



Hellesdon Cluster Extended Schools Team

Extended Schools update Winter 2011/12



The Extended Schools department expanded in September 2011, when Katy Smith and Elaine Mortimer joined Kathryn Ford. Katy and Elaine both work part-time and will deliver the Extended Schools provision to the cluster schools. Katy will focus on the Infant Schools and Elaine on the Junior and Primary ages. Kathryn co-ordinates this and delivers the Extended schools programme at HHS.

This academic year has already been a very busy one! Here's a quick rundown of some of the exciting things which we have been involved with...

September

- Extended Schools supported the Cluster Science Fair, where a group of year 8 pupils from the High School ran a travelling science road show to introduce pupils from year 6 to some very interesting experiments!
- We also organised Grassroots Media sessions which were run in association with the Sixth Form media department and very much enjoyed by the Junior School pupils who took part.

October

- The Extended Schools team organised the Hellesdon Community Festival, hosted by the High School. It was a fun packed day for all the family with some fantastic activities including samba band workshops, pottery, graffiti art, sports, dance and a BBO lunch which was accompanied by the very talented Hellesdon High School band!
- Extended Schools newsletter signposting half term holiday activities and opportunities, distributed to the cluster schools, and made available on the HHS website.
- The Extended Schools team also carried out a consultation with all 9 schools in the cluster, with the aim of getting families' views on what they would like to see from the Extended Services provision going forward.

November

- Katy and Elaine helped this year's Cluster Council representatives to run their first meeting and elect new officers for 2011-2012. These meetings give pupils from all 9 schools the opportunity to come together and discuss ideas for fundraising activities and cluster-wide events. The councillors gain lots of valuable skills along the way, such as actively listening, encouraging everyone to have their say and be part of discussions, and taking responsibility for gathering information and ideas. We will continue to support this going forward.
- The High School hosted several events, including a visit from Positive Youth Movement, who gave a very motivational and inspirational talk for years 9 and 10.

December

- A group of gifted and talented year 6 pupils from across the cluster visited the High School for a fantastic Chronology in History event hosted by Dr Margaret Taylor. They created a history timeline to take back to their individual schools to enhance learning for their classmates.
- Katy and Elaine ran Christmas Craft events in the Infant and Junior Schools, which were very well received by parents and children alike. Families took part in a host of Christmas craft activities including making 3D cards, calendars, Christmas stockings and lantern decorations. It was such a success that we are hoping to make this a yearly event!
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We look forward to providing the Hellesdon Cluster with lots more great activities throughout 2012!

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