

# MSA Newsletter

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

Special School Governors Event 13 Nov

MAHSC Schools Conference 17 Nov

Manchester NUT Education Question Time Event 18 Nov

MTSA Conference: 'Making Learning Irresistible' 20 Nov

Financial Efficiencies Governors Event 24 Nov

New Curriculum & Assessments Governors Event 2 Dec

Ofsted Primary School Governor Training 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

North of England Conference 14-16 Jan

New Headteacher event 19 Jan

MSA & Manchester Governors Association Annual Conference 7 Feb

MSA Conference 25 Feb

New Headteacher event 16 Mar

Lorraine Petersen: SEN In Your School - The Transition from Legislation to Implementation 17 Mar

Special School Governors Event 19 Mar

Data Analysis Governors Event 26<sup>th</sup> Mar

To find out more details about any of these events, please email: [admin@manchesterschoolsalliance.co.uk](mailto:admin@manchesterschoolsalliance.co.uk)

## Welcome

Dear Colleague

4<sup>th</sup> November 2014

I hope you find this MSA Newsletter interesting and informative. It gives a snapshot of activity so far this year and an indication of activities to come. As you will see, the MSA has a new Business Manager, Megan Drillsma, who will respond to any questions or suggestions for future activities that you make.

One activity that filled up very quickly is the Ofsted training for governors but, if HMI agree, I hope to arrange further training in 2015. There is, however, still room on the free Google training for primary schools (page2), and on the 'Life after Levels' conference' (page 4).

Whatever event you participate in, I hope you find it worthwhile.

Regards  
John McNerney

## Recent Highlights

### MSA CONFERENCE

The first MSA conference of the academic year took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the Manchester Town Hall with over 75 attendees.

Interesting provocations and discussions were presented on topics such as 'Is there life after levels?', 'Let's change everything at once!' and 'Don't Mention the Poor', followed by key stage outcomes from John Edwards, Director of Education and Skills. John also discussed the 'Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and Review of the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board'.

The day concluded with presentations from the two teaching school alliances, The Brookburn and Chorlton Park Alliance and The Piper Hill and Loreto Alliance before a question and answer and networking session.

We look forward to our next MSA Conference on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

### NEW HEADTEACHER EVENT

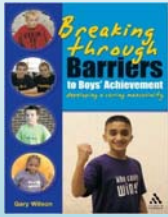
On the 9<sup>th</sup> October, Manchester City Council hosted a welcome event for all new Headteachers. Council Leader, Sir Richard Leese along with the Director of Education and Skills, John Edwards and the Executive Member for Education, Councillor Sheila Newman all provided introductions, followed by a question and answer session. This exclusive event was considered to be highly worthwhile by all with many commenting on the value of the meeting and the great opportunity to share best practice.

There are 3 future new Head Teacher events planned and will cover topics on Working with Governors, The Teaching Schools, and Employment and Disciplinarys. Details will be sent out in the near future.



## Recent Highlights...

### MSA & OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS



On the 14<sup>th</sup> October, the MSA and Oxford University Press joined together to organise for a free professional development event at the Friends Meeting House titled: 'Breaking Through the Barriers: Raising Boys' Achievement' presented by Gary Wilson. Gary has spent a great deal of his career specializing in raising boys' achievement. He is the author of several books on the subject and is used extensively by several LAs and organizations to implement his ideas on closing the gender gap. Over 30 delegates attended the training, listening to topics on the context of boys' underachievement, effective strategies for achievement in literacy, emotional intelligence, peer pressure, teacher expectations and teaching and learning skills.

Based on the success of this event, the MSA and Oxford University Press are re-joining to host a second professional development event on the 17<sup>th</sup> March in the Town Hall, presented by **Lorraine Petersen**, OBE. The invitation is open to all Primary Head teachers, members of SLT and SENCO's to look at SEND Current Context – The changing landscape for schools. This includes sessions on the new landscape for schools, Ofsted framework and SEND and finally Quality First Teaching. The full invitation for this event is also included as an advertisement below.



## Upcoming Events

### NORTH OF ENGLAND EDUCATION CONFERENCE 14 - 16<sup>th</sup> JAN 2015

In its 111<sup>th</sup> year the North of England Education Conference (NEEC) - the UK's leading annual education conference - is heading home to Manchester. It will focus on celebrating and exploring self-improvement through the key themes of Innovation, Sustainability and Employability.

