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## Agora Learning Partnership

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Dear colleagues,

This half term has flown by and has been packed full of events and activities; I hope you have found those offered across the Partnership of use.

### **Partnership Values**

As I am sure you are aware, one of the activities that has taken place is a competition offering children across the Trust to create acrostic poems detailing their ideas for Trust-wide values. The children's contributions were fabulous and I thoroughly enjoyed reading their entries. The finalists and the winners can be found below. To determine the overarching values, a summary of the children's ideas was created and the most popular values chosen. As such, the values for the Partnership are as follows; these will underpin the Trust-wide events that will be coming up over the next half term and throughout 2022-2023:

**A** is for ambition

**G** is for generosity

**O** is for optimism

**R** is for respect

**A** is for adventurous and brave

Thank you to all the children who entered the competition and to the staff for helping them prepare.

### **Jubilee Competition**

Following the Jubilee celebrations this week, children across the Partnership have been preparing entries for our Jubilee competition. The children were asked to research an event related to a specific king or queen in British history and then share their findings with others by being creative. The competition entries received to date are incredible and I look forward to judging the competition after the half term break, with other members of the Central Team, once all of the entries are received.

### **Ofsted News**

We have had another Ofsted inspection in the Trust this week, our sixth inspection since January. Meryfield Community Primary School was inspected on Tuesday and Wednesday. Although we still await the outcome, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the governors, staff and children for their hard work during the inspection and beyond.

### **Thank You**

As always, thank you to everyone (both centrally and in all of our schools) for your hard work, ongoing commitment and drive to do the very best for the children. I feel privileged to work with so many amazing colleagues and children.

Furthermore, a huge thank you to everyone who completed the recent staff survey; all of your views and opinions will be incorporated into next year's Together Strategy action plan.

Now it is time for you all to have a well-earned rest...and I hope you enjoy the Jubilee celebrations next week.

I look forward to seeing you all again after the half term break.

Kind regards

Rebecca Daulman  
Chief Executive Officer



**This week, as part of the Jubilee celebrations, the Agora children received a ruler (funded by the Partnership).**

Congratulations to the Chartwells catering team at The Grange Academy; following a visit from an Environmental Health Officer, the kitchen was awarded five stars...which is excellent!



A huge thank-you to Kathryn Wilson, Kellie Barton and Christie Robinson for delivering high-quality training to classroom-based support staff across the Partnership in April. The training was very well received by the attending colleagues.

## PARTNERSHIP NEWS

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Chief Operating Officer, Carol Murphy, after the half term break. Carol will be working with all of the Partnership schools on operational matters.

Thank you to the Chairs of the Academy Governing Boards who attended the Chairs' Forum on 5 May 2022; the input from the attendees was both positive and helpful. Thank you all!

Pat McAteer (Chair of Trustees) and Rebecca Daulman (Chief Executive Officer) recently visited all the Trust schools to see the Partnership's Headteachers and Chairs of the Academy Governing Boards. As part of the visit, they also spoke with some support staff. Both parties thoroughly enjoyed the visit

Are you a member of support staff? Are you interested in becoming an Agora Associate? Find out more by reading the letter attached.

Interested in being part of a **Well-Being and Workload Working Group** consisting of representatives from all the Partnership schools and all staff groups? Please register your interest with your Headteacher. The first meeting will be held on 27 June 2022 (1.00pm-3.00pm).

Thank you to the Early Years colleagues who took part in the recent Early Years Reviews at Meryfield Community Primary School on 20 April 2022 and Bromet Primary School on 17 May 2022. So many strengths have been identified from the reviews; well done to everyone!

## SATS

Congratulations to all of the children who have been completing assessments over the past few weeks. Following such an unsettled couple of years, it was impressive to see how focussed and how keen they were to show their learning. Well done to all!



The Together Strategy details the Partnership's key drivers for Trust-wide improvement over a three-year period. The Strategy is designed to complement the individual work of the Trust schools, supporting staff and children through positive collaboration, Partnership-wide. The Strategy was launched in September 2021. This information details some of the Partnership's 'together' successes from the past few weeks, as well as some information about upcoming events.

## Working together, learning together, succeeding together...this half term...

### Together for Staff

25.4.22: Teaching Assistant training

28.4.22: Trust Senior Leaders' meeting

9.5.22: Agora Associates - closing date for senior leader applications

27.5.22: Agora Associates - closing date for teacher applications

16.5.22/18.5.22: Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 moderation events

### Together for Children

23.5.22: Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration - Kings and Queens Day

### Together for All

Development of a Partnership-wide governance document

### Together for Schools

20.4.22/17.5.22: Early Years peer reviews (parts 2 & 3)

An Agora Associate is a member of staff, from any one of the staff groups within the Partnership, who has been formally recognised as being talented in one or more aspects of their work (following the submission of a simple application form).

The Agora Associates will assist the Trust in school improvement by giving some of their time to support colleagues in need of help, support or training linked to their specific talents.

We are absolutely delighted to announce the appointment of the colleagues listed below as the first of our Agora Associates:

- **Kellie Barton, Assistant Headteacher** (Warren Dell Primary School)  
*Identified talent: leadership of provision for children with special, educational needs and/or disabilities and effective communication with stake holders in order to achieve the best for the children*
- **Mikki Caplan, Deputy Headteacher** (Oxhey Wood Primary School)  
*Identified talent: using the Pupil Premium Grant effectively to maximise impact on children's outcomes*
- **Kerry Kent, Assistant Headteacher** (Oxhey Wood primary School)  
*Identified talents: coaching, leading and managing mathematics and modelling mathematics by sharing best practice*
- **Jenny Morley, Executive Headteacher** (Oxhey Wood Primary School/Warren Dell Primary School)  
*Identified talents: school improvement, including in relation to supporting children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, behaviour and supporting children entitled to support through the Pupil Premium*
- **Nicky Murphy, Deputy Headteacher** (The Grange Academy)  
*Identified talents: achieving improvements in reading, writing, mathematics and assessment*

A huge congratulations to our new Agora Associates; the central team are really looking forward to working closely with you!

