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# SPRING TERM 2

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**HTSA**  
HACKNEY TEACHING  
& SCHOOLS' ALLIANCE



Successful Classroom Practice: Session 2

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# Happy Easter!

This **half term** has flown by, meaning we are now two thirds of the way through this academic year! Over the past six weeks, our courses have continued to run, with plenty of in-person sessions making a come back. We have had **Teaching Apprenticeship (TAPP)** and **Successful Classroom Practice** sessions at Kingsmead Primary School, our **Middle Leadership Programme** at Stormont House, and our **Partnership Group Meeting** at Nightingale Primary School, so read on to find out more about life at the **HTSA** this half term.

Our second **Successful Classroom Practice** session took place this half term at **Kingsmead Primary School**, where participants were able to consider evidence-based teaching strategies and reflect on teaching practices that work for them and their classes.

Kate Roberts, **HTSA Director**, led the session, where our teachers considered what they could do to ensure their pupils are **engaged and actively participating** in lessons across the curriculum. They also brought a recording of a lesson to watch and evaluate with a peer colleague, with a focus on an approach known to make an impact on learning learning, based on the educational research Kate covered in the first session.

The last session of the course 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 a member of your team to join this as a standalone session, and we can make arrangements for them to join on **14th June 2022**.



# ITT TAPP SESSIONS

Our **ITT TAPP** Sessions continue to take place at **Kingsmead Primary School**, where our Specialist Leaders of Education dedicate themselves to providing informative training. We would like to thank them for sharing their skills, knowledge and expertise.

With our most recent sessions focusing on **English, Maths and assessment for learning**, our apprentices are ready to continue the course in the summer term and complete their last four **training events** before they finish the HTSA programme in July. We are extremely proud of the journey our trainee teachers have been on so far, and can't wait to see them continue to flourish in their roles!

# INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING RECRUITMENT

We held another recruitment day for our 2022-23 Initial Teacher Training Apprenticeship Programme this half term. The recruitment day took place at Benthall Primary School. We are very grateful to Benthall pupils and staff for accommodating us, and for such a warm welcome in their classrooms.

Recruitment is still ongoing, but we hope to have filled our places shortly after the Easter holiday, so if you are still considering employing an apprentice, so let us know as soon as possible.

Recruitment is really interesting, but also time-consuming, so we would like to say a big thank you to all the schools and senior leaders who have assisted in the process and we hope everyone is looking forward to welcoming their new team members in **September!**

# PARTNERSHIP GROUP MEETING

16th March 2022

This half term's **HTSA Partnership Group Meeting** took place at Nightingale Primary School, where head teachers from our alliance had the opportunity to listen to an inspiring presentation from **Abi Hopper**, Headteacher of Nightingale, on **Learning in Natural Environments** and how this benefits pupils. They also reviewed our CPD programmes and gave input on our draft conference programme, which will focus on different ways to support wellbeing of staff and the wider school community. We are very excited, as we will also be welcoming the Hackney-based poet **Lemn Sissay OBE** to our conference. Lemn is a BAFTA nominated international prize-winning writer.

As a thank you for all of the **hard work** that has gone into helping pupils across Hackney throughout the pandemic, we were delighted to treat HTSA head teachers to some presents to show them how appreciated they are. Cookery writer **Georgina Hayden** was kind enough to provide a selection of cookery books for our Partnership Group, so we can't wait to see some of these **delicious recipes** brought to life!



# THE GREAT HTSA BAKE OFF

We have distributed Hot Cross Bun ingredients and recipes to head teachers across the HTSA for our annual Easter Baking Competition.



Over the Easter break, we have asked that they put these ingredients to use and submit photos of their results so that we can choose a winner.

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WHO WINS!**

We'd like to say a big thank you to Grainne Carpenter, Business Manager and Charlie Gabriel, Chef at Stormont House for helping us put these packs together.



# Benthal Primary School

## Egg Decorating Competiton



For Easter, Benthal Primary School held an Egg Decorating Competition, and the results were too good not to share! There are 'Yolky Way' Solar System eggs, Pokemon eggs, camping eggs and even Strictly Come Dancing eggs!

# GALLERY

Here are some of our favourite images from this term!



Kingsmead Primary School held an End of Term Dancing and Drumming Competition



Benthal Primary School's Reception class used their new journals to create some fantastic observational drawings

Pupils at Millfields get stuck in to Science and DT Week



Gayhurst Primary Pupils at the Guildhall Art Gallery learning about the Great Fire of London



World Book Day Celebrations took place at Randal Cremer



Health & Social Care Students at Clapton Girls'

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!