



## **Submission for TES Community and Collaboration Award for 2013-14**

Chipping Norton Partnership of Schools (CNPS) comprises Chipping Norton School (CNS) and ten rural primary schools, who work hand in hand in an innovative and effective partnership. Collaboratively, we enhance and enrich the learning of our children by coordinating a wealth of community learning activities, in addition to their school curriculum. The partnership works in a very creative, innovative and business-like manner with inspiring results. We run a broad and varied programme:

**Festivals:** We organise events for Modern Foreign Languages, Science, English, Drama, Dance, and a wide range of sports. Each year nearly 3500 primary children attend these festivals led by nearly 500 young leaders from CNS. Many of these festivals are run in collaboration with community groups and clubs.

**Extra Time Clubs:** CNS runs clubs in Maths, English, Science and sports for primary children to develop skills and work with specialist teachers. There is also a huge range of clubs and activities for CNS children with community coaches and tutors from local organisations.

**Family Focus Activities:** Adults and children learn together at workshops including: Science, "No Fear Shakespeare", Art, ICT, Drama, Music, Dance, Design and Technology and activities with community partners: St John First Aid, CN Amateur Astronomy Group and local sports clubs

**Able Gifted and Talented Workshops:** Nominated primary pupils, attend a range of workshops including English, Maths, Science, Design and Technology, Drama, Art and Philosophy for Children.

**Cross Phase Curriculum Links, CPD and Transition:** CNPS staff benefit from sharing knowledge and expertise and ensuring that the cross phase transfer is efficient and learning maximised. We have developed strategies to help children move from primary to secondary schools including "Bridge Club" where parents and children attend lessons together, Year 6 Summer School for AG&T and PPG students and a range of transition curriculum projects. We run a wide range of Inset to ensure effective local development and shared schemes of work.

Our Community Learning Coordinator, who is also a PE Teacher at CNS, and our administrator, work with Partnership Link Teachers (PLTs) from each primary school to develop evaluate and organise events. This Community Learning Team is constantly searching for new ideas and funding to enable events to take place and are highly regarded and respected within the community. The team is dedicated to providing exceptional extension and enrichment opportunities for our children. CNS young leaders spend many hours preparing for the festivals and are great role-models for the primary pupils.

Community Learning events are a fantastic way for primary children to visit the secondary school that most of them will eventually attend, and gain reassurance about making that transition. At all events children and young people are encouraged to be the best they can be. Our community of schools is one big family with children at different stages of their development. Our exceptional collaborative partnership provides experiences that will be remembered for the rest of their lives. Chipping Norton Partnership of Schools is an amazing partnership which thoroughly deserves this accolade.

# Chipping Norton Partnership of Schools - Feedback from our Community

## • Feedback from Headteachers and Partnership Link Teachers:

**Headteacher, Kingham Primary School:** With Local authorities reducing in size and with it, their level of support and interaction with schools, it has never been more important for schools to reach out to their friends in the wider community to work collaboratively, as it is now. Pupils meet regularly from the range of schools to explore their gifts and talents with like-minded peers from their neighbouring schools. The whole family benefits from the courses aimed to bring groups together on such things as, for example, 'First Aid and 'Astronomy'.

My career in teaching spans over 30 years and my experience has been in four authorities; CNPS is unique, we are immensely proud of as it celebrates everything I joined the profession for all those years ago!

**Headteacher, Enstone Primary School:** Being part of the Chipping Norton Partnership of Schools Festivals makes a hugely positive contribution to the development of PE and sport at our small, village school. Our pupils benefit from many and varied opportunities to engage in competitive sport with other partnership primaries. The involvement of the young sports leaders from CNS is always an inspiration to them. The staff training opportunities have helped us to develop PE teaching and learning throughout the school.

**PLT, Middle Barton Primary School:** CNPS is extremely lucky to have a great Community Learning Team, who organise a vast range of activities for children at Chipping Norton School and the 10 feeder primary schools and their families. As the Partnership Link teacher, I attend termly meetings and I leave each one with a buzz. The partnership is extremely strong and it really does give everyone involved, a sense of belonging and pride. When I attend events with children from our school, it is so positive to see them mixing with other children and making new friends. This is really important for the children as it eases their move from primary school to secondary school. So many of the children at Middle Barton are already calling Chipping Norton School their secondary school and I firmly believe this is due to all of the opportunities that they have to attend events at the school, right from Year 1.