**Agora Learning Partnership  
Values Competition Finalists  
and Winners  
May 2022**

**TOGETHER**  
for children



In the past few weeks, children across our Partnership were asked if they would help with the development of Trust-wide values by creating an 'Agora' acrostic poem detailing their 'values' suggestions. The standard of the competition entries was very high but, after much deliberation by the Trust's Headteachers, the following children were chosen as competition finalists. Well done to our finalists and to everybody who entered!

<p><b>Alban Wood Primary School and Nursery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1: Whole class entry</li> <li>Year 2: Whole class entry</li> <li>Year 3: Jack B</li> <li>Year 4: Sophie</li> <li>Year 5: Willow</li> <li>Year 6: Robbie and Zara</li> </ul>	<p><b>Bromet Primary School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1: Sparrow Class</li> <li>Year 2: Maryam</li> <li>Year 3: Mehran, Wini and Amy</li> <li>Year 4: Freya</li> <li>Year 5: George</li> <li>Year 6: Ashleara</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Grange Academy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3: Coralie</li> <li>Year 4: Rhys</li> <li>Year 5: George</li> <li>Year 6: Summer</li> </ul>
<p><b>Meryfield Community Primary School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 2: Tino</li> <li>Year 3: Don</li> <li>Year 4: Aoife</li> <li>Year 5: Sienna</li> <li>Year 6: Alex</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Orchard Primary School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 2: Kavin</li> <li>Year 5: Elisha</li> <li>Year 6: Ellie</li> </ul>	<p><b>Oxhey Wood Primary School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maja, Bella, Lewis, Brodie, Alejandro, Blue, Arianah, India, William, Flavia, Julia, Zhiling, Ana, Alex, Cosmin</li> </ul>
<p><b>Warren Dell Primary School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBC</li> </ul>	<p><b>Waterside Academy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 2: Xander and Ellie-Mae</li> <li>Year 4: Luana and Lexi</li> <li>Year 5: Evie</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wilbury Junior School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4: Tiareet</li> <li>Year 4: Elizabeth</li> <li>Year 4: Evie</li> <li>Year 6: Lyla</li> </ul>

**COMPETITION WINNERS**

From our finalists, the winners of our competition have been chosen. A huge congratulations to the children who have had their poems selected. The children listed below will be presented with a prize and certificate after the half term break.

School	Name	Year Group
Alban Wood Primary School and Nursery	Jack B.	Year 3
Bromet Primary School	Sparrow Class	Year 1
The Grange Academy	Summer	Year 6
Meryfield Community Primary School	Sienna	Year 3
The Orchard Primary School	Elisha	Year 5
Oxhey Wood Primary School	Zhiling	Year 6
Warren Dell Primary School	TBC	TBC
Waterside Academy	Xander and Ellie-Mae	Year 2
Wilbury Junior School	Evie	Year 4



**A**mbitious and helpful  
**G**reat full and generous  
**O**thers first and include everyone  
**R**espect and kindness  
**A**mazing and ready to learn

Jack B  
 (Year 3)  
 Alban Wood Primary  
 School and Nursery

**C**Ate for others.  
**G**enerosity gains respect.  
 It is always good to be **T**olerant to others.  
 If you are **R**esilient then you will learn more.  
 Show **g**r**A**titude to your helpers.

Sienna  
 (Year 3)  
 Meryfield Community  
 Primary School

**A**ttendance  
**G**oals  
**O**pen Minded  
**R**esponsible  
**A**chievable

**AGORA VALUES**  
 Be **A**mazing  
 Go far  
 Be **H**onest  
 And **R**eliable  
 And most of all be  
**T**rue.

Xander and Ellie-Mae  
 (Year 2)  
 Waterside Academy

**A**mazing Behaviour  
**G**rowthmindset  
**O**ptimistic  
**R**espect  
**A**lways trying your best

Evie  
 (Year 4)  
 Wilbury Junior School

**F**amily  
**L**ughter  
**H**onesty  
**B**rave  
**H**appy

Sparrow Class  
 (Year 1)  
 Bromet Primary  
 School

**A**daptability  
**G**raitude  
**T**olerance  
**R**eliability  
**A**ppreciation

Adaptability, Gratitude, tolerance, reliability, appreciation

Summer  
 (Year 6)  
 The Grange Academy

**A**spire-be your best, reach your goals  
**G**enerosity-be kind and generous  
**O**bserve-the school rules  
**R**esilience-don't give up  
**A**mbitious-be ready to learn

**Respect**  
 Love  
 Friendship  
 Respect  
 Caring  
 Courage

Elisha  
 (Year 5)  
 The Orchard Primary  
 School

**F**airness is key to a happy school with sensible children.  
**G**raitude might just be a word to you but to the Agora Partners hip, adults and children, it is a vital value.  
**H**onesty is an important trait to everyone, not just the Agora Learning Partnership, but to people all around the world.  
**R**espect can always be topped off with perseverance.  
**A**mbitious children will definitely grow to be very resilient adults.

OXHEY WOOD PRIMARY  
 TOOTH

Zhiling  
 (Year 6)  
 Oxhey Wood Primary  
 School