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Dear colleagues,

I hope this email finds you well.

As I am sure you are aware, in the past couple of weeks the Agora Learning Partnership enjoyed its tenth visit from Ofsted in twelve months. This time, instead of visiting one of the Partnership schools, three inspectors carried out a Multi-Academy Trust Summary Evaluation of the Agora, over a three-day period. I can report that the Evaluation process was a positive one, with lots of opportunities for two-way conversations with the inspectors.

As part of the Evaluation, some schools were visited, some school leaders were contacted by phone and some leaders (including from schools and the Central Team) took part in meetings with inspectors about specific aspects of the Trust's work.

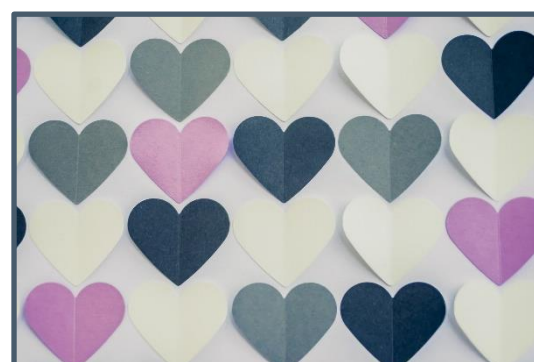
As the preparation for the visit began and throughout the three days of the Evaluation, I was truly touched by the support and enthusiasm from colleagues throughout the Partnership. I am truly grateful for the positive contributions of all concerned and really appreciate the way in which everyone pulled together to demonstrate to inspectors the positive work of the Partnership. It was a fabulous example of how we ***work together, learn together and succeed together***.

I am not able to share any details of the feedback yet as we are still waiting for the Evaluation (feedback) letter. However, we hope to receive this soon and I will, of course, share an update with you as soon as I can.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your hard work this half term and wish you a restful half term break.

Kind regards

Rebecca Daulman
Chief Executive Officer



Agora Learning Partnership Values 2022-2023

Ambition
Generosity
Optimism
Respect
Adventurous and brave



Staff Wellbeing

Thank you to the Wellbeing Working Group for giving their time at a recent meeting held on Friday 3rd February. The purpose of the meeting was to begin analysing the Wellbeing Survey outcomes gathered in December 2022. The Group spent time reviewing the data and, in due course, will determine priority areas. More details of next steps coming soon!

An opportunity to consider how we celebrate diversity and ensure equity and inclusion Partnership-wide: training day (January 2023)

Thank you to everyone for attending the Partnership-wide training day and to the hosting schools and school leaders.

PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Staffing News

There is an upcoming change in the Partnership's senior leaders' group. Paul Sutton (Executive Headteacher) has made the decision to resign from his position at Alban Wood Primary School and Nursery and The Orchard Primary School and will be leaving at the end of this academic year.

Paul has been the Headteacher at Orchard for fifteen years and has worked across both Orchard and Alban Wood for the last five. Paul will be greatly missed by the governors, staff, children and families at both schools; he will also be missed as a valued member of the Partnership. Thank you to Paul for all his hard work and commitment to doing the best for the children at Alban Wood and Orchard. We wish Paul all the best with his future ventures!

AGORA ASSOCIATES

Would you like to join the 'Agora Associate' team?

Would you like to share your skills, knowledge and expertise to support colleagues across the Partnership?

Application submission date for senior leaders and teachers: Friday 3rd March 2023

Application submission date for all support staff: Friday 16th June 2023

See information about how to apply attached to this newsletter!



TOGETHER
STRATEGY

The following events are examples of Partnership-wide working together, learning together and succeeding together; thank you to colleagues from across the Trust who had taken a lead role in the events below and thank you to those colleagues who have positively engaged with these continuing professional development opportunities.

5.1.23: Partnership-wide training day – Hannah Wilson

12.1.23: Training: diversity, equity and inclusion

23.1.23-2.2.23: Peer Review days, facilitated by Bernard Senier

3.2.23: Wellbeing Working Group meeting

6.2.23: Training: special educational needs and/or disabilities at The Grange Academy, with Kellie Barton

7.2.23: Designated Safeguarding Leads Collaborative Working Group meeting

8.2.23: Trust Senior Leaders' Collaborative Working Group meeting

8.2.23: Governance planner review meeting with Chairs and/or Governors

9.2.23: Training: diversity, equity and inclusion

Agora Learning Partnership Values Awards

Following the launch of the Agora Values in September 2022, Headteachers will be nominating two children to receive a certificate and award each half term. The children below have demonstrated either the value of ambition or generosity and will receive a certificate and prize after the half term break. Well done to our 'Values Award' winners!

Alban Wood Primary School and Nursery	
• Michael Cooney	• Jessica Bailey
Bromet Primary School	
• Finley Rowley	• Cora Huntley
The Grange Academy	
• Skye Morrish	• Finn Beattie
Meryfield Community Primary School	
• Lilly-May Samson	• Adyn Collins
• Frankie Dunn	• Elsie Black
The Orchard Primary School	
• Raees Butt	• Zachary Etareri
Oxhey Wood Primary School	
• Priyanshi	• Layla
Warren Dell Primary School	
• Cleo	• Esmay
Waterside Academy	
• Teddy Harrington	
Wilbury Junior School	
• Sayumi Gunatunga	• Charlotte Hagon

Agora Learning Partnership Wellbeing Survey Prize Draw Winners

Bromet Primary School	
• Sheree Nathwani	
Oxhey Wood Primary School	
• Katie Keane	
The Orchard Primary School	
• Jennifer Twomey	
Wilbury Junior School	
• Jaime Warby	

Diary Dates

When we receive constructive feedback from staff, we want to take positive action. In the recent Wellbeing Survey, some staff said they wanted more notice about upcoming Partnership events. As such, we will be adding upcoming events to each newsletter from now on. Thank you for the feedback!

Date	Time	Event	Person(s) Involved	Additional Information
21.2.23	All Day	Peer Review day: Longmeadow	Identified staff	
21.2.23	10.00-12.00	Administrative staff collaborative working group	Administrative staff – all schools	
22.2.23	All Day	Peer Review day: Meryfield	Identified staff	
22.2.23	7.00-9.00	Chairs' Forum	Chairs of Academy Governing Boards	
27.2.23	3.45-5.15	Early Years Leaders' collaborative working group	Early Years leaders	
28.2.23	7.00-9.00	Governor training: succession planning and strategy	Governors	
3.3.23	NA	Agora Associates application deadline	Senior leaders and teachers – all schools	
TBC	9.00-12.00	TBC: Wellbeing working group meeting (face-to-face)	Identified staff	Date options have been shared with staff
8.3.23	9.00-12.00	Classroom-based support staff training	Classroom-based support staff e.g. Teaching Assistants	
10.3.23	NA	Agora Associates application deadline	Support staff	
13.3.23	NA	Annual staff survey	All staff	
17.3.23	9.30-11.00	Social media leads collaborative working group	Social Media leads	
21.3.23	10.00-12.00	Wellbeing working group meeting	Identified staff	
22.3.23	All Day	Values day: Optimism	All children	
30.3.23	9.30-3.00	Deputy/Assistant Headteacher collaborative working group	Deputy headteachers Assistant headteachers	Fielder Centre
TBC	9.00-3.00	Trust senior leaders' collaborative working group meeting (face-to-face)	Executive headteachers Headteachers Heads of school	Venue: TBC