The conference will showcase best practice, innovation and research in education. It will promote self-improvement from the perspectives of the individual pupil, the educator, the institution and the system as a whole; and it will link education to positive life chances and the employability of young people.

To book your place, please visit [www.educationconferences.co.uk](http://www.educationconferences.co.uk)

### Manchester Academic Health Science Centre "Our health, our future"

The MSA have joined up with the Manchester Academic Health Sciences Centre – a network of hospitals and universities in Manchester which carries out health research - to promote their free health research conference taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. All local secondary schools are invited to bring teams of pupils aged 8-18 to get involved and have a say about future public health in Manchester (including themes on smoking, alcohol and obesity).

Pupils will hear from researchers, experience a performance, participate in hands-on activities, and work in small groups to tackle to challenge of improving public health in their community.

A selection of pupils will then present their challenges at the MAHSC inaugural conference "Our impact on Health" on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

If you would like more information or would like to confirm your place, please email Megan Drillsma on [admin@manchesterschoolsalliance.co.uk](mailto:admin@manchesterschoolsalliance.co.uk).



### GOOGLE TRAINING

The Code Club movement has already enriched the curriculum of many primary schools by providing coding skills for 9 to 11 year olds. The ambition is to give every child the chance to learn to code and to have Code Clubs in 25% of primary schools in the UK by the end of 2015. The challenge we have is for now: how do we provide our schools with the necessary skills and knowledge to deliver this new curriculum requirement?

To provide an immediate impact, the Manchester Schools' Alliance, in partnership with the Manchester teaching schools, is very pleased to be working with Google and Code Club Pro to provide free initial computing training that will support primary schools.

Google have offered to sponsor a 'Demystifying the new curriculum' session in 50% of primary schools in Manchester, totalling to 67 schools. This means up to 1,005 primary teachers can have free initial training and 15,057 primary school children will be reached. These sessions will also be open to ICT co-ordinators from partner secondary school.

To sign up for the free 'Demystifying the new Curriculum' programme, all schools need to register at [www.manchestertsa.com](http://www.manchestertsa.com).

## Advertisement

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**Tuesday 17th March 2015, 9.15 – 3.30pm**

Manchester Schools' Alliance, Banqueting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA

Primary Headteachers, Members of SLT and SENCO's are invited to attend FREE PD with

**Lorraine Petersen, OBE**

**SEND Current Context – The changing landscape for schools:  
Where are you on the journey of change?**

I would like to invite you to join me from 9.15 on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 to reflect on SEND– The new landscape for schools, where you are on the journey of change and what the implications for your own school are.

The session, sponsored by **Oxford University Press** and organised by **Manchester Schools Alliance** offers the opportunity to attend a **free** full day of professional development for HTs, members of SLT and SENCO's

- ❖ Session 1: The new landscape for schools
- ❖ Session 2: Ofsted framework and SEND
- ❖ Session 3: Quality First Teaching – What does this look like in your school?

Numbers will be limited to 80 delegates (max 2 delegates per school) so please book early – please register by emailing [drillsmam@stpetershigh.com](mailto:drillsmam@stpetershigh.com) by 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.

Thank you, I will forward to meeting you.

With Best Wishes

Lorraine Petersen OBE

From 2004 – 2013 Lorraine was the CEO of nasen. During that time she was involved with several projects with other agencies including the Department for Education (DfE). Lorraine has been a chair, keynote speaker and workshop facilitator at numerous national and international conferences as well as a consultant for a number of national organisations. Lorraine has many years' experience of working with an array of special and additional needs within mainstream settings and hands-on experience of the issues relating to caring for and educating these children. During her 25 teaching career Lorraine held a number of posts within mainstream schools and was head teacher of two very diverse primary schools. In June 2009 Lorraine was awarded the OBE for Services to Education, the Outstanding Achievement Award at the Education Research AWARDS IN 2010, and in 2013 the Outstanding Achievement Award at BETT. Since November 2013 Lorraine has worked as an Independent Consultant supporting schools, local authorities and academy chains to successfully implement the proposed SEND legislative changes.



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THEMES:

- ✦ **BEYOND LEVELS**
- ✦ **MAKING LEARNING REAL, IMMERSIVE AND POWERFUL**
- ✦ **THE NEW PRIMARY CURRICULUM: BEING CREATIVE**

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:

- ✦ **DAME ALISON PEACOCK**
- ✦ **SIR ANDREW CARTER**
- ✦ **ANDREW MORRISH**

WITH MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED

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## Upcoming Events & Training...

