recognised as having the skills and expertise to provide this much needed school. It is anticipated that the school will provide a range of wider services for the Blackpool community.

Blackpool SEMH Free School
This week, the DfE announced the list of new special free schools stating they are committed to "only appointing the strongest trusts to run new free schools, whose applications show that their proposed school will provide the best outcomes for the children attending".

The new SEMH free school will cater for 56 learners aged 7-16.

Blackpool council's original specification stated "This new school will see an improvement in standards and outcomes for children with SEMH in meeting the needs of children with the most significant and complex needs. It will fit well within the local strategy for high needs provision and Blackpool's local education offer. It is also important for children to access local provision reducing the need for long distance travel. Where children require a therapeutic environment, it is best met within a school that is custom-built and well planned to ensure that needs can be met."

We believe this project will complement our existing special needs provision.

Next steps
We hope to work with stakeholders to identify a suitable name for both new provisions which will capture the individual vision and values of the new schools.
The Trust will work with the DfE and Blackpool Council in securing a site for both schools and agreeing an opening date, which is not likely to be until September 2026.



CENTRAL TEAM UPDATES

Additional Inset Day - Friday 18th October 2024

The Trust has listened to staff feedback, both from staff surveys and from individual Headteachers, about lack of time for staff to undertake essential and statutory training. As a result of this, an additional Inset day has been added into the Trust calendar from the academic year 2024-25.

This year it will be on Friday 18th October, just before the half term break.

Further details about the format of the day will follow.



Embrace SCITT

Embrace Teaching School Hub

Congratulations!

Embrace Teaching School Hub has been re-designated for a further 4 years to August 2028.

Embrace SCITT has successfully completed its readiness to deliver checks.

Work Experience

Louise Taylor, the Trust's Careers Advisor, is currently arranging for some work experience for two learners from Tor View, during the building project at the Trust HQ. Rosslee Construction are arranging for risk assessments and insurances to be put in place, and we look forward to seeing the learners in action!

ROSSLEE CONSTRUCTION

THE TRUST YEAR OF SUPPORT

The Trust Wellbeing Group met on 7th March 2024 at Devonshire Primary Academy.

The group reflected on the coaching cycles and received feedback from each academy. They discussed The Year of Support and the benefits that had been seen from a Trust level and from individual academies. And they examined staff levels of absence.

Feedback from learners about their feeling of how they have found the SVT's year of support:



The findings were consistent across all settings which are highlighted here:

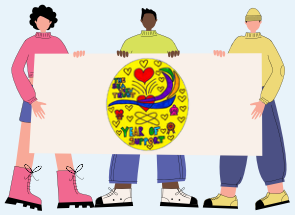
- We feel that we are being supported by staff and our friends
- Good relationships with staff and friends
- Learners feel confident to ask for help or support and feel that the staff in their settings know them well
- Staff are helpful
- We have lots of places to go and different people to speak to
- Teachers are there when you need them



The wellbeing group discussed staff attendance across the Trust and the proposal of the recognition of 100% staff attendance. Their feedback has now been passed back to the Trust.

The group looked at high level absence data across the Trust from the period 1st September 2023 to 28th February 2024.

PUPIL VOICE GROUP



The Sea View Trust Pupil Voice group met at Park Community Academy on 8th February 2024.

Katrina Brockbank from Embrace TSH attended to give the learners an overview of what Net Zero means. They discussed the issues of climate change, and the importance of the Trust becoming a sustainable community. Katrina shared an example of another trust's ECO pledge which followed the DfE's sustainability strategy with the aim of being Net Zero by 2030, tackling climate change and becoming 'greener'.



The group discussed what they believe an Environmental Champion looks like:

- Somebody who can tell others about the environment
- Somebody who checks recycling
- Somebody who has a good knowledge of environmental issues and can share them with his or her peers.
- A mini teacher who shares good choices
- Somebody who drives projects to improve
- Somebody who informs which bins to use

Each setting then listed all of the things they each currently do well to support an eco-friendly sustainable environment.

ANCHORSHOLME ACADEMY



Elmer Project – Like many schools we have been involved in the Trinity Hospice Elmer Fundraising project. We decided to cover ours with photos celebrating the diverse population of our school. Thus far we have raised over £1000. In March we are staging a charity concert which will included performances from local celebrities, some of our very talented staff and some equally talented ex-pupils to help raise further funds. It is hoped this event with raise a further £1,000.

