

NEWSLETTER

Association of Northamptonshire Supplementary Schools



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Alaa Abouzanad, Chair

In our quest to apply for a 4 year funding plan, Louise, Ute and I went to Leicester and Sheffield to see how they organise and run supplementary schools.

We learnt a lot on both days and can use our findings in the new application.

We would like to thank Hannah Starkey for all her efforts during her time at the ANSS. She has achieved an awful lot in almost two years and was very much appreciated not only by Woodnewton mainstream school staff but also by staff from ANSS and the supplementary schools that are based at Woodnewton. We wish her well in her new exciting job in mainstream education.

Ute Nannini, Development Officer

Very exciting news from me as well! Anna Pawluk-Ponicka from the Polish School Wellingborough and I have been on the NRCSE (National Resource Centre for Supplementary Education) train-the-trainer course in London. 3 days of training was not easy but very enjoyable and we are now qualified to teach the Effective Teaching Course for the ANSS.

We will be starting to recruit for the first NRCSE OCN-accredited course in September and will start in October/November. We are both very excited and will prepare the course together during the summer break.

We will also go on the train-the-trainer course for Teaching Languages in Supplementary Schools which is a follow-up course to the Effective Teaching Course.

We have been successful in negotiating a training course for teachers of supplementary schools which is run by the School of Education of the University of Northampton. The series of 4 workshops designed to improve the teaching and learning environment of our supplementary schools is taking place in May and June. The time scale of these workshops allows participants to reflect on and try out newly acquired skills in engaging students, in planning lessons effectively, in assessing students and in organising and managing exciting projects.



ANSS Cultural Kaleidoscope

On Saturday, 18th April, children and young people from all over Northamptonshire joined forces to showcase a variety of fantastic performances celebrating cultural diversity in the county. The event, which took place at Northampton High School, was a wonderful opportunity for the children and young people to showcase their talents.



The performances featured students from supplementary schools in Northampton, Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough. There were also information stands displaying the rich and diverse culture within Northamptonshire.

"We are certain you will thoroughly enjoy the performances and maybe even learn a little something you didn't already know about a different community" said Yasmin Abouzanad from the ANSS Youth Forum. "The schools partaking have been working long and hard to produce something to share with you all today that shows something about their culture and tradition and we hope you have as great a time watching them as we have had and enjoy the show."



Cllr Joan Kirkbride, the Chair of Northamptonshire County Council, highlighted how important it was for young people to have a link to their country of origin. Cllr June Derbyshire, the Deputy Mayor of Kettering, praised the young people's performances as well as their attitude, respect and enthusiasm for learning. The Mayor of Corby, Cllr Anthony Dady, pointed out how much commitment and enthusiasm the students showed for maintaining their culture and language learning. Cllr Jim Bass, the Mayor of Wellingborough, emphasized how vital it was to understand the importance of attending a supplementary school to give young people the best possible start in life.

"I am sure you will agree the hard work put into those performances surely paid off, they were fantastic" Adam Abouzanad from the ANSS Youth Forum pointed out. "The different pieces of drama, dance and music we saw from each culture was splendid, and if you've learnt one thing it's that ANSS kids know how to put on a show!"

The member supplementary schools who took part in the performance were:

- Lithuanian, Corby
- Chinese, Northampton
- Polish, Northampton
- Ukrainian, Northampton
- Serbian, Corby
- Ghanaian, Northampton
- Punjabi, Northampton
- WACA, Wellingborough
- Polish, Kettering
- Greek, Northampton
- Russian, Northampton
- Gujarati, Wellingborough
- Arabic, Northampton
- Gujarati, Northampton
- Tamil, Northampton
- Polish, Wellingborough

Ruby Changemaker Award for ANSS Youth Forum

16 students from the ANSS Youth Forum received the University of Northampton Ruby Changemaker Award at the ANSS Cultural Kaleidoscope in a ceremony at Northampton High School on 18th April.