**PLT, Enstone Primary School:** Having a strong partnership makes it easy for us to be able to give all our pupils the opportunity to take part in activities such as Drama, Modern Foreign Languages G&T workshops and Family Focus. These activities help us to collaborate and create a strong community. Our pupils already feel part of CNS.

**PLT, Charlbury Primary School:** CNPS offer inclusion and collaboration for all year groups from foundation through to Year 13. There is inclusion of all abilities in all areas of joint curriculum. Children are encouraged to try new activities through festivals at a younger age and extend experiences as they progress through their school life. CNPS gives the children and teachers a sense of identity and community across the 11 schools,

**PLT, Great Tew Primary School:** CNPS is a great way of sharing good practice and allows development of the whole student across a range of activities. Students mix with other children who they will possibly end up being in secondary school with. They have the opportunity to take part in activities at CNS, giving those who come from very small schools an opportunity to get used to a bigger and different environment.

## • Feedback about Festivals:

**PLTs Holy Trinity Primary and St Mary's Primary School:** CNS young leaders are always keen to encourage primary school children at festivals. Primary school children look up to these students as their role models

**Chair, 4 Shires Swimming Club:** Four shires Swim Club support Chipping Norton Partnership schools in the facilitation of the schools gala which is yet another example of the fantastic ethos of collaboration through this initiative. As well as supporting the children through sport and additional curricular and extracurricular activities, it fosters further integration into the local communities through the affiliations with local clubs.

**CNS student feedback, Year 13:** Being a leader in the Primary School Festivals has improved my confidence vastly. I now can lead and teach new skills to a wide range of audiences, and have undertaken new roles in my extra-curricular activities. I learnt how to plan, be effective and work with my peers under pressure, skills which will be useful for the rest of my life.

**CNP Student feedback, Year 13:** I took part in four festivals, Ball Skills, Hockey, Swimming Gala and School Olympics. Each one required teamwork and organisation, and at each event I had to take on a different role, these include scorer, refereeing and team leader. I learnt how to give clear and concise instructions, work with my peers, and gained a CSLA Award at the end of Year 12. As a result of increased confidence and skills I went on to volunteer and run a club for primary children which is a fantastic opportunity to give back to my primary school.

**Teacher, Great Tew, Year 3 Drama Workshop:** A huge thank you for organising the Drama workshop. The Year 10s were inspiring, both in their performance as a group and how they worked in small groups with the children. My Year 3s loved them! Utterly brilliant and I hope it's able to happen next year too.

- **Feedback about Extra Time Clubs:**

**Primary pupil feedback:** I couldn't wait to go to Science club each week. It's amazing how we think we are just having fun but actually we are learning lots. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you - your commitment and enthusiasm for these extra activities is amazing. This has really developed my son's interest his love and interest in Science.

**CNS pupil feedback:** I go to clubs every night including LAMDA, Art, Cookery, Dance and Hockey. They stop me being bored and I can meet my friends. Mum usually picks me up after work at 6pm.

**Parent feedback:** I want to thank you and your staff in the Science Department for a fabulous workshop put on for primary school children. My daughter, a year 4 pupil at Charlbury, came along and loved it. Each week she was keen to go and when she returned she told us, with great enthusiasm, about what she had done. She loved meeting her brother's teachers and enjoyed using the Bunsen burner.

**Parent feedback:** On behalf of Holy Trinity Primary School, please could you pass on my thanks to Jo Phillips and the team of Science teachers. My daughter Lily and several of her classmates attended the Science clubs and found them inspiring, engaging and enjoyable. Thank you to the team for providing their expertise in addition to their daily responsibilities - it has been very much appreciated.

- **Feedback about Family Focus Workshops:**

**Astronomy: Parent and child feedback:** I came with my daughter and I am anxious to let you know that both she and I are buzzing with excitement from the evening. Unprompted, Sophie spent 20 minutes telling her mother what we had been doing which is a good test of a stimulated ten year old. I am Physics graduate myself and I was enormously impressed by the creative lesson planning and energetic delivery.

