



C8 Annual Report 2016-2017 – Chatsworth Primary School

This is my final year as C8 co-ordinator. I have been C8 co-ordinator for Chatsworth for around 8 years. It has been a fantastic experience which has enabled me to gain an insight into how different schools work and how schools can collaborate to develop, inspire and enrich learning. Over the last eight years C8 has evolved along with the projects we initiate. I feel this evolution has what makes the groups so strong and enables us to keep making an impact throughout the eight schools. This year we have started a number of new initiatives including the ICT programming and debating competition. We have also adapted established projects such as maths and literacy ambassadors this year targeting different groups of children highlighted through literacy co-ordinators data analysis. Through good communication, organisation and shared purpose and vision we have ensured that all projects have had the greatest possible impact on the children's learning and our school development.

Current Initiatives/Activities

NQT Training

This year the C8 cluster continued to work with Middlesex University in order for NQT's to receive training as a cluster. In total, NQT's attend nine whole day sessions, each hosted at a different school. The content of training sessions was discussed and agreed by all 8 Cluster Head teachers. Feedback from the sessions has been positive as students feel the time is more focussed and personalised to their needs.

"I enjoyed how it allowed us to talk to others in the same boat. It also showed us practical uses to theory and theory to practice." Ben Worsley (NQT)

Shared Reading Programme

This was a great opportunity for children to work with others from another phase. Year 6 less confident readers were paired to read with Year 2 children who were struggling with their reading. Both groups really enjoyed the experience and their confidence grew. In addition to this focus group, whole classes in year 5 and 4 were paired with year 1 and 2. They shared their books twice a half term. They really enjoyed this experience and asked to share the stories they had written. This boosted their attitude towards reading and writing.

Maths Ambassador's Day

We are looking forward to the Maths Ambassadors Day Held at Hounslow Town this year, four able children selected from Year 5 will enjoy the challenge of working with other schools. It is a great opportunity for our gifted and talented mathematicians to mix with other able pupils and develop their skills.

Literacy Ambassadors Day

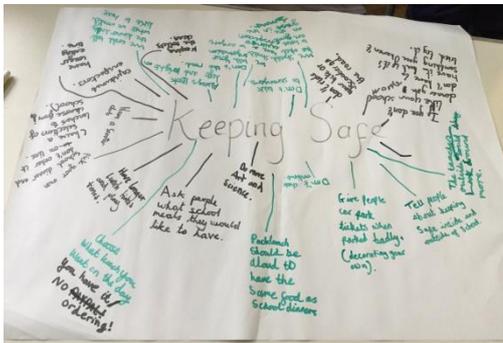
The session, hosted by Ivybridge, was once more set outside in their wonderful grounds. This year we targeted EAL children as this was identified as a need within the cluster. The session focussed on 'Horrid Henry' for Key stage 1 and 'Robin Hood' in Key stage 2. The stories were brought to life through campfires storytelling and re-enactments in the woods. Children were enthused by their outside experience and came back to school full of excitement about the stories they had focussed on.

"The C8 Literacy day was a superb, action- packed day which allowed children from various schools to work collaboratively. Together they sequenced stories, pulled out vocabulary acted out and most importantly were able to use what they learnt to good effect in their own stories."

Rhodri Pearce Literacy co-ordinator

School Council Conference

Once again Chatsworth was happy to host the School council conference. This year we focussed on 'Keeping Safe'. We were pleased to receive a visit from Ruth Cadbury our local MP who answered the children's question and shared her experiences being an MP. Each school confidently presented the projects they had



been working on at their schools. Schools shared ideas and projects they had worked on to improve the safety at their own schools. Some ideas included: hydration stations, scooter training and presentations by children about how to use equipment safely. The children all excelled themselves and went away with lots of ideas they could work on at their own schools.

Short Story Competition

The short story competition this year was inspired by a selection of artworks and pupils in Years 2, 4 and 6 entered. The art work stimulated great creative writing and the children were enthused by the competition. We were pleased to have two children awarded second prize for their fantastic writing Ayaan Sajid (year 6) and Amy Richardson (Year 2).

Pen Pals

The Pen Pal system continued this year across the C8 network. Year 2 children from Chatsworth were matched with Year 2 children at Alexandra Primary School and have already exchanged cards as well as letters. The children have loved getting to know their pen pals.

Junior Bake-Off Competition

The Junior bake off has been postponed until the Autumn term to ensure that there is time for the debating competition.

PASS Survey

The PASS Survey was completed by all children during the Autumn Term. The results highlighted a few vulnerable children and all relevant teachers were informed. There were some results that on closer inspection seemed to be inaccurate after speaking to the children. We believe this may be due to some ambiguity in the questions. In future we will ensure questions are read to children and they are given guidance on ambiguous questions. It is clear that throughout the year many children had grown significantly more confident and were much happier. We believe this is due to our pastoral support as well as the on-going support of their class teachers.