

Yorkshire TA Network

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Dear Colleagues,

Hello everyone! Welcome to our second newsletter, we hope you find the information contained useful. If you have any colleagues who would benefit also from receiving this newsletter, please let us know and we can get them signed up to the network. If you have anything you would like to contribute to the next newsletter, please get in touch at

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Kind regards,
Catherine TA Network Coordinator

This Term

We have started the term with some great training around Science, ADHD, Behaviour Strategies, and Drug and Alcohol Misuse. In March we are lucky enough to be part of the North Yorkshire Coast Research School's **Maths Month**. We have some events which our Network can get involved in as well as children in schools. Please read on for more information about this.



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Upcoming Events

24th January

Supporting Science in class

25th January

ADHD Awareness

7th February

Relational Approaches

Important Announcements

Please sign up to the network if you haven't already by using this link:

<https://forms.gle/NeRATPoDpjtivLpe9>

Exciting Opportunities

Teaching Assistant Development Programme.

I have been lucky enough to be involved in a working group with The Sussex TA Network Coordinator and West Lakes Academy to develop a Teaching Assistant Development Programme. We are excited to be able to offer a small number of Teaching Assistant's within our Network the chance to be part of the pilot project.

The programme will be over 6 sessions, with places available during the school day or as a Twilight so everyone can attend. Places are open to any TA's who would benefit from having a more in-depth knowledge of the role. This could be newly appointed or existing TA's who haven't received much training due to the pandemic. The development programme will include:

1. The role of the teaching assistant (from Maximising the use of Teaching Assistants)
2. Exploring the scaffolding framework
3. Assessment for learning
4. An introduction to behaviour management and social-emotional learning
5. An introduction to metacognition, and self-regulated learning
6. An introduction to working with others (teachers, students, and parents/carers)

If this is something you are interested in, then please get in touch.

Focus Group

You should have all seen in your inbox the opportunity to get involved with a Focus Group around TA Recruitment. The group is wanting TA's from all backgrounds, key stages, school sizes and times in the role. I have had some interest already, but if you would like to be involved, I would love to hear from you too.



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To book your place on any of the upcoming courses, please click on the link to Eventbrite or visit our website

www.yorkshiretanetwork.co.uk/

Email:

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Upcoming Training Sessions

- **24th January Science Learning Partnership 5-5.30pm**
<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/504939/invite-only-teaching-assistants-and-support-staff-supporting-you-making-science-work-your>
- **25th January 4.30-5.30pm ADHD Awareness Training**
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adhd-awareness-training-tickets-216146519057>
- **7th February Relational Approaches**
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relational-approaches-tickets-216150922227>
- **7th February TA Development Session 1 (see above for more info)**
- **23rd March Money Heroes**
- **7th March TA Development Session 2**
- **4th April TA Development Session 3**
- **26th April Twinkl Digest Teaching Assistant Info**

Reading Recommendations

Below are some articles I hope you will find useful:

This interesting piece explains Dyscalculia: A Guide to Identifying and Supporting Pupils with 'Maths Dyslexia'

<https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/dyscalculia/>

This looks at successfully measuring the impact of interventions:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/successfully-measuring-the-impact-of-interventions>

The EEF shares information on how to improve problem-solving in Maths.

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-bloa-how-can-we-improve-childrens-problem-solvina-in-maths>



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The EEF Website contains lots of interesting and useful guidance reports, which cover many subject areas.

Please find the link below:

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports>

Spot Light On..... Hannah Harris, Twinkl Digest

Who am I?

I am a qualified primary school teacher and I worked as a class teacher for the last seven years. I spent five years in key stage 1 and two in EYFS, although in my four years of teacher training I have worked across the whole primary age-range. Part of my daily role as a teacher involved working alongside some truly inspirational teaching assistants so I have seen first hand the positive impact you can have on the pupils in school and how hard TAs work. For me, an important part of my role at Twinkl Digest is empowering TAs by providing them with the latest educational information and raising the profile of the hard work TAs do.

What is Twinkl Digest?

Twinkl Digest is Twinkl's educational update service. It provides daily jargon-free, up-to-date information for all educators and gives you everything they need to know, all in one place. The good news is there is a daily Twinkl Digest article for every educator! We currently have 9 writers who each write for a different segment audience - trainee teachers, EYFS, KS1, KS2, SEND, secondary school, SLT, parents and, of course, you wonderful teaching assistants (TAs).

Twinkl Digest for TAs enables the voice of TAs to be heard. This is important, not only for support staff, but also for those with different roles in education. Educational update information is often directed at teachers or leaders but Twinkl Digest for TAs is tailored and written for TAs, about TAs and its purpose is to support you.

How can Twinkl Digest help you?

Twinkl Digest for TAs works closely with Twinkl's TA team to support LSAs, TAs and HLTAs in schools. Twinkl Digest for TAs is published daily and follows the latest current affairs and trends in education. Even though Digest articles are published daily, a round up of the weekly articles the TA Digest Weekend Catch up, is also published at the weekend, so if you don't have time during the week to read you can catch up at a time that is more convenient for you.

The voice of TAs

As the writer of Twinkl Digest for TAs, I want to be the voice for TAs and choose to write about current affairs that directly affect you. I have written about TA pay in a number of articles, highlighting the truth about TA pay and shared it across the other Digest platforms. I also covered the results of a Unison survey about TA pay and discussed with Unison ways of supporting them by pushing for better pay that won't compromise jobs. Using data I collected in a survey I ran, I wrote an article titled 'Things I wish I could tell my headteacher' which was written in conjunction with the SLT Digest writer and shared across both platforms to raise awareness of the real conditions and issues TAs are facing.

How can you contact me?

For me, a huge part of Twinkl Digest for TAs is being a voice for TAs and shouting about topics that are important to you. I love writing articles informed by TAs, LSAs and HLTAs currently in schools who get in touch with issues that are really important to them. I love hearing from TAs, listening to

their stories and experiences and also hearing ideas for future articles so please feel free to get in touch with me at any time.

Get in touch with me:

On Twitter [@Hannah_Digest](#)

On Facebook [Hannah Digest](#)

Via the Twinkl blog www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/author/hannah-harris

Via email hannah.harris@twinkl.co.uk

I look forward to collaborating with Yorkshire TA Network this year moving forward and seeing what 2022 brings.

On Twitter [@Hannah_Digest](#)

And finally.....

March is Maths Month

Maths month is a great opportunity to celebrate all things Maths. The event takes place throughout March across the Scarborough, Whitby and Filey opportunity area.

There will be a range of maths events happening across the area, including events for pupils, staff in schools, families and the wider community.

'Maths through Stories' Dr Natthapoj Vincent Trakulphadetkrai will be delivering a session on practical ideas and resources on Thursday 3rd March 3.45-5.45 you can find out more about the Maths through Stories by visiting the website <https://www.mathsthroughstories.org/>

To book a place at the event email admin@settrington.n-yorks.sch.uk

Money Heros Financial - Financial education programme for primary schools. This is an award-winning programme from Young Money, supported by HSBC which seeks to transform financial education for primary children aged 3-11 - sign up for training to deliver this programme, plus access to lots of free resources.

In-person training: Tuesday 8 March 2022, 15:45 - 18:15

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/money-heroes-fined-teacher-training-esk-valley-alliance-tickets-194536071627>

Virtual training: Wednesday 23 March 2022, 15:45 - 18:15

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/money-heroes-virtual-fined-teacher-training-esk-valley-alliance-tickets-194548418557>

There are lots of other events happening, please watch out for updates on social media.