

There has been a wide variety of innovative and exciting activity across our eight Trust Schools since returning to school in January 2017. This news bulletin attempts to capture just some of the incredible learning opportunities undertaken by students and staff as we continue to develop as Ouseburn Learning Trust (OLT). We would encourage you to keep fully up to date with the latest news via our website [www.ouseburnlearningtrust.org](http://www.ouseburnlearningtrust.org) or through social media on twitter @ouseburnlt.

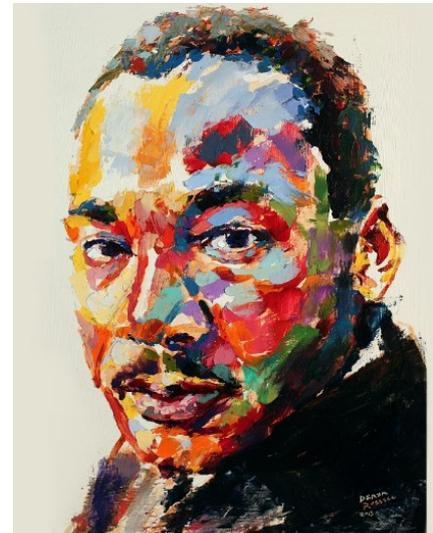
## Focus on *Music and the Arts*

**Faure's Requiem:** On Saturday 11 March 2017, OLT will be staging a performance of Faure's Requiem at St George's Church in Jesmond. Faure's Requiem is accessible to singers of all abilities and this performance is for anyone with a link to the OLT (study, work, family, geographical or emotional). For full details, including how to sign up to join the chorus, please see the Faure Requiem section of the Trust website.

**MLK - Tyneside - Fifty:** The Freedom City 2017 programme celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Dr Martin Luther King's visit to our city (<http://freedomcity2017.com>). The OLT intend to be an integral part of events to commemorate Dr King's visit to Tyneside and to inspire pupils to critically analyse war, poverty and racism, the key themes of MLK's speech here in Newcastle upon Tyne. We have two key dates for the diary:

**Wednesday 5 April 2017** - 6.30 pm OLT City Hall Concert 2017, Songs of Protest and Hope.

**Monday 13 November 2017** - OLT *MLK - Tyneside - Fifty* exhibition for families and the local community, People's Theatre, Heaton.



## Focus on *Health and Well Being*

Our *Big Lottery Funded* 'Cooking for All' project goes from strength to strength as our schools deliver a range of hands-on healthy lifestyle cooking sessions to increase young people's cooking skills and knowledge of healthy living. Pupils at Christ Church C of E Primary School, (Pictured, bottom left) recently participated in an after school family cooking session, with Chinese vegetable stir fry and the British classic of jam roly poly on the menu. A 'Cooking for All' book is in development so OLT Schools can share recipes, copies of this sure fire bestseller will be available after Easter 2017!



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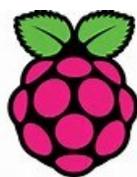
## Focus on STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths)

# REECE FOUNDATION



### Reece Foundation 'Engineering Futures' Project:

The OLT are delighted to welcome Mr Shane Colclough and Miss Holly Mayor as Primary STEM Officers. Shane and Holly join the OLT as part of the '100 hours' undergraduate placement scheme at Newcastle University. A key focus for our Primary STEM team in the Easter Term 2017 is the 'App Challenge' (more details outlined below) as well as developing extra-curricular STEM clubs during the Summer Term 2017. Holly and Shane recently took part in a STEM planning day and are pictured with Andy Gaskell, Trust Manager, Katy Pennington, Benton Park Primary School, Liz Brock, Cragside Primary School and Paul Hood, Ravenswood Primary School.



RaspberryPi



**'App Challenge' & Raspberry Pi:** OLT are working in partnership with *Accenture* to offer our Primary schools the chance to participate in a competition to devise a new app to tackle a health and wellbeing issue relevant to children and young people. At the end of the challenge schools will be invited to a celebration event at Heaton Manor School on Thursday 30 March 2017 to share their ideas. Judges from each of the partner organisations – *GNCH, Children's Foundation, Children NE* and *Accenture* – will then choose the favourite idea for development into a working app.

In addition to the 'App Challenge', the OLT have recently secured £14,000 of funding for the Primary Raspberry Pi coding project as the result of a submission to the *Platten Family Fund at Community Foundation Tyne and Wear*. The *Platten Family Fund* was established with a donation from Tony Platten who wants to encourage and inspire the next generation of North East Engineers. The meaning of 'engineering' is taken in its widest sense, and includes modern skills like coding and programming. *Community Foundation Tyne and Wear* hope OLT students and staff enjoy the 'fruits' of this immensely generous 21<sup>st</sup>-century philanthropy!

**Space Camp 2017:** Summer 2017 will see Heaton Manor School Year 7 and 8 students make a return visit to the *National Space Centre* in Leicester (picture right is from the 2016 Challenger Mission). Demand was so strong for this 'out of this world' residential, we will be running **TWO** trips from Heaton Manor to ensure all 80 students can access Space Camp 2017. Watch this space for Space Camp 2017 news!

