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Successful Classroom Practice: Session 1

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2022 is well under way and so are the courses we have on offer this year. **Successful Classroom Practice** has begun, with an encouraging and engaging first session led by Kate Roberts, whilst our **Middle Leader Programme** continues to give teachers across our alliance the opportunity to improve their leadership skills and practice. We have even held another round of interviews for next year's **Graduate Teaching Apprenticeship**, and are excited about what's to come, so read on to find out more about life at the **HTSA** this term.



FEEDBACK

We have hosted a variety of training sessions at the HTSA this term, and we are so pleased to hear that participants found each and every one of them hugely **valuable**. Take a look at some of the comments below to see which ones make us especially proud:

'Thank you! The sessions are going from strength to strength!'

(ECT)

'All of the support provided for early reading and assessing reading has been so useful!'

(ITT TAPP Session)

'Great session. Enjoyed it and found it engaging!'

(MLP)

'The engaging activities, practical examples and group discussions were so useful. Everything felt very relevant.'

(SCP)



Hackney Teaching & Schools' Alliance SUCCESSFUL CLASSROOM PRACTICE



Successful Classroom Practice is back with a bang and we are delighted to have been able to host our first day-long session in person at **Kingsmead Primary School**. Kate Roberts, Director at the **HTSA**, led the session and it is safe to say our participants had fun, learnt loads and gained valuable knowledge that will allow them to increase **engagement and enjoyment** in their classrooms. They participated in activities such as transporting oily jelly cubes with chopsticks from one container to another, building spaghetti houses to hold kinder eggs, and experimenting with liquid and absorbent materials; activities that are sure to keep students in the classroom entertained.

They have two more sessions and a final project to complete in order to finish the course. The last session will be led by Mark Burns, author of "**Teaching Backwards**", and is open to teachers from both primary and secondary schools, so get in touch if you would like to join! This will be taking place **14th June 2022**.



MIDDLE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Our **Middle Leadership Programme** continues to run at Stormont House School, and it is lovely to see the rapport that has been created between participants and trainers alike. With sessions regularly led by **Dez Veares** from Evolve Coaching and **Kate O'Shaughnessy** from the Institute of Education, our Middle Leaders are gaining the **knowledge, confidence and expertise** needed to thrive in their roles. They have completed five sessions so far and have focused on setting their teams up for success, developing strategies for change and choosing the right conversations, plus so much more. They are **half way through** the course, which means they have just five sessions left! These will continue to take place throughout the spring and summer terms at **Stormont House**.

INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING RECRUITMENT

Places for our **Initial Teacher Training Graduate Apprenticeship** are filling up quickly, with one candidate secured and five more about to be! We have had well over **100 applications**, which are continuing to fly in, so we are hoping to hold a fourth recruitment day after half term.

This means there is still time to let us know if you would like to take on a trainee teacher for the academic year of **2022-2023**. With so many benefits of having one on your team, plus the ability to shape and guide a trainee into becoming a successful classroom teacher, it really is a fantastic opportunity for you and your school. Get in touch today if you would like to find out more about how this works and discuss **recruiting!**

PARTNERSHIP GROUP MEETING

2nd February 2022

At the beginning of February, **Stormont House School** hosted head teachers from across the HTSA for our termly Partnership Group Meeting. They were also joined by Head of SEND, Joe Wilson, from **Hackney Education**. Joe attended to take part in a **Q&A** on **SEND** in the borough, and what schools and the **local authority** can do to improve provision for students who require additional support. This was a discussion that heads have been eager to have, and one that is receiving ongoing attention, with another meeting with Joe due to take place in the **Autumn term**. Head teachers also discussed the importance of **wellbeing** in schools, and understanding your team and their motivations using Kahler's Five Driver behaviours. This allows teams to work more collaboratively together, playing to each others strengths! To top it off, there were even home made sausage rolls available, made fresh that morning by Head Chef, Charlie, from **Chefs in Schools**.



STORMONT HOUSE SCHOOL
achievement for all



THE GREAT HTSA BAKE OFF



WE NEED YOU!

Last Easter, every school in our alliance took part in a baking competition to see who could make the best brownies.



This year, we want to recreate this competition, but this time, it's all about the blondies!

We will provide the ingredients, and a nominated person and/or people from your school can be your designated bakers. We will be in touch this term to find out who would like to participate!



GALLERY

Here are some of our favourite images from this term!



Pupils from Gayhurst Primary School use their Now Press Play headsets to get interactive with stories!



Randal Cremer students wear their favourite colours to school to support Children's Mental Health.

French students practice their culinary skills at Clapton Girls' Academy by making crepes!



Year 2s at Mandeville get creative during PSHE



The Kingsmead Cycling Team competing in the Young Hackney Primary Schools Cycling League



Greek Recipes at Hackney School of Food

We hope you have enjoyed this issue of the HTSA newsletter. Please [get in touch](#) with Katie with any feedback, potential features or general thoughts. It's very much welcomed!