

The Vale Academy Network Event 18th November 2019



The Vale Academy in Dunstable warmly welcomed members of HertsCam to our second Network Event of the 2019-20 school year. We were delighted to see colleagues both old and new to TLDW and the MEd programmes, and in particular a large number of colleagues from across the Shared Learning Trust, including members from the Board of Trustees.

The programme was opened by our host Bex Howe, Director of Primary Education at the Vale Academy, we were also treated to passionate speeches from three members of the student council. The opening address was delivered by Kate Hooft - Headteacher of The Vale Academy. Kate spoke passionately about the impact Outdoor Learning is having on learning in the school's community. Sheila Ball, HertsCam TLDW & ITL Programme Leader welcomed all the participants to establish connections with our international colleagues working in Cairo, Kazakhstan and Malaysia. Amanda Roberts, HertsCam MEd Programme Leader, invited all those present to consider continuing their learning journey by enrolling on the HertsCam MEd in Leading Teaching and Learning.



There was a vibrant atmosphere in the gym during the Poster Gallery Walk session, with post-it-note contributions; sharing, shaping and building knowledge.



The Gallery Walk and Workshops provided an insight into a range of enquiries, provoking discussion and the sharing of ideas. Project titles included; Developing strategies to make playtime inclusive for everyone. Developing strategies to develop positive behaviours through outdoor learning. Developing strategies to improve pupils' oracy skills. Developing a peer mentoring program to improve mental health and wellbeing. Developing a support framework for our most vulnerable children living in poverty.

The posters were well presented. It was great to network with others

Information, content and presentations...It was all great!

Thank you to Bex Howe for hosting, to Heather Walker for the administration of the event and to everyone who contributed through the posters and workshops.

All feedback will be discussed at the next Management Meeting

We look forward to welcoming you to our next Network Event on Tuesday 11th February 2020 hosted by Neil Chumbley at Birchwood High School, Bishops Stortford CM23 5BD