Staggering sporting success – 2024 has brought a great deal of sporting success to our school, both on an individual and team basis. Highlights include, three of our children being chosen to play for regional squads in football. Boys football team are Blackpool champions and our girls finished runners up in the Blackpool Championships. Our SEND 10 pin bowling team won the North Blackpool event, and finished 3rd overall in the North of England finals. Our Athletics team won the Blackpool North heat and the regional final and qualified for the Lancashire final finishing 6th out of the 15 best teams in Lancashire. Our Dancers are the current Lancashire champions.







Incredible Performances – Our children continue to perform at the highest level in a range of performing arts. A group of our Year 6 children took part in Chinese New Year celebration in Lancaster City centre. Children from Years 3 to 6 took part in Schools Alive and presented a stunning performance of highlights from the musical Wicked. In March our Choir will take part in the heat of the Lancashire Last Choir Competition and Blackpool Choir of the Year Competition as well as preparing for a major charity event in April. Our dancers are also due to compete in the Blackpool Schools Championship in March





Congratulations to Caroline Lang who has secured the post of Headteacher at Longsands Primary School Preston.



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DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

PLAYtastic! Our new Trim Trail area is now complete and we are absolutely over the moon with how it looks! Everyone has had the opportunity to play on and explore the new equipment and their feedback has been excellent! It's been lovely to see so many happy and excited faces every day! A special thank you to our School Council, who did an amazing job of helping to choose the overall design of the area. Our new trim trail has many new features giving our pupils a range of active play opportunities which they can explore and challenge themselves.



Our Choir took part in 'Schools Alive' Festival this term at Blackpool Winter Gardens. The Choir had an amazing night, performing beautifully and making everybody so incredibly proud! An amazing experience and a NOTE-worthy performance!





Preschool started their new 'Talk for Writing' story, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. Already, the children have been remembering and using specific story vocabulary in the correct contexts such as 'suddenly' and 'appeared.' The children have been tracing and writing their names. In pre-reading sessions, they have been reading images left to right and remembering the missing pictures.

GOAL for it! This term, we introduced a new after school sport, Goal Ball! Goal Ball is a team sport designed specifically for athletes with a vision impairment. Participants compete in teams of three and throw a ball that has a bell inside. Our children are enjoying the new sport and getting to grips with the rules.



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PARK COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Best Behaviour! This term Hayley Gardiner and Ben Whittaker have undertaken 3 Behaviour Audits as part of the Behaviour Hub work across the Trust. This has involved auditing 2 Blackpool Primaries and 1 Blackpool Secondary and supporting the schools in developing an action plan. The feedback from all 3 schools has been extremely positive with one CEO describing them as *"A brilliant team of insightful behaviour experts!."*

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Good Practice Spotlight Our reception teacher recently attended training on Attention Autism and has introduced this in the reception class to deliver the curriculum in a way that is accessible and inclusive for all pupils. Attention Autism is a SALT intervention, which aims to work on the early fundamentals of language including awareness of others, attention, listening, shared attention, switching attention and turn-taking. This is vital for our youngest pupils who are developing these critical behaviours for learning.

Before the introduction of Attention Autism, pupils struggled to engage in traditional adult-led circle times which created a barrier to learning. However, Attention Autism has removed this barrier and the progress in attention and listening skills made by pupils in a short amount of time is fantastic.

Community Engagement We are proud to have signed up to join the 'herd' in the Blackpool Elmer Parade 2024, raising money for Brian House Children's Hospice. With a total of £850 to raise we have planned three key events to ensure we meet this target! Our non-uniform day raised £260. Staff and pupils were encouraged to wear bright colours like Elmer to launch the event. The story for our Elmer is that he wants to be an 'ECO Elmer' however does not have a uniform. The pupils were keen to get onboard, designing him a sustainability themed cape.

We had some fabulous designs and the winning design combined three pupil entries- it was very hard to choose! In February we had an Elmer coffee morning for families with games, sweet treats and raffles. The final Elmer event will be a whole school fashion show where pupils will celebrate their individuality. Our Elmer will then proudly stand amongst the herd in Blackpool as part of the 'Wild in Art' Art trail.

REVOE LEARNING ACADEMY

Story Raid Visit

RLA was successful in bidding for a Story Raid visit by 4 brilliant story tellers and oral performers. During National Storytelling Week, these tellers, including Dominic, an ex Revoe pupil, 'stormed' into all classes to tell short, compelling story extracts. The children and staff were truly inspired by the experience, resulting in Year 6 developing their own Story Raids and proudly performing them across RLA and at Anchorsholme Academy.



