Ashton Vale Co-operative Trust

September 2014

Trust Involvement :

* Joint Inset Day on Kagen Training – to be implemented through out the school as class teachers judge appropriate for their class. Next stage of training will be help on Friday10th October 2014.
* Joint staff meetings with appropriate age groups, EYFS, KS1 and KS2 (yr 3,4 and yr5,6). Events from 2013/2014: EYFS recorded a story and sent to each other in the Spring Term to develop Communication and Language skills and promote awareness of other schools. EYFS also had a joint sing in the Summer Term inviting members of the community. . KS1 worked on a joint sing from songs around the world. Numerous activities took place across KS2, from spelling bees, writing competitions to practical games sessions. Year six children also work closely with Ashton Park Secondary school on numerous transition days including French activities.
* Joint staff meetings for core subject area leaders. Potential opportunity for Foundation subjects to meet also in 2014/2015.
* Visits across the settings for all practitioners sharing good practise.
* EYFS have termly cluster meetings to discuss current issues, for example moderation.
* EYFS teaching staff had a joint visit to an Outstanding Setting.
* Handfuls of Harmony (both adults and children from schools and the local community)worked towards a Community Trust Choir with hugely successful concerts in November and May even putting on a matinee performance in May due to demand. This majorly boosted singing at Ashton Vale and the children regularly have the opportunity to sing with popular choir leader Ali Orbaum. The choir will continue into 2014/2015 again working towards concerts in November and May.
* Trust Lantern Parade in November (YrR and Yr3 directly involved in 2013). In 2014 YrR and Yr2 children and parents will take responsibility for this event.
* Co-operative Identity Mark – a stakeholder group is being set up to begin an audit to highlight and address areas within the school against the co-operative values. Joint meetings have already taken place across the Trust and initial training provided.
* Weekly reading buddy system from Ashton Park Secondary School.
* Prospect of resource sharing across the Trust Schools.
* Use of Ashton Park ICT services.
* Literacy Transition with Yr6 and Ashton Park
* Co-operative values are embedded through out classes at Ashton Vale through class agreements (rules/promises etc).
* Co-operative values are also used as Assembly themes in Term 3 at Ashton Vale where children have the opportunity to explore and unpick each of these.