**Build a Trebuchet: Parent feedback:** Great fun and fantastic staff. My son and I started to work as a team.

**Tutor, St John First Aid:** We work with CNPS as part of their Family Focus programme. It brings together the school and its community in a very positive way. Children, parents, carers and grandparents learn new important life skills together. It also enables St John Ambulance to work toward their aims that *"no one should die as a result of lack of first aid"*. Everyone who learns first aid can be the difference between a life lost and a life saved. The programme has been so successful that we at St John Ambulance have started expanding this idea into other counties.

- **Feedback about Able Gifted & Talented Workshops**

**PLT, Hook Norton Primary School:** Our primary children consider CNS to be 'their school' long before they attend, making the transition much easier. The AGT workshops give our able pupils an amazing opportunity to collaborate with like-minded children which is difficult to provide in a small rural school. With reduced support from LA, it is a great resource for Headteachers, subject leaders and teachers to be able to cooperate and support each other especially during these times of so much change.

**Science AG&T, Pupil feedback:** At our desert island Science workshop, I enjoyed making a beacon and letting the water evaporate. We worked out how to make salt water into clean water. We tried out lots of practical experiments and I enjoyed meeting new people.

**English AG&T, Pupil feedback:** At the Macbeth Drama workshop I loved acting the play and doing the freeze frames. We looked at adjectives and similes. We talked over ideas before writing about the ghost.

- **Feedback about Cross Phase Curriculum Links and Transition**

**PLT, Chadlington Primary School:** The support from the Community Learning Coordinator and the other PLTs within the CNPS greatly enhances and supports the implementation of PE and other subjects in primary schools. Good practice is shared collaboratively to enable all schools to benefit.

**Chipping Norton School Teacher, Curriculum Link Meetings- Science:** My developed understanding of the nature of KS2 science through CNPS link meetings which has significantly contributed to our existing, and planned transition model. Having a forum to discuss and develop ideas which helps standardise the quality of Science teaching and learning for our future students and support our dedicated colleagues in primary schools to deliver outstanding lessons is invaluable.

**Chipping Norton School Teacher, Curriculum Link Meeting – English:** Meeting colleagues from CNPS has been a rewarding experience. We have run a Year 6 Transition Project using a specific story, and this theme was continued through to Year 7. Talking to our colleagues is of great value as it allows us to understand how they are teaching English, and we can share good practice with each other. All in all, a positive step to working and teaching together.

**Pupil Feedback, Year 5 Science Summer School:** It was mind blowing to send the balloon into space. I wasn't expecting such amazing photographs. I had a fantastic time; I can't wait to come to 'Chippy School'. I sometimes found it hard working with people I didn't know, but everyone was really friendly. Making the weather station really made us think and work hard, but it was worth it!

