

Dear East Midlands Teaching School Colleagues,

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### **Strategic School Improvement Fund**

As communicated last week the region held a 'Writing an evidence based bid' workshop on June 5<sup>th</sup>. A recording of a Webinar held with colleagues elsewhere, to explore developing a sound evidence base to complement and strengthen SSIF bids; and to also highlight the importance of employing an impact framework from the outset, [is available here](#). We understand that a Q&A resource will follow next week.

Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF) - Education Endowment Foundation support resources - with a focus on creating an evidence base for your application: [click here](#)

### **Kyra Research School - Digital Feedback**

Last chance to work with the Kyra Research School on Digital Feedback – register your interest by midday on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Schools are wanted to participate in an EEF funded research project – Digital Feedback in Primary Maths

Digital Feedback in Primary Maths is a school-developed approach to improving teachers' diagnosis and feedback skills when teaching maths in primary schools. Teachers will be provided with resources to quickly assess their pupils' understanding of a topic, for example, through an individual multiple choice questions. Teachers will then be supported to provide effective feedback to help those pupils struggling with a topic, by using tablets to record video summaries of their feedback, rather than writing down a comment. The pupils will then have class time to review the feedback and develop from it. The aim is to increase the specificity and relevance of teachers' feedback, making it easier for pupils to respond to it.

The intervention was developed with funding from CfBT by the headteacher, James Siddle, of one of the schools in the Lincolnshire-based teaching school alliance. Participating teachers from Years 4 or 5 in each school will receive initial training, and take part in monthly "professional learning communities", led by the project team and Bishop Grosseteste University. A leader in each school will provide ongoing support and coaching to the teachers. Teachers will be expected to embed the approach into their normal class teaching and marking.

Please follow this link for further information

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/pdf/generate/?u=https://educationendowmentfou>

[ndation.org.uk/pdf/project/?id=957&t=EEF](http://ndation.org.uk/pdf/project/?id=957&t=EEF), or contact James Siddle at [James.Siddle@st-margarets-pri.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:James.Siddle@st-margarets-pri.lincs.sch.uk)

### **Appointing a Regional NLG Champion**

As outlined in the [22<sup>nd</sup> May weekly update](#) and previous Stronger Governance information, new plans are being developed to replace the existing NLG Advocacy arrangements. We are appointing an NLG to fulfil an additional role as Regional NLG Champion for the newly expanded EMSYH region and, in due course they will also be supported by more locally-based Co-ordinators who will help to support and develop NLGs.

Applications for the Regional Champion role close this week with interviews next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June am in Leicester. The current NLG Advocates and the EMTS Business Support will be involved in this process, but if any Teaching School representative has the availability and interest to get involved, please email [Daniel.routledge@sdsa.net](mailto:Daniel.routledge@sdsa.net).

### **TSC website updates**

A useful range of links has been added to the TSC website:

- NCTL ITT allocations update, June 2017 please [click here](#)
- Updated Modern Foreign Languages report page with a survey for your feedback - please [click here](#)
- Collaborative Fund Evaluation webchats that you can attend by [clicking here](#)
- 19 excellent case studies on Evidence Based Teaching [are here](#)
- An example of the LLE programme development and resources [are here](#)

### **South West NQT blended learning programme**

Cornerstone Academy trust has been working on a blended learning programme to support NQT induction. You can read about it [here](#) on the TSC site (SW pages) and may wish to contact them to explore their approach further.

### **Peer Review.**

You will recall that EMTSSG agreed a regional peer review framework for colleagues to trial and use earlier this year. A copy of the framework is available [here](#). You might also be interested to look at ‘[The Power and Potential of Peer Review](#)’ a report providing an insight into the impact that the SPP (School Partnership Programme) has had to date and takes a look towards the future for peer review in a self-improving system.

### **East Midlands Teaching School Strategic Group (EMTSSG)**

EMTSSG met on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The minutes of the meeting and papers presented are [available here](#). These were shared with the EMTSA network on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **East Midlands Teaching Schools Alliance Network (EMTSA) - Correction to notes**

The EMTSA network met on June 6<sup>th</sup> with notes of the meeting circulated shortly afterwards. We would like to correct an error in the notes. The notes indicated that “Northampton representatives will no longer attend EMTSA due to the change of regions”. We would like to clarify that, at this

time, the invitation is open to all in the EM area, and the choice is to be made by Northamptonshire colleagues if they wish to continue to attend.  
The original minutes are attached for info.

**Network for Women Leading in Education:**

Please see the latest bulletin below:



East Midlands  
Network for Women Leading In Education  
Inspiring and connecting women in leadership



## BULLETIN

### Welcome to our network

A very warm welcome to the East Midlands Network for women leading in education (EMWLE), you are part of a growing community of women, who are either, in leadership roles, on your leadership journey or still deciding what your ambitions are. Wherever you are, we are glad you have chosen to join us, we hope you will take part in our events, exchange your views in our discussions and debates, volunteer to be a coach or find a coach to help you shape your own journey.

We will be sharing regular bulletins to keep you informed of the events and activities in your area and to help you access the many sources of support to inspire you to achieve your potential. Please do share this bulletin with colleagues and encourage them to sign up to our **mailing list** and to the **DFE survey**.

### Events

We have already attended two fantastic events this Spring, George Spencer Academy hosted a celebration of women in Leadership on International Women's Day back in March. Leadership journeys were shared by a number inspirational women including, Dame Susan Jowett and Di McEvoy-Robinson. Those that attended enjoyed networking with colleagues from over 20 different schools and left feeling inspired to continue exploring their leadership opportunities.

The University of Nottingham hosted the second session of their "Pass it On" project on 28th March, where we joined a group of more than 30 women leaders from schools across the region. We were able to exchange valuable resources and feedback from leadership programmes across the region as well as explore our own leadership strategies and styles during some outstanding workshop sessions on the day. Dr Kay Fuller hosted the event and shared some valuable research findings for the group to pass on to their own networks.



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