

CLIC TRUST NEWSLETTER

Academic Year 2016/2017

Message from Dave Watson CEO/Executive Principal

It's been a year since we became a MAT. As the EP, I understand that change is not always easy, this is why our cooperative values are so important as they describe what is important to all of us.

An important part of the work we do is to ensure that by working together we can make the difference to children in our schools. This can be summed up in two questions:

- Are our children getting a better education because of our collaboration?
- Are children at the centre of everything we do?



These two questions will be at the forefront of all the work we do in 2017/2018 and beyond.

CLIC Trust Conference November 2016



What better way to start our first year as a Multi-Academy Trust than the first collaborative event. We held our first Trust Conference in November 2016 for all Teachers and TAs from across our schools.

The event, which was held at the Hough End Centre, focused on collaborative working and courage for change and was presented by Headteachers, the Executive Principal, the Chief Operations Officer and guest speaker Drew Povey, who is the Headteacher at Harrop Fold School in Worsley, Manchester (you may have seen him on Educating Greater Manchester running on Channel 4 at the moment!)

CLIC Music Event March 2017

We wanted our children to experience collaborative working first hand and so we organised a CLIC Music event at the Z-Arts Centre in Hulme in March 2017. This event gave the children a chance to perform representing their schools on a big stage and also work and perform together for a truly memorable evening.

The feedback we received from children, parents and schools was really positive and, as a result, we would like to make this joint celebration an annual event.

We welcome any ideas for the event in 2018; please share these with Clair Travis, Executive Assistant to the Trust at ctravis@clicmanchester.sch.uk.



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CLIC Schools' Council Meeting, April 2017

Some of our children got a chance to work together as schools councillors from each of the three schools. They shared ideas on the most popular aspects of school life and how they can be improved. It was good to see how confidently and openly children communicated.

School councillors reflected on behaviour management and the effectiveness of the reward systems that has been fed back to each of the schools. The event was planned to encourage Pupil Voice; to break down barriers and encourage children to talk openly with their peers and we look forward to the next joint Council Meeting planned for October 2017.

The joint Council agreed to collectively support one charity and it was decided that, this year, it will be Wood Street Mission, a charity which helps families in Manchester.

Please visit their website: www.woodstreetmission.org.uk



Enabling Enterprise at Old Moat , June 2017



Enabling Enterprise (EE) are a company currently working with Old Moat on project based work for children. In June, they visited Old Moat to set up the school as a crime scene! The aim was to bring together children from years 2-6 from all three schools to join in a large group activity.

Mrs Lamb (Headteacher) acted as the Chief Constable with members of the EE team acting as forensics. Children looked at clues, fingerprinting and worked together to try and find out who committed the crime.

The children had a picnic lunch, playtime on the field followed by an assembly to bring the mystery to a close and reveal the criminal! The children had a fantastic day and it was great to see them making friends from other schools.

To find out more on Enabling Enterprise and the work they do in schools, please visit their website: www.enablingenterprise.org

Learning Circles

An important focus for the Trust is finding opportunities for subject leaders from our schools to work together to share ideas on improving teaching. These 'Learning Circles' have been set up this year and have been working together on the teaching of Reading and Maths.

The Trust is exploring new technologies that will enable this joint practice development in the coming year.

Rolls Crescent welcome aboard!

We would like to officially welcome Rolls Crescent to the Trust as of 01 September 2017. It has been an exciting start to our Trust and Rolls Crescent joining us will be a great start to this next academic year and the next chapter.



Did you attend the CLIC Musical? What did you think?
Have you any ideas for future events?
Have you got any queries so far?

If so, we want to hear from you! Please contact Clair Travis, Executive Assistant to the Trust on 0161 881 1621 or cstravis@clicmanchester.com