SEND Review - 6th February 2024

This review of RLA SEN Provision was carried out on behalf of Blackpool Council SEND Services.

This is an extract from the report received:

Reception Provision: The pupils in the reception provision are making excellent progress. The staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that they are providing the right support for their pupils. The room was calm, the pupils were sitting on chairs or the carpet and were engaged in their learning - a very different scenario to the one I observed in the autumn term.

The staff have learnt Makaton and the Speech and Language Therapist has supported the staff with the use of PECs – this is having a massive impact on supporting the communication needs of these pupils. 3 of the pupils go into the mainstream classrooms for 20 – 30 minutes each day. Each pupil has a personal time-table to meet their individual needs. It was a pleasure to be in the room – all the staff have done an amazing job.

Learning Garden: The Learning Garden was calm and all the pupils were engaged in their learning either working with an adult or independently. They were celebrating Chinese New Year and had made paper moving dragons which were excellent. The room was well set up and all adults were engaged with different pupils undertaking a number of different activities.

TOR VIEW SCHOOL

We welcomed the PCSO into our school to talk about weapons, particularly knives. A cross section of learners from Key Stage 3 and 4 attended this workshop and had the opportunity to ask questions about knives and the legalities surrounding them. All learners were very attentive throughout and were encouraged to reflect on how they are responsible for their own actions and what they can do if they need help.



Our Secondary Department have enjoyed taking part in World Book Day by focusing on the theme of Graphic Novels and Superheroes! The children in the Primary Department had a theme of animals.
All of the Secondary learners have taken part in a carousel of Graphic Novels/Superheroes themed activities around the department, showing everyone their fantastic costumes! Secondary learners also enjoyed experiencing 'Mrs. Hack's book swap shop' where they could swap a book, buy a book or simply choose a book to read and relax!



All of the Primary learners have taken part in a carousel of Animal themed activities around the department, showing everyone their fantastic costumes! Primary learners also enjoyed welcoming parents and carers into school to take part in some sensory reading activities!





Our Secondary department had a visit from ZooLab as part of our half termly experience days.
All of our learners had the opportunity to learn about, touch and hold a variety of animals including Hissing cockroaches, giant African land snails, a rainforest tree frog, a scorpion, a stick insect, a millipede and a snake!
Stassia, from ZooLab, told us some amazing facts about these wonderful creatures! What a fantastic experience!

As part of our continued focus on the importance of healthy eating as a Healthy School, we have welcomed parents into school to enjoy a school dinner with their children. We have had lots of positive feedback.





VALLEY COLLEGE

Learners in Valley College took part in their work induction for 'We Buy Bricks'. Brad Hacking, the Business Development Manager and Head of Projects visited college to induct learners on the systems and processes of working within his business. Learners found this interesting and are looking forward to starting this project. #careersuccess #WorkRelatedLearning #webuybricks



Valley College were invited to attend the Blackpool Information Day held at The Grand Hotel. This was an opportunity to promote the college in the Blackpool area. It was a wonderful day! We heard the Park Community Academy band play, spoke to various provisions and advocates. Pace 4 learners took the lead and were great representatives of the college.



In Community Engagement, PACE 3 planned and enjoyed a trip to Bury to choose and purchase gifts for Mother's Day. Learners chose the shops they wanted to visit and while we were there we had a demonstration from the lovely staff in Lush, who explained the ingredients of their bath bombs and what makes them fizz. #communityengagement



CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Return to Work workshops

Fully-funded for The Sea View Trust and across Lancashire thanks to Embrace Teaching School Hub

Colleagues returning from a period of maternity, adoption or shared parental leave this term can enjoy a fully-funded place on The MTPT Project's March or May Return to Work workshop. This 90 minute virtual workshop will inform you of your legal entitlements and the best practice you can expect from your school, as well as a powerful space to set boundaries and get your emotional and logistical ducks in a row before you go back.

"Funded Region" tickets are available on Eventbrite:
Monday 20th May, 09:30-11:00
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/774326279747?aff=oddtdtcreator

Group coaching for colleagues on parental leave

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Colleagues currently on a period of maternity, adoption or shared parental leave can enjoy a fully-funded place on the Spring cohort of The MTPT Project's group coaching programme. This three-month programme takes place online in small groups of 8-15 participants, and explores themes of change, identity, confidence and plans for the future.

"Funded Region" tickets are available on Eventbrite:
Summer Cohort – Friday 19th April
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/811721028447?aff=oddtdtcreator



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