

# Investors in Pupils Newsletter

Spring Term 2016

## Welcome back!

We hope that you enjoyed a good break and wish you a very happy and successful 2016. It's the time of the year again when it's natural to review last year and, looking back, we certainly have had a busy 2015 and are looking forward to an even busier new year!

42 schools in 17 UK Local authorities achieved either a first assessment, or were reassessed, during the Summer and Autumn terms last year – see roll of honour later in the newsletter for more detail.

Other programme highlights included;

- The Investors in Pupils programme handbook has been comprehensively revised in light of the latest Ofsted Common Inspection Framework (September 2015) reflecting the new 'personal development, behaviour and welfare' judgement to remain relevant and fit for purpose.
- A welcome development saw School/Student Councils highlighted as examples of practical actions schools can take to contribute to 'Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools' (DfE 2014) ensuring *"that all pupils within the school have a voice that is listened to, and demonstrate how democracy works by actively promoting democratic processes such as a school council whose members are voted for by the pupils"* ..... and talking of pupil voice .....
- Investors in Pupils partner schools hosted a number of successful open mornings at various locations including, notably, West Bretton Junior and Infant school who performed a rendition of their very own pupil voice anthem 'Give us a voice'. Take a look at <http://youtu.be/zlbZNk9nst8>

Going forward into 2016 we are delighted to be able to announce a number of exciting and significant developments to maintain the programme as streamlined, relevant to schools and fit for purpose.

## Image makeover!



Following the overhaul of our [Investors in Pupils website](http://www.investorsinpupils.org.uk) with an updated logo, designed in consultation with children and young people, all the programme's documentation is to benefit from this brand refresh. We hope you like the new branding which will be reflected on all the programme's formal documentation and plaques from April 2016. Please note there is no requirement to replace old logos where they are already on display.



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## Introducing a new Investors in Pupils Reaccreditation process...

A new reaccreditation pathway, designed through consultation with a range of schools, was successfully piloted in partner schools over the spring and summer terms last year. As a result, from September 2016, ***all*** schools submitting for reaccreditation will be required to integrate an enhanced role for pupils/students into the visit. In practise this means pupils having more of a pro-active role both on the reassessment day as well as in preparation for the day itself including a role in contributing to the school's self-review application.

From September, as a compulsory part of reassessment, pupils will be expected to design and deliver a presentation that illustrates how they have been informed/consulted/involved or influenced a whole school project that has made a positive impact in school contributing to overall school improvement. The specific focus for the presentation is the schools choice and the Assessor will look to establish a strong evidence base that has informed this selection including any data used. The project may be partly, though should be almost, complete and the following provides some examples of possible topic areas from pupil's work in other schools;

- school curriculum - teaching & learning (the way pupils learn)
- pupils personal development, behaviour and welfare
- school policy review and development
- school environment - buildings and grounds
- community/local and global
- lunch and playtimes - meal times/school food
- issues raised through pupil consultation, school/student council, etc, and
- democracy & citizenship - British Values; mutual respect and tolerance

Following a presentation (15-20 mins) pupils should be prepared to answer Assessors' questions. Use of photographs, charts, videos and any other creative ways of demonstrating what has been done in school are encouraged.

## Introducing a new framework for secondary schools...

Although retaining the existing 'Investors in Pupils' name, our work with secondary schools and students is currently being reviewed and, in particular, the framework for secondary schools which is to be increasingly tailored to meet their specific needs of secondary schools. As with the introduction of the new reaccreditation pathway this development comes into effect from September 2016.

## Numerous open events – don't miss out!

In recent years we have held a number of successful open events and this year we will be continuing this trend. Already we have some open mornings fast approaching in Tameside and West Yorkshire. These are still open for colleagues to book onto but you will need to book quickly to ensure that you don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities. Popular with schools, colleagues tell us that it's a really good way to gain new ideas and to see how Investors in Pupils works in practice in a school. Further details are available in the 'Training opportunities' section below or keep an eye on our website for new dates at [www.investorsinpupils.org.uk](http://www.investorsinpupils.org.uk). If you are involved with a group of schools that would like to organise something similar, please get in touch.