## Chipping Norton Partnership of Schools Community Learning Programme 2013/14

Festival	Yr 1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6	West Oxon SSP	
Whole Year Group  Maximum Participation or Performance Festivals Competitive Festivals  (Mixed School “Country” Teams/ 2 schools per country/2 trophies per festival)	Dance Festival  With CSLA Dance Leaders  And 240 Yr 1s from 10 Schools	2x Schoolympics 1-3.15pm  1. Year 2&3 - St Mary’s 65, Hook Norton 59, Charlbury 59, Enstone 29 =214  2. Year 2&3 – Kingham 54, Holy Trinity 52, Middle Barton 41, Great Tew 30, Chad 26, GR 21 = 223  All Year2/3s to attend with Yr12 Leader		MFL Festival  All Year4s to attend with Year12 Leaders and KS3 team managers	Urban Street Dance (3 days)  10 Primary School Venues + CNSx2  All Year 5/6s to participate (at same time if space allows)			
				2 x Ball Skills Festival  1. St Mary’s 72, HN 60, GR 20, HT 52 = 204 2. Enstone 30, GT 30, Charl 60, Chad 2, King 56,MB 38 9= 149  All Year3&4s to attend with Yr11 Leaders		SH Athletics Track (Obstacles/Relays/Track only) 1 festival at CNS With Yr12 Leaders Year 5&6 to attend if they have not taken part in any/many Elite Competitions		
		Year 3 Dance  Workshops with CNS CSLA Dance Leaders, 2 schools per year			Year 5 Drama  Performance/ Workshops with CNS Athena Drama Leaders, 5 schools per year	Year 6 English Transition Project		
Intra -school  Competitions/tournaments(selective)  (Single school “best” “G&T” team leading to CNSSP Championships)  Big School and Small school Trophy for Each Event			Year 3/4/5/6 Virtual Athletics Field In own Schools: Speed bounce, tennis ball. Standing long jump				WOSSP SH Athletics	
	U11 Mixed Swimming Gala (Best swimmer regardless of age) Yr 12 Sports Leaders							
			U11 7 aside Girls Football (Big Schools) U11 7 aside Boys Football (Big Schools) U11 7 aside Mixed Football (Small Schools))				WOSSP U9 Football	
			U11 7 aside Girls Hockey U11 7 aside Boys Hockey				WOSSP Hockey Mixed	
			U11 Mixed Netball Girls 1 <sup>st</sup> half, boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> half- Yr12 Leaders				WOSSP Netball Mixed	
			U9/U10/U11 Athletics  (big schools 2 boys 2 girls - Small schools 1 boy 1 girl = 90 total - 12 children from big schools, 6 children from small schools, but schools could enter B team if they wanted more 8 lanes) (Track only) Yr10 Leaders				Oxford School Games Quad Kids	
			U10 Mixed Tag Rugby  CNRC - Year 10 Leaders (maybe girls first half boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> like netball)				WOSSP U11 Rugby mixed	
			U11 Cricket  (Mixed but tends to be mainly boys) GT Cricket Club –Yr10 Leaders				WOSSP U11 and U10 Cricket Girls and Boys	
Able Gifted and Talented				English, Maths, Science, Drama, Art, Philosophy4Children, Design and Tech,		Maths English		
Family Focus				CNS Departments: Astronomy, Science, Maths, English, D&T, Art, Drama, Music, Dance + First Aid				
Curriculum Links meetings	Computing, English, Maths, Science, MFL, Physical Education, SENCo + Parent Support Advisers							

**Table to show Attendance at CNPS Events during 2013/14**

Schools in CNPS	Number in School	Curriculum/ Festival Activities	Sports Festivals	Family Learning	AG&T Workshops	Young Leaders
Chadlington	71	35	156	40	18	0
Charlbury	173	88	276	75	45	20
CNS	1032	110 Leaders	30	110	368	360
Enstone	86	55	214	44	18	15
Great Rollright	84	32	133	52	18	0
Great Tew	80	49	194	34	18	24
Holy Trinity	172	80	362	157	45	30
Hook Norton	173	85	387	68	36	20
Kingham	160	81	271	54	45	51
Middle Barton	85	78	226	51	18	8
St Mary's	208	93	405	127	54	42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2324</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>2654</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>570</b>

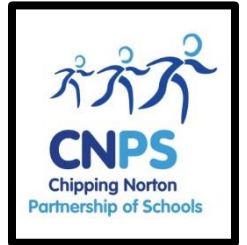
**Example of CNPS Date List for Autumn Term 2013**

