

WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 13 JANUARY 2010

Title of paper:	Ambleside Primary and Nursery School Reading Champions Award	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		√
Safer Nottingham		√
Neighbourhood Nottingham		√
Family Nottingham		√
Healthy Nottingham		√
Serving Nottingham Better		√
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
Ambleside Primary and Nursery School successfully won the reading champion award. This award is nationally run by the Literacy Trust for schools to help children, mainly boys and men whose children go to the schools which have signed up for the reading champions award, as well as local communities, to be actively involved as positive reading role models.		
Recommendation:		
1	That the Area Committee acknowledges the success of Ambleside Primary and Nursery School in winning this prestigious award by making a financial contribution towards the schools reading programme.	

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Appendix 1 provides information about the Ellis Guilford School and Sports College Education Improvement Partnership (EIP) and the Literacy Trust???
- 1.2 The EIP supported Ambleside Primary and Nursery School to achieve the award of reading champions of the year 2008/2009. This is excellent recognition for the children and staff at the school for the contribution made to encouraging and supporting young people to read.
- 1.3 To officially recognise the achievements of the school councillors from Aspley ward have requested that children from the school who achieved the award be invited to the Area Committee to talk about their experiences and be presented with a certificate by the Chair of this Committee.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

The West Area Committee is committed to recognising the achievements of people living in Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley. The presentation of certificates is a demonstration of it's appreciation of the hard work put in by staff and young people at the school.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

None

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

The financial contribution could be met from the West Area environmental, social and economic well being budget, which currently stands at £20.000

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

None

6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

Notes from Heidi Shewell-Cooper, the Ellis Guilford EIP Manager

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None

Ellis Guilford Education Improvement Partnership (EIP) Background Information

1. Introduction

The EIP began in October 2006 with an outline action plan to impact on improvement, the priorities being to:

- improve standards through collaborative reading and writing projects;
- engage parents with their children’s learning;
- improve continuity across and between schools through:
 - transition;
 - Gifted and Talented;
 - International Dimension;

Progress has been made in all areas and new priorities have been added to include a focus on maths/numeracy and wider parenting support. Over the last year significant progress has been made to develop a co-ordinated approach to extended provision in partnership with key providers and stakeholders.

2. What is an EIP?

The idea of EIPs is to stimulate:

- the expansion of high quality collaboration between schools and partners;
- the rationalisation of partnership activity where appropriate;
- the devolution of responsibility and resources from LEAs (Local Education Authorities) to groups of schools and partners.

An EIP should set out its aims within the following framework of objectives:

- school improvement: raising attainment and improving behaviour and attendance;
- personalisation of provision;
- delivering on the outcomes of Every Child Matters – through fully integrated services.

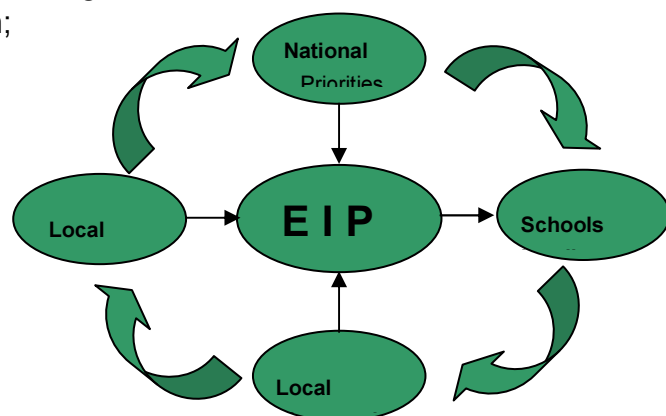
Principles behind EIPs:

- common purpose;
- defined and inclusive community of learners;
- equal commitment from all schools – possibly demonstrated through a shared partnership fund;
- using service level agreements where activities are delegated from the LEA;
- fit into the wider Children and Young Peoples Plan;
- mutual accountability for delivery;
- build on existing partnerships.

3. Ellis Guilford EIP

Consists of:

Ellis Guilford School and Sports College
Ambleside Primary and Nursery School
Heathfield Primary and Nursery School



Old Basford Primary and Nursery School
Hempshill Hall Primary and Nursery School
Southwark Primary and Nursery School
Whitemoor Primary and Nursery School
Rosslyn Park Primary and Nursery School

Information can be found on the City Council website at www.nottinghamcity.co.uk and also www.standards.dfes.gov.uk

The Ellis Guilford EIP is part of the City-wide EIP strategy. Ambleside joined this EIP in 2008.

The Ellis Guilford EIP and the Literacy Trust??

Established in October 2006, we are a Reading Connects Partnership aiming to raise standards in education and provide positive learning opportunities for our children, young people and families – in particular we hope our work will inspire a love of reading within our communities. As a result of our work to promote reading, Ellis Guilford School and Sports College was awarded the Reading Connects Secondary School of the Year 2007/08 and Ambleside Primary and Nursery School received recognition as the Reading Champions School of the Year 2008/09. Fantastic national acclaim for our children and staff.

“Imagine the difference it would make if every child loved to read...”

Other projects include:

- launching our Reading Champions project to promote positive male reading role models, in partnership with Nottingham Forest Study Support and Playing for Success. We have had a visit from Jamie Murray, Wimbledon winner and our very own reading champion. Working with local Library Services and a range of other reading partners to continue to promote reading for all;
- maths – sharing good practice in maths, exploring school banking, making maths fun through creative approaches e.g. www.mathletics.org.uk;
- enabling schools to work with and support parents through family learning opportunities;
- improving school facilities for community use through capital building projects such as a conservatory at Old Basford Primary and Nursery School, a library facility and shared play space between Rosslyn Park Primary School and Aspley Children’s Centre, amongst others;
- working with local services to develop the extended schools agenda for our area, including the Ellis Guilford Holiday Camps, Minver Crescent Sports Centre Holiday Camps (due Feb 2010) youth and play provision;
- community consultation events, e.g. Sunday Funday, September 2008, attended by 1000 adults and children, a family fun day on the Ellis Guilford School and Sports College campus;
- developing philosophy for children and communities of enquiry within our schools to encourage higher level thinking skills;
- partnerships with the Museums, Libraries and Archives, work with the Holocaust Centre at Beth Shalom, Nottinghamshire Archives and also Nottingham Castle Museum and Art Gallery for ‘Take One Picture’ – a visual literacy project with an exhibition in the Long Gallery (February 2009);

- improving transition from Year 6 to Year 7, including residential experiences;
- developing our Basford Area Band with some super performances, and also Big Spring Sing and Big Band Days each year;
- raising aspiration - co-ordinating work with our gifted and talented children including a specialist Sports Academy based at Ellis Guilford, residential experiences and an innovative early intervention project for Year 5 and 6 girls at Rosslyn Park Primary School and Ambleside Primary and Nursery School;
- linking with schools in Madrid (and sub-Saharan Africa – Kenya and Rwanda) to develop a global perspective and work towards the International School Award, supported by Spanish language teaching in the classroom.

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