

# South Lakes PTI Hub

## South Lakes PTI Hub 2023-2024

I would like to thank all of the schools who were able to take part in the South Lakes Primary Hub this academic year. Working with The PTI (Princes Teachers Institute) has proven to be a valuable investment in our teachers and ultimately our children. I knew that the PTI provided excellent speakers and teacher leaders to inspire teachers but it was still a huge gamble to get involved, one which I hope you felt paid off.

The educationalist, Robert John Meehan said that *'The most valuable resource our teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives'*. The aim of the PTI Hub has been to bring subject leads, teachers, HLTAs and senior leaders together. The days hopefully have been able to develop subject knowledge, provide inspiration and develop valuable pedagogy to support the curriculum and have a huge impact in schools. Most importantly, we hope that colleagues feel invested in and part of a collaborative partnership.

By taking part this year, schools could take part in the three face to face curriculum days, access resources in the PTI staffroom and take part in three online sessions (this year focusing on maths). If headteachers complete an impact statement afterwards on the PTI Staffroom, we can also receive the prestigious PTI Hub Mark. This is a recognised sign of high quality investment in the curriculum.

Finances are limited at the present time and therefore it is essential that schools get value for money when it comes to training and investing in their curriculum. We hope that you have found the training value for money and that the impact in our school this year has proven to be an investment in your children's education. As governors monitor the curriculum in our respective schools, we hope that subject leads will be able to articulate the impact of the training on their pedagogy and leadership. We also hope that leaders feel a part of a network of schools locally and as part of a wider network of hubs around the country.

Listening to Headteachers, we chose history, science and art this year as the curriculum areas to explore with a wider environmental theme of 'Think Globally Act Locally'. Assuming there continues to be interest in taking part next year, we hope to consider Geography, Music and Design Technology next year, following feedback from colleagues (although we do want to hear from all colleagues getting involved).

To make the PTI Hub viable we need to continue to engage 27-30 schools in the south. In the north, the demand is very high and the hub is considering splitting into two hubs to cope with the amount of schools taking part. Hopefully, we can continue to build on this year and connect our subject leads in a meaningful and sustainable way. I have also spoken to the LA to see if they would be able to support the training financially to ensure the hub is sustained. It will cost approximately £400 per school to take part.

Many thanks for your participation this year and we look forward to gathering our schools together very soon to celebrate the achievements of this year. We are encouraging headteachers to discuss the PTI Hub with cluster colleagues who may not have taken part this year, to try to get everyone involved next year. Please do discuss the impact of the training with your colleagues. I hope the following feedback will help you as you evaluate the impact in your own school.

Have a great summer term.

Many thanks

Brian Jones

Feedback:

History Day:

Question	Response
<i>The aims have been well met</i>	50% Strongly Agree 45% Agree 5% Neutral
<i>The course was well designed</i>	59% Strongly Agree 36% Agree 5% Neutral
<i>Dr Sam Riches was a good speaker</i>	64% Strongly Agree 31% Agree 5% Neutral
<i>Vanessa Wright-Davies was a good speaker</i>	77% Strongly Agree 23% Agree

Question	Response
<i>"I have found attending the course a valuable experience"</i>	59% Strongly Agree 41% Agree
<i>"Attending the course has given me the knowledge and skills to be a better teacher"</i>	41% Strongly Agree 59% Agree
<i>"My attending the course will have an impact on my pupils"</i>	41% Strongly Agree 59% Agree
<i>"I will recommend the PTI to my colleagues"</i>	50% Strongly Agree 45% Agree 5% Neutral

Participants were asked to share three things they would take back to school following the day:

- Plan a local study
- Secondary skills ideas
- Feedback to staff
- CPD on using secondary history skills
- Check staff understanding of local
- Pick a local history focus to work on
- Local history staff meeting
- Work collaboratively on our local history unit
- Check embedding of historical concepts
- Hold a staff meeting on today's learning



## Science Day:

Question	Response
<i>The aims have been well met</i>	78% Strongly Agree 22% Agree
<i>The course was well designed</i>	83% Strongly Agree 17% Agree
<i>Sarah Coates was a good speaker</i>	89% Strongly Agree 11% Agree
<i>Dr Helen Clarke was a good speaker</i>	89% Strongly Agree 11% Agree

Question	Response
<i>"I have found attending the course a valuable experience"</i>	83% Strongly Agree 17% Agree
<i>"Attending the course has given me the knowledge and skills to be a better teacher"</i>	72% Strongly Agree 28% Agree
<i>"My attending the course will have an impact on my pupils"</i>	72% Strongly Agree 28% Agree
<i>"I will recommend the PTI to my colleagues"</i>	78% Strongly Agree 22% Agree

Participants were asked to share three things they would take back to school following the day:

- Taking science outdoor more
- Awe/ wonder/ mystery
- Look at TAPs
- Audit equipment
- More outdoor learning
- Explore the new resources
- Class journals
- Review science provision with staff team
- Practical ideas to do in our school environment
- More child led ideas
- Look at picture books linked to science
- Take more active interest in Early Years science
- Contact BAE about resources
- Some of the activities to share with staff
- Invest in storybooks
- Feedback to staff
- Be more open in my enquiries
- Explore creation of a cluster hub