Jane Badger, Head of HE Schools Engagement, and Wray Irwin, Head of University Centre for Employability & Engagement, from Northampton University highlighted that the creation and development of the ANSS Youth Forum was a clear example of the students' commitment as a Changemaker team to make a difference within the Supplementary Schools in Northamptonshire and that the young people should be highly commended for what they have achieved.

"It was a great pleasure to see during the assessment process your thinking, your strong values, principles and the level of autonomy within the process you have created," Jane Badger pointed out. "I was really impressed by your enthusiasm and drive and you should be very proud."



NORTHAMPTON CLUSTER

POLISH SCHOOL

The Polish supplementary school Northampton organised an event on 9th May 2015 in order to raise money for Maya Zubel, a girl who was diagnosed with cancer. The school raised an amazing £548 and we wish Maya all the best :)



Below we have included some information about Maya - any donations or future fundraising events towards this cause would be gratefully received by Maya and her family. Maya is described as a happy, cheeky, energetic little girl who is full of character. Her parents say that "all we hope for is that Maya is given the opportunity to beat this terrible disease and have the best chance of survival."

Please help us to help Maya and children like her by making a donation to the NCCA (Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Alliance) UK. Every donation made for the NCCA UK, no matter how small, will make a difference. If you can, please help by holding or organising a fundraising event to raise money - please contact the fundraising team at the

NCCA UK on 020 7284 0800. www.justgiving.com/mayazubeljourney/

ARABIC SCHOOL

Ramadan is quickly approaching on 18th June and will last approximately 30 days. The celebration of EID will follow closely.

The Arabic language is the oldest language; it contains vowels from all languages from around the world. Arabic is known as the easiest language to learn and if you are interested in learning Arabic, please come along to our school in September. For further information contact Alaa Abouzanad.



CHINESE SCHOOL

On 1st March the Chinese supplementary school took part in a huge party on Market Square Northampton to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The event, sponsored by Northampton Borough Council, saw over 3,900 people attend and the students from the Chinese school were singing and dancing for all in attendance.

The Chinese school held a charity dinner at Oriental Gardens, which involved many members of the Chinese community, on 3rd March. The fundraising dinner raised over £4,000 for the Chinese school and they are going to be purchasing school uniforms for the students. The money will also help to build a website.

On 12th April all students of the Chinese school went on a school trip to Rookery Farm in Towcester for their Easter outing. Over 100 children and their parents participated in the school trip which was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

One class of the Chinese school went to visit the local Subway sandwich shop on 17th May and had the opportunity to have a look behind the scenes and see how the company operates.

Finally, the Chinese school is in the process of planning a whole school trip to Hunstanton. They will be hiring coaches to take the students and their parents for a day trip to the seaside. This trip is going to be sponsored by Oriental Gardens Northampton.

SOMALIAN SCHOOL

The Somalian supplementary school is having an end of school party. They are inviting all children attending the school and their families, there will be food and opportunities for the children to showcase what they have been learning.

GUJARATI SCHOOL

The Gujarati school Northampton are in the process of organising their own sports day. They have secured the Weston Favell Parish Hall and support from the youth club, who have happily agreed to help with the traditional cultural Indian games they plan to play. The sports day will also see a fundraising event taking place, where they are hoping to raise money for the Nepal Earthquake Fund. This is set to take place on July 11th.

The school also has two vacancies for a teacher and any volunteers to support the school, if you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact Maya Brooker, the Head Teacher at Northampton Gujarati school, on 07856 091 718.

KETTERING AND CORBY CLUSTER



WOW!!!

The performance at the Core was amazing! The children performed on the Friday night at the theatre and then again at the school at Woodnewton on the Saturday morning.

They must have been exhausted – it was all worthwhile though and the other children loved it.



SERBIAN SCHOOL CORBY



The Serbian supplementary school joined everyone for the ANSS annual performance.

The Serbian school continues to provide top quality teaching and learning opportunities for the children. Svetlana and Mirjana work very hard to ensure the smooth running and the safety of the children at the school. I am sure, as the weather improves they will be back outside, enjoying the huge field Woodnewton offers! The children from the Serbian school have shown great commitment to the theatre project and their attendance and participation has been very impressive – I can't wait to see the final performance!