Week	Date	Day	Time	Venue	Group	Activity
1	2 Sept	Mon	All Day	Own Schools	Staff	All schools Inset
	3 Sept	Tues	All Day	Primary Schools	Staff	Inset for all schools except Enst, GT & CNS. CNS Yr 7 in school
2			9.00 – 11.15	CNS Conference Rm	Partnership Headteachers	Headteachers Meeting (FF Brochures & AGT Names in)
	12 Sep	Thurs	1.30-3.30	CNS Conference Rm	ICT Curriculum Leaders	CNPS Curriculum Link meeting
3	16 Sep	Mon	3.15-6.00	CNS	Pupils + Year 4-6	Extra Time Starts
	19 Sep	Thurs	1.30-3.30	CNS Conference Rm	Parent Support Advisors	CPD with Tania McCowliiff
4	24 Sep	Tues	Various	Kingham, G Rollright Charlbury Enstone	Year 6 (+5 if space)	Cyrus Barndon Street Dance
	25 Sep	Wed	Various	Chadlington Middle Barton, CNS	Year 6 (+5 if space) Year 12 + Miss Homer	Cyrus Barndon Street Dance
	26 Sep	Thurs	Various	St Marys, Holy Trinity G Tew & Hook Norton	Year 6 (+5 if space)	Cyrus Barndon Street Dance
5	2 Oct	Wed				Family Focus Deadline
	3 Oct	Thurs	All Day	Great Rollright	Staff	Inset - GR
			Half Day	CNS		CNS OPEN EVENING
	4 Oct	Fri	1.00 – 2.30	Carterton	WOSSP	X-Country
6			All Day	CNS	staff	INSET
	9 Oct	Wed	3. – 4.45	CNS	Girls U11/Boys U11	Football Tournament (Yr12 CSLA Sports Leaders)
	10 Oct	Thurs	1.30-3.30	CNS Conference Rm	English Curriculum Leaders	CNPS Curriculum Link meeting
7	15 Oct	Tues	3.30 – 5.00	CNS D&T Dept	Year 4/ 5 A,G&T	D & T Able, Gifted and Talented Workshop
	16 Oct	Wed	1.45 – 2.45	St Mary's Year 3	CSLA	Dance
			3.30 – 5.15	TBC	WOSSP	U9 Mixed Football
	17 Oct	Thurs	1.30-3.30	CNS Conference Rm	Parent Support Advisors	Supervision with Tania McCowliiff
			6 – 8	CNS Conference Rm	Family Focus	First Aid
	18 Oct	Fri	1.30 – 3.30	CNS Conference Rm	CNPS	Partnership Link Teacher Meeting
	19 Oct	Sat	9 - 10.30 11 - 12.30	CNS Cookery Dept.	Parents & Children	FF Cookery
8	20 Oct	Sun	11 - 12	CN Leisure Centre	Parents & Children	FF Hockey
	21 Oct	Mon	6 – 7.30	CNS Art Dept.	Parents & Children	FF Art Grand Master Challenge
	22 Oct	Tues	6 – 7.30	CNS D & T Dept	Parents & Children	FF Build a Trebuchet
	23 Oct	Wed	2.00-3.30 3.30-5.00	CNS Field	Girls U11 Hockey Boys U11 Hockey	Girls Hockey Tournament Boys Hockey Tournament (Yr12 CSLA Sports Leaders)
			6 – 7	CNS Gym	Parents & Children	FF Trampoline Taster
			6 – 7	CNS ICT Dept	Parents & Children	FF ICT Xmas crackers & cards
	24 Oct	Thurs	6 – 7.30	CNS Science Dept	Parents & Children	FF Science
	25 Oct	Fri	5 – 6	Hook Norton Tennis Club	Parents & Children	FF Tennis
			All day	Great Tew	Staff	Inset - GT
	26 Oct	Sat	3 - 4	CN Golf Club	Parents & Children	FF Tri Golf

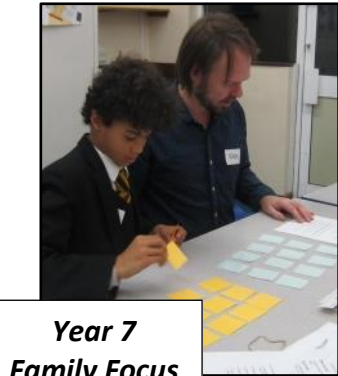




**Chipping Norton Partnership of Schools  
Community Learning Programme  
Photographs of Events**



**CNPS U11 Athletics Tournament**



**Year 7  
Family Focus  
Maths**



**CNPS Primary Teacher PE Inset**

**Extra Time Mock Trial Club**



**Extra Time Mountain  
Bike Club**



**Year 5 Able, Gifted & Talented  
Summer School**

**Extra Time Year 5 Creative Writing Club**



**Family Focus First Aid**





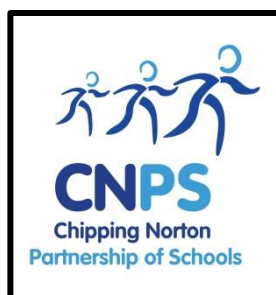
**Extra Time Ecology Club**

**Extra Time Golf Club**



**Family Focus Dance**

**CNPS Multi-Skills**



**Family Focus Music**

**CNPS U11 Cricket Tournament at Great Tew Cricket Club**



**CNPS Blogging Inset**



**CNPS Year 1 Dance Festival with Leaders**

**Able, Gifted & Talented Design & Technology**



**Modern Foreign Language Festival Run by Year 12 Language Leaders**



**CNPS Ball Skills Festival**

