

Co-operative Trust News 2015 / 2016

On September 16th 2015 the Co-operative Trust celebrated its first birthday with a collaborative event in the Town Hall. Parents/carers, Governors, stakeholders and interested parties were all invited to the event. This was very well attended and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Each school presented a performance of either dance, drama, or music, with a finale where all the children sang "Believe" before the cutting of the birthday cake!

Jamie Kilner continues to work with all schools in the trust and has agreed to act as the trust Improvement Partner holding all schools to account and reporting back to the Trust Board. He has visited Abingdon Primary twice this academic year. His visits have focussed on teaching and learning in the classroom; the impact of middle and senior leaders; the quality of work in books and the quality of marking and feedback. He has noted some very good practice in all these areas and has also suggested areas where we can improve further in order to fulfil our determination to provide an outstanding education for all of the children at Abingdon.

Partnership work with the other Cooperative Trust schools has included meetings for:

Assessment leads to discuss best practice in assessing without levels

Literacy leads to moderate standards and assessments in writing

EYFS teachers to consider the new assessment arrangements in early years.

Our first joint PD Day for all trust schools was held on September 25th and focussed on writing. All EYFS and KS1 staff attended training led by Andy Taylor, whilst the KS2 training was led by Val Raynor and focussed on mastery in writing. These were very successful days and gave all staff plenty of ideas to help raise children's attainment and progress in writing in the classrooms.