

## School Improvement Update- Summer 2

**ARTS MARK** - we have planned in a whole school event to link with the Congo School of Peace. Each teacher will host an activity related to the Congo and work with the children who will be in their house teams visiting each class throughout the week. This will culminate in an exhibition at the end of the week to which parents, the Bishop and Mayor are invited to both school events.

The intergenerational event at Fisher Theatre in Bungay in collaboration with Waveney Council and our Mini Vinnie group. The theme is 1960's and all classes are learning a song to perform on the day.

Premier Arts - Dance performance at the theatre in Great Yarmouth. Gifted and talented children from both schools will take part, parents are invited to watch.

**Chilli Challenges** - self-selection of challenges. No capped differentiation. Opportunities for all. This ties in well with our growth mindset approach. Chilli 1 - is the expected outcome and we then extend the outcomes in chilli 2 and chilli 3. This has been developed in line with 'I can statements' for RE assessment that the Diocese has produced. Children are also able from this to self-assess and peer assess their work.

**Peer Mediators** - In both schools now and running successfully. This has helped to create a positive atmosphere on the playground and children feel enabled to support their peers if there is a misunderstanding at break times.

**JLT/ School Council** - in both schools have worked hard to raise money for the development of prayer areas and gardening spaces in both schools. A new prayer space for Mary in St Edmunds has also been improved with the support of the PTA. Please see photos on the school website. The PTA have set up a sensory garden area in school and a creation station where children can go in a do art/craft activities at lunchtime.

**Parent Forums/Workshops** -BEEHIVE playgroup - invited in for lunch with their parents on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June. A lovely afternoon was had by all and Mary at Beehive is keen to do more together.

**New Curriculum** - New MAT team has been set up to plan the way forward for curriculum development in our schools. This development team includes staff from each MAT School including NDHS who have helped with Year 7 expectations.

#### Key outcomes

- Use the school setting as a driver for a meaningful curriculum - our schools have chosen - *The River Waveney's Journey Through Land and Time*
- Chris Quigley - training for next academic year working with leaders and staff on using cognitive domains - BASIC, At the basic stage of understanding, pupils are mostly reliant on instructional teaching, ADVANCING, At the advancing stage, learning is underpinned by making decisions and applying knowledge and skills to a range of different and diverse situations, DEEP, At the deep stage, pupils show a high level of understanding by drawing upon their knowledge and skills and skilfully and creatively solving non-routine and often abstract problems.
- This skills based curriculum will ensure greater depth in learning and offer more outdoor learning opportunities, especially to go further afield
- Subject leaders - to create an overview of key skills for each year group using Chris Quigley Milestones
- Staff planning evening 28<sup>th</sup> June 4-6pm

**RE** - Positive feedback from the IMV visit and only a few areas to work on which include self-assessment and peer assessment which we have begun now and developing the chaplaincy links with our schools which is high on the inspection criteria.

Staff are using the new assessment trial until end of summer term. The diocese will feedback as to whether this will be taken forward into next academic year. As a staff we will begin to collect exemplars for each year group for expected and greater depth outcomes to help staff less confident in assessment task development. Book looks have shown staff have taken on chilli challenges, deeper questioning in their marking and building in more extended writing opportunities for children. Next steps are to peer plan Autumn 1 topic to develop more creative opportunities within the scheme of work.

There have been lots of federation events with Ignite this academic year too, starting with Epiphany in January ending with a Y6 retreat at Poringland in July. It has been lovely getting both schools together for their spiritual journeys.

Mrs Clarke (catechist for St Edmund's) has run a series of chaplaincy events in both schools during Lent and Marian activities in May. This has helped us with our chaplaincy focus and we will continue to work with Mrs Clarke and Ignite next academic year.

During Lent both schools set up a prayer day using prayer spaces they had designed and led themselves. St Benet's left theirs in Church over Easter and we have lots of positive feedback from parishioners. We continue to attend whole school Masses.

We have been asked how we can engage more children in First Holy Communion next year in both schools and following consultation with Jan Southgate ( who conducted our IMV) we are happy to bring the classes back into school perhaps as an after school session rather than during the school day. This way we feel we are central to it all and can work closely with Mrs Clarke, more children from the school will want to be involved and we often have children who are non- Catholic wanting to take part and this would be an opportunity for them to do this if they wished.

**PE** - Imogen has introduced a new provider for PE coaching in schools called Go Geronimo, they are cheaper than Premier Sports and offer more variety for after school clubs next year. Also we have a new scheme of work that ties in well with challenge and growth mindset called Create PE, teachers have had training on using the resources and watching it in action.

Resources for both schools have been ordered using the PE funding, new gym equipment, sport equipment such as for hockey and tennis that has been much needed.

**SEF/SDP** - The new *assistant* headteacher is Amanda Lyons who is currently working within the MAT at St Marys and St Peters in Gorleston, we have worked together before at St Mary's in Lowestoft. We are meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July to write the new school development plan and evaluate this academic year. In September we will invite parents in to share key points from this and take feedback from them, the children and the staff to create a vision for the next academic year and two new school mission statements that are personal to each school.

**DATA** - awaiting KS2 results 10<sup>th</sup> July and EYFS/KS1 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**INTAKE SEPT** - 11 pupils and 2 new joining for other year groups.

### **Trips-**

Walsingham for Year 3 children in both schools and the other MAT schools

Kingswood Year 6 in both schools

Mini Vinnie beach day - all MAT groups together at Lowestoft with Ignite Team.

Year 6 retreat Poringland with Ignite Team.

Whole school trips to Bewilderwood :-

3<sup>rd</sup> July St Benet's

25<sup>th</sup> June St Edmund's