

2021—2022 Academic Year Trust



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Important Dates

- 17/11/22 Board Meeting
- 16/2/23 Board Meeting
(AGM)
- 22/6/23 Board Meeting

Our Trust Year

The West End Schools' Trust (WEST) is a charitable company of eight primary schools and partner organisations located in the inner west of the city of Newcastle upon Tyne. The primary schools included in the Trust are: Bridgewater; Broadwood ; Canning Street ; Hawthorn ; Moorside; St John's ; St Paul's Primary School and Wingrove .

Our Trust was formed in January 2015. We are responsible for the education of nearly three thousand pupils and employ almost three hundred teachers, teaching assistants and administrative staff.

When pupils leave our schools they are well prepared for the next phase of their educational journey. All of the schools are unique and although they may vary in size and context, Ofsted inspections for the cluster reveal effective schools that work in collaboration for the benefit of the whole of the community.

NUCASTLE

Newcastle United Foundation have built a community hub in the west end of Newcastle in the grounds of the former Murray house. This facility offers a variety of experiences from active classes, roof top floodlit pitch, classroom based workshops, multisport and Esports. We are fortunate that for the foreseeable future our year 5 and 6 pupils will benefit from free sessions !

Network meetings and training

Our staff across the Trust regularly meet to share ideas and training and run Trust wide projects.

Message from the Chair

As school life returns to a school year uninterrupted (it is to be fervently hoped) by further health disturbances, schools across the Trust are identifying and meeting the educational and wider challenges that those disturbances have brought. Schools are doing this not only individually but also jointly (sharing learning, ideas and resources across the Trust) and by participating and co-ordinating with wider initiatives such as the Children's West End Community. School staff continue to perform above and beyond their duties with a commitment and energy matched only by the enthusiasm of the children.

John Anderson

West End Schools' Trust Chair

Girls' football competition

Congratulations to St John's Primary school girls who won the WEST girls football competition . Well done to Bridgewater for taking home the fair play trophy and winning the penalty shoot-out competition.



³ Health and Wellbeing Day — Moving On



Every year we have a health and wellbeing week for all our year 6 pupils. This is an opportunity for them to think about growing up and moving on to secondary school. Thanks to the Hygiene Bank Newcastle they all received a bag of toiletries to take home.

The activities took place at NUCASTLE community hub with

NU Foundation staff as well as in their own school grounds with Zone West Link Workers.

They had the opportunity to mix with children from different WEST schools who might be going to the same secondary school. The week included exploring healthy friendships, learning emergency first aid, team building exercises, strategies for keeping a calm state, hearing letters written by year 7 pupils about their experience of moving to secondary school and of course a chance to play on the rooftop pitch at NUCASTLE. We say goodbye to all our year 6 children and wish them well for their big move.

School council

Representatives from each of our schools meet to discuss key agreed issues. The main topics of conversation were recycling and reducing waste.



STEMtastic!

Our year 6 pupils took part in a week of activities focussed around Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects.

The week included a variety of activities which included trips to the Centre of Life and the Discovery Museum in Newcastle where the pupils explored the exhibits and took part in a series of workshops.

All the schools in the trust were visited by the Success4All learning bus. They were set the challenge of creating a structure which would save their egg from a 4 metre fall from the top of the learning bus with a fictional budget of £100 to spend at the Egg Drop Shop which supplied the materials to build this with



To finish off the week, the children visited the Newcastle United Foundation's NUCASTLE where they were challenged to think about technology from the past and what technology we might have in the future.

Children participated in a Trust wide catapult competition where they made a catapult using spoons, lollipop sticks, rubber bands and paper clips to fling pompoms. The winners were Moorside Primary School who won the STEMtastic trophy and a robotic ball activity kit.

"I have developed my interest in STEM after this week. 10 out of 10!"

Community Consultation

It is important that our children feel that they have a voice. Some of our children were invited to speak with Children North East and Newcastle University researchers as part of Voices project. This was an opportunity for them to share their views about the challenges of Covid-19, the things they like about our community and what changes they would like to be made.