## Investors in Pupils – Roll of Honour

**Congratulations** to all the staff, pupils, parents and governors who have worked hard to help their school achieve the Investors in Pupils National Award. In the Summer and Autumn terms 2015, the following schools were successful in either achieving the award for the first time or as a reaccreditation;



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Holy Trinity Primary Academy, Calderdale  
 Roberttown CE (c) J & I School, Kirklees  
 Peel Park Primary School, Lancashire  
 Colton Primary School, Leeds  
 Queensbury School, Bradford  
 Low Moor CE Primary School, Bradford  
 Mossfits Lane Primary School, Liverpool  
 Heathfield Community Primary School, Bolton  
 Roundthorn Primary Academy, Oldham  
 Westbourne Primary School, Bradford  
 Denton West End Primary School, Tameside  
 Wynndale Primary School, Nottinghamshire  
 Acre Heads Primary School, East Riding  
 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, N.Yorks  
 Monk Fryston C of E Primary School, N.Yorks  
 Bowling Park Primary School, Bradford  
 Cotgrave Candleby Lane School, Nottinghamshire  
 St. Mary's Grammar School, NEELB  
 Rawthorpe St James Infant & Nursery School, Kirklees  
 All Saints' C of E School Calderdale  
 Nields Junior, Infant and Nursery School Kirklees

Upton Westlea Primary School, Cheshire  
 Bingham Robert Miles Infant School, Nottinghamshire  
 Shelton Junior School, Derby City  
 Cockburn School, Leeds  
 Watersheddings Primary School, Oldham  
 Tuxford Primary Academy, Nottinghamshire  
 Brinsley Primary School, Nottinghamshire  
 Abbey Gates Primary School, Nottinghamshire  
 Heaton Avenue Primary School, Kirklees  
 Rawdon St Peter's C of E Primary School, Leeds  
 Willow Farm Primary, Nottinghamshire  
 East SILC John Jamieson School, Leeds  
 Parkinson Lane Community Primary School, Calderdale  
 Kippax Ash Tree Primary School, Leeds  
 Stocks Lane Primary School, Bradford  
 Ysgol Rhos Helyg, Flintshire  
 Coppice Primary Academy, Oldham  
 Southroyd Primary School & Nursery, Leeds  
 Penllwyn Primary, Caerphilly  
 Reevy Hill Primary School, Bradford  
 Milton St John's CofE Primary School Tameside

## Training Opportunities....

**Investors in Pupils Open events** provide opportunities to see, hear and experience a school's engagement with Investors in Pupils, including a learning walk and presentations from staff and pupils/students and the central Investors in Pupils team. Following the events delegates have a greater appreciation and understanding of:

- how staff have introduced and developed 'Investors in Pupils', ensuring consistent provision
- how pupils are engaged and have a voice
- the measurable impact 'Investors in Pupils' can have on the whole school community, and
- how to prepare for, and what to expect from, the assessment day visit

### The following dates are currently available;

#### Milton St John's C of E Primary School, Tameside

Tuesday 8th March

9.30am - 11:30am

Venue: Milton St John's C of E Primary School, Mill Lane, Mossley, Tameside, OL5 0BN

#### Stocks Lane Primary School, Bradford

Tuesday 22nd March

9.30am - 11:30am

Venue: Stocks Lane Primary School, Stocks Lane, Clayton Heights, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD13 2RM

For further information including prices and booking please go to

<http://www.leedsforlearning.co.uk/TrainingandEvents>



## INVESTORS IN PUPILS

**Something to share?** We are keen to run open events around the country so; if you feel your pupil voice and participation provision is worthy of showcasing; are currently a 'good' or 'outstanding' school according to Ofsted and are happy to open your doors to colleagues from other schools then please be in contact.

### Developing Effective School Councils

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

9:15am - 3:30pm

Venue: North East Leeds City Learning Centre, Leeds

Lots of schools have school councils but are they always effective? This course provides a range of ideas and techniques to ensure that your school council really makes a difference to your school community. Suitable for staff from primary, secondary and special school settings the course will provide delegates with the opportunity to:

- Explore characteristics of effective schools councils and develop a constitution.
- Understand how to effectively action plan & prioritise the work of your school council.
- Discover other pupil-led activities and explore ways for students to get involved in wider decision making e.g. Cluster Councils and Youth Councils.
- Understand how to link school council with leadership teams and school governors.

### SMSC: What? Where? How and Why?

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016

9:30am - 3:30pm

Venue: Adam's Court, Leeds

Inspectors **must** consider the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils at the school as well as "evaluate how well the school promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development". This course will provide delegates with the opportunity to:

- gain a clear understanding of what SMSC is
- reflect on SMSC in your current school context
- understand how Ofsted inspects SMSC, and
- identify next steps for action

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### Investors in Pupils Programme – April 2016 Charges

Over the previous 3 years, mindful of financial pressures, the Investors in Pupils Programme Board has worked hard to maintain the programmes costs. Following this period of stability to ensure the sustainability of the programme we are introducing, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, a new pricing structure confident that it continues to provide a quality service and excellent 'value for money' that stands up to scrutiny when compared to other national quality marks.

Number of pupils on roll	Prices from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016
Up to 100 Pupils	£659 + VAT
101 – 420 Pupils	£769 + VAT
421 – 800	£879 + VAT
801 pupils and over	£949 + VAT
Open events (morning/afternoons)	£105 per delegate

**Finally, please do get in touch with us as we are keen to include relevant articles from schools to share in future publications**

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