



# Fierté Multi Academy Trust Newsletter

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**“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” Henry Ford (1863-1947)**

## Welcome!

A fresh start to the New Year beckoned with Dosthill Primary Academy converting on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018! Congratulations and many thanks for all the support and hard work by the Dosthill Team. As our shared journey has commenced, we collectively embrace the many strengths within our Trust, across all roles and within all school communities.

The Trust now consists of four schools, 1,350 pupils and 259 members of staff! Our whole Trust Inset started with a shared welcome breakfast and training day at Drayton Manor, for every member of staff. All were inspired by the guest speaker George Fouche. His insight into: teamwork, future success and unlocking each individual's potential were inspirational. The hands on approach to understanding principles of working as a team were both thought provoking and powerful. Staff locked arms to symbolise the unity and strength of being part of one organisation. In addition, all staff considered prohibitors to building teams as well as factors that make teams successful. George commented on the positive culture that is already being fostered within the Trust. A powerful, wider team in the making! Looking ahead, George is aiming to work across the Trust, meeting children and staff in individual school settings. He will also return for the September Inset; revisiting team work and hopefully, inspiring us all again!



**Opportunities for working across schools continues to flourish and have included:** joint Science Learning Walks, Moderation between Year 6 teaching staff and a shared training event hosted by Dosthill and led by Isabella Wallace about writing. Many ideas to hook and inspire our children as writers have

already been undertaken successfully.

The whole Trust 'Big Write,' based on the 'Snow Man' was a celebration of Raymond Briggs' contribution to childrens' literature; the standards in writing were excellent! The writing was used as a moderation exercise; a shared school improvement priority across the Trust. The next Big Write is linked to National Poetry Day in the Spring Term 2018.

## Trust Development!

The Fierté Trust has been identified by the Regional Commissioner, as one that may have a far reaching impact on education within the county. Having been selected, the Trust is taking place in a MAT Development Programme and will be mentored by the Spencer Trust, based in Derbyshire. In addition, the CEO is taking part in a regional forum, sharing and supporting best practice.

**The children of Tamworth and Burton remain at the heart of our Trust.** With more pupils within the Trust, concerns were raised how one mini bus can support so many. Consequently, the Trust has now purchased an additional mini-bus. These will be used for the children across the four schools. Pupils from the Leadership Teams will have the opportunity to visit exhibitions and a trip to a University is being planned for the Summer 2018. A Fierté Festival Week will bring children across the Trust together in a range of art, PE, dance and cooking experiences. All children now know the Trust song, 'Roar.' They also use the Trust prayer at the end of celebration assemblies.

**Curriculum Innovations in IT will be launched this term.** Each school within the Trust will have a full time apprentice, who will support staff in delivering IT within lessons, support the use of IT to enhance learning and widen the range of software used across the Trust to match the childrens' developing needs.



## Up and coming events:

- Spring Term moderation of writing and maths with subject leaders
- Final details of Fierté Festival week
- Tickets will be available to all staff for the Summer Ball

**Looking forward to our further success as a Team!**