Debating competition

We could not be more proud of our children for their efforts in the annual debating competition at Newcastle Civic Centre Council Chamber.

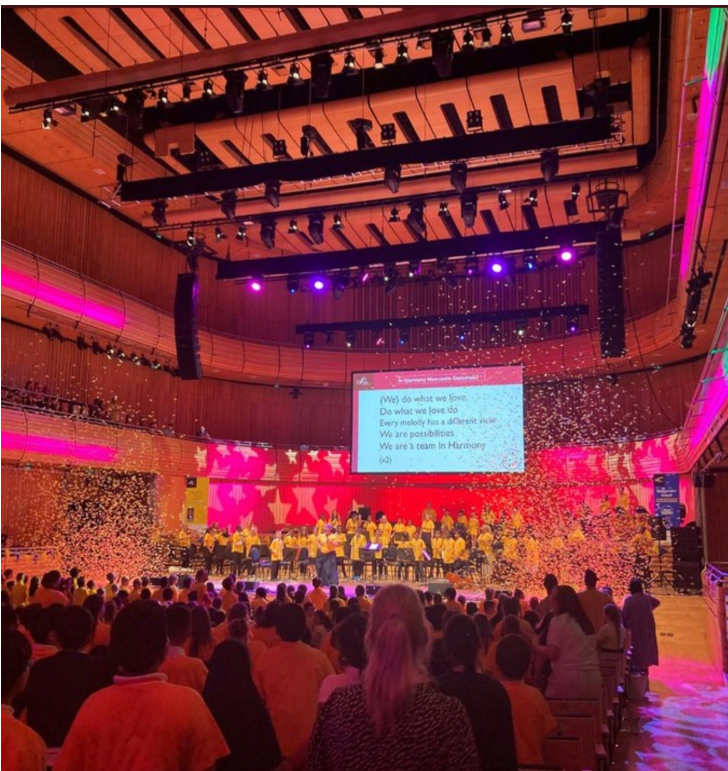
Huge congratulations to the children from Canning Street who won the competition.



10th Anniversary of In Harmony

Hawthorn Primary School and Bridgewater are part of the In Harmony music initiative which supports orchestral music-making.

This year marks 10 years of the program. As part of the celebration children played at Sage Gateshead to an audience of children from other WEST schools, families and friends.



Intergeneration project

Our children have been spending time with residents in local care homes as part of Care home FaNs: Intergenerational linking project.

Woven Nest Theatre supported the children and residents to explore different ways to connect.



6 Who are We?

The WEST Board:

Sam Robson—Head Teacher , Bridgewater

Nitin Shukla—Governor , Bridgewater

Wendy Mitcheson—Head Teacher , Broadwood (Vice Chair)

Meg Fisher—Governor , Broadwood

Kathryn Herron—Head Teacher , Canning Street

Peter Thomson—Governor , Canning Street

Jane Dube—Head Teacher, Hawthorn

David Drewe—Governor , Hawthorn

Linda Hall—Head Teacher, Moorside

Pauline Piddington-Governor, Moorside

Tracey Caffrey—Head Teacher , St John's

John Anderson—Governor, St John's (Chair)

Judith Sword—Head Teacher , St Paul's

George Curry—Governor , St Paul's

Jane Mullarkey—Head Teacher , Wingrove

Asadul Haque-Ahsan—Governor Wingrove

Alyson Barrett—Local Authority

Liz Todd—Newcastle University

Chris Drinkwater—Well Newcastle Gateshead

David Jones —Centre for Life

Clare Smith—Tyne and Wear Museums and Archives (TWAM)



West End Children's Community

West End Schools' Trust have helped to set up a new partnership called the West End Children's Community (WECC). This partnership is run by a steering group made up of a variety of organisations including schools, universities, charities, cultural organisations and the local authority.

Over time, the WECC wants to get more people involved, including families and children. The WECC aims to share ideas and resources to make the Inner West a good place to grow up.

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