



The BeSKiLD Trust

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BeSKiLD Trust Children's Programme for 2015/16

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the BeSKiLD Trust we are writing to you to give you a taste of what is planned for the children this year. Firstly our group of five schools has become six, as Oxley Primary School in Shepshed have now joined us. We welcome Jason Gilman, the Headteacher, his staff and Governors and of course all the children of the school to the BeSKiLD group.

We aim to continue to meet the needs of our pupils through another year long programme of curriculum enhancement, joint training and collaborative working for children, staff and Governors across our group of successful Primary Schools. Having successfully run a bespoke programme and many events for hundreds of children over 2014/15, we have reviewed what we have achieved so far, taken account of feedback from children, teachers and parents, established which elements and organisational aspects worked well and have had the biggest impact, and based upon these reflections, we have now produced a programme for 2015/16. We have no funding award for this year, (as we did last year from the Leicestershire Excellence in Education Partnership) so we are free to support whichever groups of children in whichever way we want. Below is a brief reminder of how we were able to offer children enhanced curriculum experiences through the Trust last year.

- KS1 collaborative sports events (160 children Years 1 and 2)
- EYFS collaborative sports events (100 children)
- Beacon Hill project (100 children EYFS to Yr 5)
- Supporting Higher Attaining Pupils project (45 children Years 2 to 5) (HAPIS)
- Gifted and Talented sports events KS2 (20 children Yrs 4 and 5)

The collaborative work of the group with children and staff and in particular the HAPIS project, were recently praised by Ofsted in terms of meeting the needs of specific groups of children.

What do we want to achieve in terms of collaborative events for children over 2015/17

- As they move through their schools, all children will have the opportunity to develop or learn new skills through a collaborative learning event.
- Ultimately every family will have access to what is happening throughout the year on a new BeSKiLD Trust website, and will have access to challenges, book clubs and an events diary. This is a work in progress, but once the site is up and running there will be a simple link on each school's website.
- Provide opportunities in English, maths, science, art, PE, history, music and social development, for children to work together over 2015/16. (programme for 16/17 TBD)
- Enable children, especially in our smaller schools, to develop friendships across the Trust.

Providing for our pupils by providing for ourselves

'From individual character and expertise comes collective strength and excellence'

Programme for the year 2015/16

Term	Activities/focus
Autumn 1	Collaborative English project Year 2 sports development
Autumn 2	Collaborative Music project
Spring 1	Collaborative Maths project
Spring 2	Collaborative Art project
Summer 1	Collaborative Science project Year 1 sports development
Summer 2	Collaborative History project Social development project Trust Triathlon Challenge (swim, bike and walk) EYFS sports development

- Each project will be planned and led by a different group of teachers, overseen by a Headteacher/manager.
- Criteria for inclusion will not necessarily, but may be linked to ability. Staff co-ordinating the group may wish to focus on girls, boys, certain age groups, children with additional learning or social needs or simply those children with a proven interest in an area.
- Each project will also focus on collaboration, teamwork and developing friendships.
- Each project will have clear learning goals and measurable outcomes and will usually be run over one or two days only.

So many members of our group, children, staff, Headteachers and Governors are working incredibly hard to create a strong and lasting partnership that will be crucial to the continued success of each school in this changing educational climate. Our first event, a sports festival for children in Year 2, is on the 17th September at Diseworth. Last year this was a wonderful event that saw all the children competing in mixed school teams.

By working together we learn from each other, by working together we are stronger, by working together we create a better future.

We are looking forward to another successful year for your children and thank you in anticipation of your continued support. It is much appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

The Headteachers of the BeSKiLD Group

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