### OFSTED TRAINING – PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS – ‘GOOD’ SCHOOLS’

This one day FREE training event is designed to help school leaders improve their schools by providing an insight into how Ofsted inspects and how inspectors develop their lines of inquiry and investigation. The course is designed to demystify inspection and at the same time help schools evaluate themselves objectively ‘through the lens of inspection’. The day involves participation in practical activities designed to ‘walk you through’ inspection processes and you will have the opportunity to speak with other colleagues, HMI and share best practice.

- Event Requirements:** Maximum of 12 schools with each school providing two governors.  
Target group are schools that were judged as ‘good’, grade ‘2’, in their last inspection.
- Event Details:** There is no charge for the day.  
Refreshments will be provided.
- Event Location:** St Peter’s RC High School, Kirkmanshulme Lane, Manchester, M12 4WB
- Event Time:** 9.15am to 2.30pm
- Event Date:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014

If you wish to apply for a place, please email the names of two governors to Megan Drillsma using the contact details above.



### LANGUAGE SUPPORT

Do you require support with students whose first language is not English? We have a contact from Manchester Metropolitan University who has offered the possibility of their TESOL students supporting these pupils via a volunteering project in which MMU undergraduates assist EAL children in local schools.

If this is something you would like to gain more information from, please outline your current perceived needs including timescales and email them to Megan Drillsma using the contact details above.

### MANCHESTER NUT EDUCATION QUESTION TIME

This Education question time event, sponsored by Manchester Teachers’ Association will be chaired by Allan Beswick from BBC Radio Manchester.

It will take place on Tuesday 18 November at the Manchester Mechanics Institute at 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

- Panellists include:**
- Max Hyde – NUT National President
  - Ian Fenn – Headteacher, Burnage Academy for Boys
  - Dame Dana Ross- Wawrzynski – CEO - Bright Futures Education Trust
  - Zahra Alijah – Lecturer in Education, University of Manchester
  - Jon Pritchard – Manchester Councillor and Primary School Chair of Governors

Admission is **free**, but please register in advance for tickets with John Morgan or Maureen Burslem at Manchester Teachers’ Association.

Everyone is welcome, especially parents, sixth form students, governors and anyone else with an interest in education.

You would also be most welcome to send questions in advance to [secretary@manchester.nut.org.uk](mailto:secretary@manchester.nut.org.uk).



## Youth Sport Trust Primary Membership across Manchester City

Manchester Schools' Alliance (MSA) in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust (YST) and Manchester City Council (MCC) has provided all Manchester Primary Schools with the opportunity to access a unique offer of support to help develop PE and school sport across the city.

Youth Sport Trust membership offer for 2014/15 is free to all primary schools and is as follows:

- \* Youth Sport Trust communications and magazines
- \* Youth Sport Trust Quality Mark
- \* Youth Sport Trust Members website
- \* Outstanding PE in Primary Schools – resource
- \* Sport Premium case study –resource
- \* Professional Development Courses – up to 6 courses across the city of each of the following:
  - o KS 1 Training
  - o KS 2 Training
  - o Inclusive PE
  - o Youth Sport Trust PE Subject Coordinator modules (1-3 offered in first year)
- \* Discounts and offers – for example 10% of all purchases made through Youth Sport Direct.

If you are not already using YST resources, please visit the YST website for more detail on what is available free to your school: [www.youthsporttrust.org](http://www.youthsporttrust.org).



## A word on MSA Membership...

If you have already signed up for your MSA Membership that's great and a big thank you.

If you haven't signed up yet and want to please contact our Business Manager, Megan Drillsma, on the contact details provided above to discuss how to sign up.

If you're still unsure about whether to sign up for membership, we hope that some of the content of this Newsletter has gone some way to showing you what we want the MSA to be about. But we recognise this is still early days and we can't emphasise enough how much the MSA is about all of us working together to make the best use of our partnership potential. Members and non-members alike, if you think something is missing and the partnership is an opportunity to use our collective resources, capacity and most importantly our collective voice to deliver it then speak up, put every idea forward and we'll do our part to bring our combined strength and will to make it happen. After all this is a cooperative and we all have our part to play.

## Feedback & Future Editions

If you have any comments or feedback on this newsletter, or any questions about the content, please get in touch using the contact details provided.

Also, if you have anything you would like us to include in future editions please get in touch. We're always keen to promote the great work of our member schools.