

The purpose of this bulletin is to update you on Literacy and Numeracy developments and resources across all key stages

Welcome to GwE's Literacy and Numeracy Bulletin! We know how busy class teachers are, so we've sifted through the mountain of information and resources that are available about these national priorities to try and make life easier! We hope that you find it useful and would welcome any feedback that you may have so that we can tailor future bulletins to meet your needs.

Resources- What's available online?

Literacy



The National Literacy Trust partner with the BBC for Get Reading campaign.

The National Literacy Trust are delighted to be a partner for the BBC's new reading campaign for 2016. Get Reading aims to inspire the nation to talk about and enjoy books, with a host of activity planned across BBC platforms.

http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/news/6944_we_partner_with_the_bbc_for_get_reading_campaign

Hwb

Hedd Wyn

These literacy and numeracy resources include original items and tasks for KS2 and KS3 about the story of Hedd Wyn and The Black Chair.

<http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/Resources/resource/e8c6e38c-3510-4a82-9db5-ee567881095c>

Numeracy



Reasoning in the classroom

The Reasoning in the classroom materials provide teachers with an array of different activities, using a wide range of delivery approaches with coverage across the LNF.

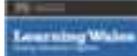
The materials are presented for each year group: however, they can readily be adapted for use with other year groups.

<http://learning.gov.wales/resources/learningpacks/reasoning-in-the-classroom/?skip=1&lang=cy>



The National STEM Centre houses the UK's largest collection of STEM teaching and learning resources, in order to provide teachers of STEM subjects with the ability to access a wide range of high-quality support materials. Registration to STEM is required.

<http://www.nationalstemcentre.org.uk/>



Hot off the Press

Find out when the tests will be taking place in 2016.

The 2016 statutory tests will take place between:

- 27 April and 10 May for Secondary Schools
- 3 May and 10 May for Primary Schools

The reason for giving Secondary schools an additional week is to give them the opportunity to avoid test sittings during the busiest period of the examination timetable.

<http://learning.gov.wales/news/siteneews/national-reading-and-numeracy-tests-2016/?skip=1&lang=en>

National Reading and Numeracy tests - test administration handbook 2016.



<http://learning.gov.wales/resources/browse-all/national-reading-and-numeracy-tests-administration-handbook/?lang=en&dfgdg>



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Best Practice



Teachers talking to teachers leads to improvement

Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen in Gwynedd has recently increased teachers' involvement in the school's self-evaluation process. This has led to staff joining the wider discussion on lesson planning as well as the ability to share good practice. They have also utilised an online learning platform for pupils to take more responsibility for their own work. As a result, teaching is more effective and has led to an increase in standards of achievement.

<http://www.estyn.gov.wales/best-practice/teachers-talking-teachers-leads-improvement>



<http://www.suttontrust.com/researcharchive/great-teaching/>

What makes great teaching ?

This report reviews over 200 pieces of research to identify the elements of teaching with the strongest evidence of improving attainment. It finds some common practices can be harmful to learning and have no grounding in research. Specific practices which are supported by good evidence of their effectiveness are also examined and six key factors that contribute to great teaching are identified. The report also analyses different methods of evaluating teaching including: using 'value-added' results from student test scores; observing classroom teaching; and getting students to rate the quality of their teaching.

KS3 GwE Literacy and Numeracy training.

KS3 Literacy training event for both Welsh and English medium schools. Further information about this event will appear in the GwE bulletin in the new year

Date: Wednesday, 3rd February 2016

Time: 9.15-3.00pm

Venue: Glasdir, Llanrwst

KS3 Maths POS training events. Further information about these events will appear in the GwE bulletin in the New Year

Date: Monday, 25th January (English medium session)

Time: 9.15 – 3.00pm

Venue: Glasdir

Date: Thursday, 4th February

Time: 9.15-3.00pm

Venue – to be confirmed