

Wormley Network Event

17th November 2016



Emma Anderson, one of the Network Coordinators kicked off our second network event of the year at Wormley Primary School to an audience of over 50 teachers from all corners of Hertfordshire. Participants from last year's Wormley and Early Years TLDW groups led by Tracy Gaiteri and Sarah Lightfoot were presented with their certificates and their successes celebrated. Tracy Gaiteri, Head of Wormley and our host, took us back to our childhood with a retelling of the story of the Little Red Hen. She then deftly illustrated the lessons to be learned about the importance of consultation and collaboration. What were the Little Red Hen's values? Had she shared these with her animal friends might they have been more willing to collaborate? Had she consulted her animal friends about her plan for action for making the bread, could they have helped her create a better plan? The moral of the story was put to good test as we moved on to the poster and networking session.



There were no Little Red Hens here. The power of consultation and collaboration in enabling both those presenting posters and those visiting posters was in evidence. Regardless of phase or experience, professional dialogue about how best to resolve issues, overcome barriers and indeed learn some practical strategies and network flourished. Here we can see Amy Gregg and Lucy Currie (left), Kate Bannington (right) from Amwell View School and Cherry Sparkes from Cuffley School in action.

The workshop sessions enabled us to learn more about Steve Emmett, Maxine Dalton, Esther Hamilton, Deb Harris and Matt Pickering's development work. Keely McLaughlin's session reminded us of how consultation can result in having to completely change your action plan which although initially disheartening results in a stronger plan which is more likely to have the impact you want. Questions around leadership such as "How do you influence others?" and nudging colleagues to think differently by asking "What would happen if you stopped doing x?" provoked some interesting discussion.



Light bulb moments from the event



How much primary strategies can be adapted and used in secondary.

Really great to discuss ideas and share vision with like-minded people.

What is the intended purpose of my development work?

Do others know what the point is?

Thank you to Tracy Gaiteri for hosting the event and to Jasleen Dhillon, our HertsCam Administrator and Network Co-ordinators Paul Barnett and Emma Anderson for supporting the organisation of the event. We look forward to seeing you at the next Network event at John Henry Newman School, Tuesday 31st January 2017.