

## Welcome.....

Welcome to the tenth edition of Educate Positive, a monthly publication highlighting excellence in Bradford education and other topical news from across the district. In this edition we bring you details of Steeton Primary's international work, schools recognised for their e-safety, collaborative working on Artsmark and Bradford Business Managers leading the way.

## Steeton Primary's international success

Pupils working in collaboration with their international peers has resulted in Steeton Primary School being awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.



The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international education, such as through links with partner schools overseas. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need to live and work as global citizens.

The school's international work includes Skyping schools in Finland, Poland and Italy; cross-curricular international projects on geography, festivals, history and the environment; Fairtrade School activities and a video-conference call carol concert with

schools around Europe to commemorate the 1914 Christmas Truce.

*Pictured above is Diana Linford, the school's International School Coordinator receiving the prize for the best e-Twinning project for 2014/2015 from George Glass at the national awards ceremony in Nottingham.*

➡ **For further information please contact Diana Linford or Headteacher, John Cooper at Steeton Primary on 01535 653315.**

## Collaborative working towards Artsmark

Eldwick Primary School and Bingley Grammar are working collaboratively with five other schools in their area (cluster) in a bid to achieve the new Artsmark standard. They are one of only two clusters of schools, nationally, undertaking joint working towards this new accreditation, which is awarded by Arts Council England and designed by schools to help deliver high quality arts and cultural education. Seven schools in our district are involved. Schools are working towards different levels of accreditation within Artsmark and Eldwick Primary and Bingley Grammar are leading the collaboration and providing assistance to help colleagues develop.

The schools which Bingley Grammar and Eldwick are working with are Beckfoot School and Crossflatts, Priestthorpe, Oldfield and Saltaire primaries. All schools have an individual action plan. The project is in association with Cape UK.

Janice Kershaw, Headteacher at Eldwick Primary School is a Specialist Leader in Cultural Education. Her school is in its second year of the programme. Eldwick Primary is also working with the Northern Ballet and Bingley Grammar has been working with the Royal Shakespeare Company and involves primary schools.

➡ **For further information please contact Janice Kershaw, Eldwick Primary School, T 01274 568361.**

## **RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) programme in schools**

Schools in Bradford which have taken advantage of the free RSE programme say it has helped them in addressing the needs of parents and young people in discussing issues of personal safety and relationships and sexual and reproductive health choices.

The Ur Choice programme is delivered in Years 9 and 10 in secondary schools and is coordinated by the Public Health Sexual Health Team. It is delivered by teachers, school nurses and health professionals with a pilot programme for Years 7 and 8 starting in January 2016. Tong High School was commended for its delivery of this programme when it was inspected by Ofsted. The free parents and carers programme, Speakeasy, is primarily delivered by the Council's Family Learning Service. This programme was developed by the Family Planning Association with promotion and coordination from the Sexual Health Team.

⇒ **For further information or to sign up for this free programme please contact Nicola Corrigan, Lead in the Sexual Health Team, T 01274 432097.**

## **Schools recognised for their e-safety**



As a result of four of our schools recently being awarded the E-safety Mark recognised by Ofsted as signifying a high standard of their provision within school, more pupils across the district are accessing the internet and technology more safely and effectively. This brings the total number of Bradford E-safety Mark accredited schools to 7.

Titus Salt, Green Lane Primary, Shirley Manor Primary and Burley Oaks Primary have all provided a curriculum which ensures that young people are effectively educated on the safe, responsible and legal use of connected technologies

used at and beyond school. *Photo shows pupils from Shirley Manor Primary.*

⇒ **For further information on E Safety Mark please contact Paul Scott in the Curriculum Innovation Service, T 01274 434831.**



## **Bradford Business Managers leading the way**

The School Business Management Leadership Group has been working with the National Association of School Business Managers on a course they deliver to School Business Managers throughout England in connection with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting.

Following much hard work and negotiation, Bradford will be in a position to provide training for the whole of the North of England as well as local practitioners to ensure we are delivering an outstanding service to the City's schools and the children attending them. This will commence in January 2016 and will put Bradford well and truly on the map for delivery of such a high calibre of training.

Previously the programme has only ever been delivered in London which has restricted access to the training for Business Managers in the North due to the cost of travelling and accommodation.

⇒ **For further information please contact Lesley Burton, at St John's CE Primary School, T 01274 681959.**

**Take the opportunity to share your best practice and recent achievements – to submit an item for publication please contact Alyson Hardaker, 01274 434673 or Simon O'Hare, 01274 438899 in the Bradford Council communications team.**