

Year 6 Cluster Group Meetings

Minutes – Monday 10th October

Present:

Claire Miller – Yarlside
Russ Brown – Vickerstown
Claire Rowland-Smith – Holy Family
Emily Palmer – Cambridge
Louise Ellis – St Georges
Rose Tranter – Chetwynde
Bridget Penellum – Sacred Heart
Matthew Marshall – St Pius
Michelle Banks – South Walney
Sarah Chatfield – Victoria Academy
Wendy Gillett – Victoria Academy
Stephanie Head – North Walney

Key Dates:

- Next Cluster Group Meeting:
Tuesday 21st March – 4.00 at St Georges School

Actions:

- Claire to send out writing assessment sheets to everyone so they can amend as needed
- Russ to set up 'Drop-box' and send out e-mails to everyone

Apologies:

Sharon Carter – Roose
Jessica Corless – Ormsgill
Paul Alalouf – Barrow Island

SATs Results

Everyone agreed that the reading comprehension was very difficult, especially when compared to the grammar, punctuation and spelling test and we shared strategies that different teachers adopt for the teaching of reading. It was agreed that this should be a focus for the next meeting.

Writing moderation

A few schools present had been moderated and shared their experiences which were very positive. Michelle raised the point to be careful that cross-curricular writing should also be of the same quality, especially for the less able children, as her moderator had asked for this evidence.

We discussed how different schools were assessing writing this year and everyone seems to be using the new interim assessment criteria. Claire gave out some writing assessment sheets that included 'working towards', 'expected standard' and 'greater depth' for teachers and children that could be adapted as necessary.

Sharing resources

Russ introduced the idea of sharing resources through a 'drop box' app for Year 6 teachers where we can share good quality planning and resources that are have worked. Russ will be sending an e-mail to everyone inviting them to this app.

New dates for meetings to tie in with other groups

We have been asked to tie in with other cluster group meeting dates and consequently, these are the set dates for the spring and summer terms, which are now Tuesdays not Mondays: 21st March 2017 & 13th June 2017

Issues to be discussed at next meeting:

- Ideas for simple but effective, **time saving** science activities
- Preparing for the reading comprehension test
- Writing moderation again
- Strategies / resources for teaching spelling
- Good revision resources for both classwork and homework