No pressure ladies... but Serbian supplementary school Corby could be the first to gain the NRCSE Silver Award!!

LATVIAN SCHOOL CORBY

Jana and Gunieta continue to work extremely hard every Saturday to give the children exciting opportunities to learn about Latvia. Gunieta now has the room that is used for two year olds' and takes the younger children in there. The room is a wonderful environment for the children to play and explore.

Jana is busy organising the community at Woodnewton to be part of a Corby wide environmental awareness day in the summer... this will be an excellent opportunity to come together for a shared goal! Jana has recently completed her Effective Teaching course – well done to you! Jana and Gunieta both attended the Safeguarding training in Woodnewton last month – thank you!



POLISH SCHOOL CORBY

Konrad has left as head teacher, and I am sure you will join me in wishing him well for his future. The new head teacher, Ula Zasun, and her teachers are continuing to work very hard and, through the support of the Polish community, are able to offer small class sizes with two adults in each class to best support the children's learning.

It was fantastic to meet with all the teachers for the Safeguarding training. It showed a real commitment to the children that everyone attended – well done! Ula will work with the other schools at Woodnewton to invite the fire service in to talk to the children - again, a massive value placed on the children's wellbeing.

LITHUANIAN SCHOOL CORBY

Joringe, Inga and Wiktorija have expanded into three rooms now as the Lithuanian school continues to grow!

The children are always actively learning and working well together when I visit and the staff are always smiling! The older children have joined in well with the theatre project and have enjoyed building the performance they will do at the Corby Cube with Dave McKenna.

Wiktorija has recently completed her Effective Teaching course – well done to you! Again, all the staff from the school attended the Safeguarding training at Woodnewton last month – thank you!



POLISH SCHOOL KETTERING

Marta and her team continue to go from strength to strength in Kettering. The children are all engaged with their learning and are happily attending the school. Numbers continue to grow steadily and the staff has a fantastic commitment to the school. I met with all the teachers to provide their Safeguarding training; it was amazing to see everyone giving up yet more time to best look after the children's wellbeing.

Marta has recently completed her Effective Teaching course – well done to you! Of course, we know she has special plans for September when her new baby arrives – I have booked in lots of cuddles - Przemyslaw will take over as the head teacher until Marta returns.

PUNJABI SCHOOL KETTERING

I met with Pushpinder and Jaswinder at the Punjabi supplementary school held in the Gurdwara in Kettering. The two teachers are offering the children the opportunity to learn, to speak and write the language. Pushpinder is also offering teaching to GCSE level and is closely working with the management committee to raise the profile and perceived importance of the school.

We are hoping that the Punjabi school Kettering comes to some ANSS events this year – it will be great to get to know them better!

WELLINGBOROUGH CLUSTER

WACA

On Saturday, 9th May, WACA took part in the Wellingborough Waendel Walk. They chose to walk 10km (6 miles) through the Northamptonshire countryside. The Waendel Walk gave the perfect opportunity to relax, talk and get out to explore the fantastic scenery and culture in Northamptonshire. The walk is a non-competitive event open to everyone and to all ages. It is one of WACA's annual events.

The Saturday school walked across fields, footpaths and roads, whilst visiting places of interest and local villages in and around Wellingborough. The 2015 walk marked Wellingborough's 25th Anniversary of the event and all participants received certificates for their efforts. This was a huge success for all who were involved.

WACA also attended the Carnival Workshop on Saturday, 16th May, at The Deco in Northampton. It was a fantastic workshop run by carnival experts David and Judith Brown from Utopia Mas. The children all designed and decorated a headpiece that can be worn for the carnival. The Northampton Carnival takes place on 13th June 2015. We hope to see you all there!

POLISH SCHOOL

The school has a family fun day on 13th June for all the attending children and their families to enjoy time together with a host of activities such as clowns, face painting, biscuit decoration and family competitions. An afternoon full of fun for all involved.



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