

Words from CEO

Cidari Connect: Worshipping together

On Monday I attended an inspiring Collective Worship at St Aidan's Primary School – A Church of England Academy, led by Year 6 teacher, Julie Hodgson. The theme of the service was 'Hopes and Dreams'. Julie drew upon the aspirations class teachers had had when they were young and children were invited to share their hopes for the future with each other. The children were aiming high. Georgia wants to be an author, Ethan and RAF pilot and Logan an inventor. It was wonderful to see how motivated and engaged the children were, drawing upon their previous knowledge to answer questions. The singing was absolutely beautiful and it was a lovely way to start the week. Thank you.



Cidari Connect: Getting to know you

The Chair of the Board of Directors and I are aiming to visit all our academies in May to meet staff and governors as part the 'Cidari Connect Roadshow'. This will provide an opportunity to meet members of the Cidari family informally and to discuss with you our plans for the future. Details to follow.

Cidari Connect: Working in partnership

The first Working Party to begin the annual review of the Scheme of Delegation will take place on 12th May, 12.00pm – 1.30pm at Clayton House. There is still time to volunteer to join this group by contacting Clare Shaw at clare.shaw@cidari.co.uk

Cidari Connect: Supporting each other

The first Network for Newly Qualified Teachers will take place 3.30pm – 6.30pm on Tuesday, 17th May at Clayton House. Further details will follow shortly.

The first Teaching Assistants Network will take place on Friday, 27th May, 9.30am – 12.30pm at Clayton House. Academies will be asked to nominate two members of staff to attend. We will contact you with further details about the programme after the upcoming two week break.

Academy Improvement

The Academies Show. Members of the Central Team will be attending The Academies Show on the 20th of April at the ExCeL Centre in London. The show will provide an opportunity to hear keynote speakers from the DfE and leading Multi-Academy Trusts as well as meet with leading suppliers and service providers. Admission is free and anyone considering a visit can register at the website below.

http://www.academiestshow.london/?utm_source=adwords&utm_medium=adwords&utm_campaign=Adwords&gclid=CPW_26zR_ssCFeQp0wodkUoPKg

If you are considering attending please let Peter Ashworth know so that the Central Team can meet with you on the day and share information and insight gained from the day. You can contact Peter at peter.ashworth@cidari.co.uk

The Centre Forum – Education in England Report 2016. This is a significant report which highlights the variance in performance between different groups of pupils nationally. The DfE remains particularly concerned about the performance of white working class pupils. As a Trust we have a significant number of disadvantaged pupils in our academies. As a consequence, Cidari Headteachers and staff are working hard to close gaps and accelerate pupil progress. You can find the whole report at the address below.

<http://centreforum.org/publications/education-in-england-annual-report-2016/>

Cidari Connect: Finance

Selima HR and Payroll Update

As a further update to the ongoing work with Selima on the HR & Payroll systems, the creation of the central query log has begun and will be discussed at the next project meeting with Selima. The Cidari logo has also now been added to all payslips.

Furthermore, we have requested a full data download to ensure accuracy of data on the system and to allow for any remedial work to occur in the coding of staff and improve payroll system performance. This project work will be commencing next week.

National Fair Funding Consultation

The EFA have released their proposal for a national funding formula for schools which will close on the 17th of April 2016. This consultation sets out how they plan to deliver a fair, transparent funding system where the amount of funding pupils attract for their schools is based on need and is consistent across the country. The aim is to seek views on the principles that underpin the formula and the pupil characteristics and school factors included in the formula, as well as seeking views on reform of the overall funding system. The Central team will be sending their response next week, however if you would like to offer any constructive feedback for the Senior Leadership Team to consider for inclusion in the Cidari submission. Please send any comments to Sally Little at sally.little@cidari.co.uk by 10am on the 13th of April.