



Nurture Edition

Welcome to the second issue of Neat news. In this edition, we focus on the work we are doing around Nurture- providing wellbeing support to our school community.

Last term, Benfield year 7 pupils decided that they wanted to support our NEAT community of schools. They made up family food hampers and were involved in accessing support through Mission Christmas and Metro Radio's Cash for Kids.

News of this fantastic work soon spread and we were delighted to receive a donation of £1,000 from LA taxis. Further fantastic news followed when we received another donation for £2,000 from Hadrian Healthcare! The response to the support for our most vulnerable families was fantastic and we were overwhelmed by the kind donations. NEAT would like to say a huge thank you to all of the business partners who supported the venture.



Maria Irving Assistant Head Teacher of Benfield School who led the initiative said:

It was so rewarding to see how Benfield students were able to encourage the whole NEAT community of schools to come together. It really did make Christmas a more enjoyable experience for some of our families.

More recently, year 7 students have been fundraising for Smile Train and all of our NEAT schools supported the Children in Need. We are so proud of all of our wonderful students and the difference their work is making to so many lives.

Wellbeing our super seven

- 1 Coordinated community offers around physical health so we know what is out there in our community to support our schools and families
- 2 Delivered two wellbeing parent workshops to promote good mental wellbeing
- 3 Established a central support team with Amber Milligan supporting around attendance and Silvia Blenkley offering intensive family support.
- 4 Launched a whole trust attendance reward system
- 5 Developed an extra-curricular offer across NEAT schools
- 6 Consulted with families and students to find out what activities they would like offered across the summer holidays
- 7 Mapped out a PHSE curriculum to support our students in becoming well rounded citizens

NEAT going places

We have lots of exciting plans and working together is really helping to shape our future direction. We are in the process of developing our longer term plan and will soon be asking our families for their ideas around this. In the meantime:

- We have submitted a bid for funds to help shape how we support our families where attendance is an issue. We are really excited about this as it will really help to transform how we support some of our most vulnerable families.
- We have formed a Teaching School Alliance and are now in the position where we are able to offer support to other Newcastle schools around learning and teaching.
- We are busy planning a summer offer for all of our NEAT families and we are looking forward to launching this in the summer term.

“Working together and sharing facilities has really added to our after school offer. The Falcons have been coming down to take a combined session. The buy in from children has been great. Really looking forward to the summer for more of the same.”

Steve Gittins Head Teacher Tyneview Primary

Every day counts - getting to 190 days

Help NEAT to meet our attendance target. Every NEAT school has an attendance target of 96%. We know that if our children attend school regularly, they make good progress in our schools. We have lots of rewards to encourage good attendance and support that we can offer when families are finding things difficult. Our vision is for every NEAT child to attend school regularly, be happy healthy and have the skills and knowledge to be successful in life. We really need your help to achieve this because **together we make a difference.**