## Art Day:

Question	Response
<i>The aims have been well met</i>	100% Strongly Agree
<i>The course was well designed</i>	100% Strongly Agree
<i>Bob Sutcliffe was a good speaker</i>	100% Strongly Agree
<i>Andrew Featon was a good teacher leader</i>	100% Strongly Agree

Participants were asked whether they agreed with the following statements

Question	Response
<i>"I have found attending the course a valuable experience"</i>	100% Strongly Agree
<i>"Attending the course has given me the knowledge and skills to be a better teacher"</i>	92% Strongly Agree 8% Agree
<i>"My attending the course will have an impact on my pupils"</i>	85% Strongly Agree 15% Agree
<i>"I will recommend the PTI to my colleagues"</i>	100% Strongly Agree

Participants were asked to give feedback comments:

- Great course - so interesting and inspiring with fresh ideas for teaching and participating in art.
- Extremely useful. Nice combination of practical and theory.
- The whole day has been excellent. All ideas are practical and useful for my school and the staff there. I'm taking a lot of ideas and enthusiasm away with me.
- Inspiring and informative speakers. It is always good to come away from a training day with ideas and inspiration that can be realistically achieved back at school.
- Inspirational and thought provoking.
- Inspirational artists who encouraged us all to think big with collaborative ideas and easily available, recyclable materials and resources for students to use. It was great to try out new techniques on the day and get instant feedback and advice from the artists.
- Really enjoyed the sessions today and have taken away lots of useful information to report back to school. It's been inspiring and I'm full of ideas.
- It was the first time I have done something like this, I really enjoyed it! Very inspiring and obviously knowledgeable speakers who clearly enjoyed sharing their skills and crafts with everyone. I have come away feeling very inspired and determined to be a better and braver art teacher for the children in our school.
- Inspiring sessions with a good balance of ideas, doing, networking and discussion.
- An excellent CPD from PTI. Lots of opportunity to chat with other leaders and try out new ideas and resources. Both speakers were incredibly knowledgeable, enthusiastic and inspiring.



# Registering Interest for Academic Year 2024 - 2025

Please follow the link below to note whether you wish to take part. Deadline: May.

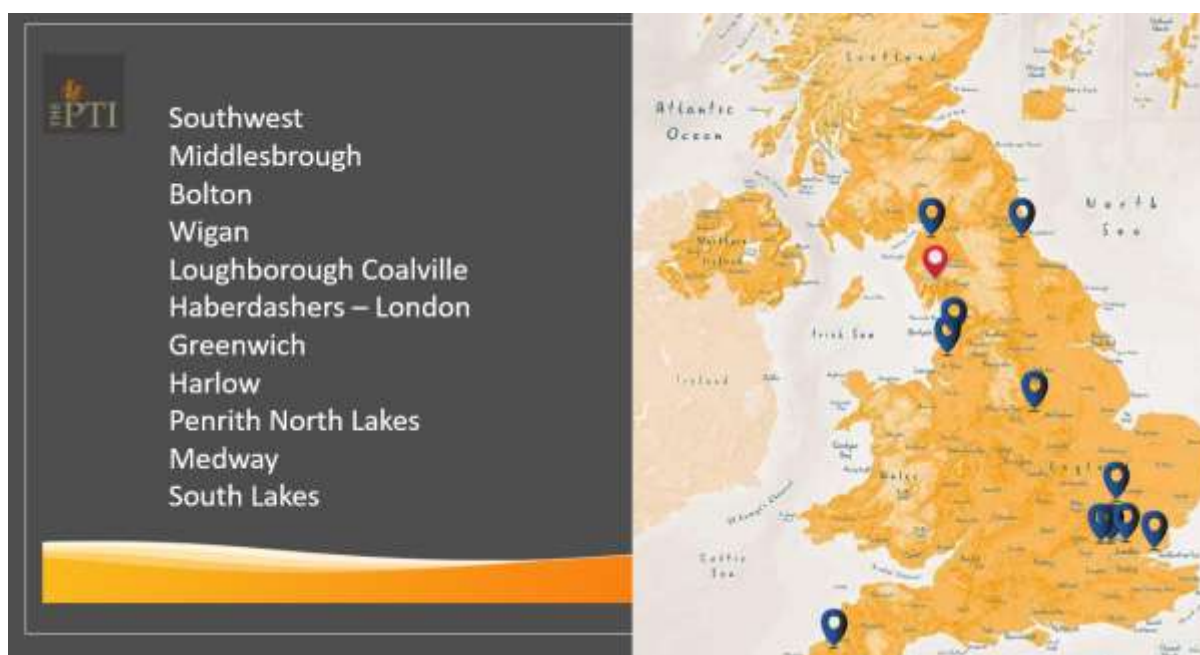
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## Aims of the scheme

- > Empower and enable schools to strengthen their subject provision and leadership
- > Encourage teachers to introduce all pupils to challenging and enriching materials and activities
- > Enrich and develop teachers' subject knowledge and impact through academic talks, resources and discussion, and the sharing of best practice
- > Motivate teachers to consider how to develop engagement, enjoyment, curiosity and intellectual independence within and beyond the curriculum

## Hubs currently in the country:

These are the hubs at the moment but they are beginning to grow across the country.



To support the days, we produced PADLETS for Science and Art however all PowerPoints can be accessed by attendees logging onto the staffroom on the PTI website.



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