



GwE

INFORMATION BULLETIN AUTUMN TERM 2013

The purpose of this bulletin is to update you on developments associated with GwE.

Autumn Term Visits

A thank you to all the schools and their Headteachers for the support that was given to the GwE System Leaders during Visit 1, which was undertaken for the first time this term. As these visits near completion, we will continue the work of arranging support for phase 3 and phase 4 schools in accordance with the requirements of our Service Level Agreement with the Local Authorities.

Feedback

Following the visits, we would like to receive some feedback from you.

You may do this by following this link:

<https://arolwg.gwynedd.gov.uk/index.php?sid=52932&lang=en>

We hope that you will take the opportunity to complete the questionnaire; your feedback is valuable to us and will help us to review and develop the service.

The 'National Model' for Regional School Improvement Services

As you probably know, the Welsh Government is about to launch the above Model, which will be universal across the four consortia in Wales. Over time, the Model hopes to deliver an increasing number of school improvement services on a regional level. We very much hope that this will increase GwE's capacity to offer higher levels of support to schools, especially so through promoting school to school support. The education system needs to take full advantage of the expertise that is to be found in our schools for the benefit of every child. It is also the intention of the Government to create one national model for school categorisation and, as we understand it, this will replace the current 'matrix'. When the Model is released, it is essential that our schools have an influence on the process of its effective delivery here in North Wales.



Literacy and Numeracy Support

Literacy and Numeracy Associate Partners

Background

Since September 2013 seven Literacy and Numeracy Associate Partners (AP) have been working with specific schools within the north Wales region. These individuals have been identified as outstanding practitioners that would support the schools of the region to implement the Literacy and Numeracy Frameworks. This work was aligned with support that would be available to each school with sponsorship from the National Support Programme. AP support is targeted to those schools where there is a greater need.

Referring schools for support

The process of referring applications for support has worked well this term. This occurred in one of two ways via the Senior System Leader who co-ordinates the work:

- via the NSP Partners who have completed the agreed referral form following a visit to the school concerned
- via the school's System Leader or the Senior System Leader

At the beginning of the term the number of applications for support was less. During this time the AP used their non-contact time to:

- prepare exemplar material to share with schools
- meet with each other to agree on consistent approaches across the region
- become familiar with NSP support materials
- prepare and present training for volunteers on how to support pupils' reading and numeracy skills

Also during this time, the AP visited some schools that were facing an imminent inspection to check their LNF implementation plans. These were individual visits in nearly all instances with no need for follow-up. These applications were made by the SL or the SSL.

As an introduction to the Associate Partners, see pen portraits below:

Name	Posts/Experience
Bernie Growcott	Bernie is currently a KS2 teacher at Cornist Park CP with responsibility for Mathematics in KS2. Bernie was previously identified as an outstanding numeracy teacher in Flintshire and worked alongside Think Learn Challenge developing exemplification materials for LNF.
Mali Williams	Mali is currently a part time KS2 teacher at Ysgol Pant Pastynog with responsibility for developing Literacy across the school. She has experience and a particular interest in Welsh and English Literacy, especially in Reading and Drama.
Nicola Romaine	Nicola is currently Deputy Headteacher at Ysgol Dyffryn Iâl, where she has responsibility for leading Literacy and Assessment across the school. She has been a KS2 teacher for the past seven years, but has taught the full primary age range, and recently she spent two terms in the Foundation Phase unit developing the use of phonics. Within this role, and her role as class teacher, Nicola prioritised Literacy skills

	as the essential tools that underpin learning in classrooms.
Helen Jones	Helen is currently Deputy Headteacher at Ysgol Llanllyfni with class responsibility for Year 2 and 3 and Mathematics in the Foundation Phase and KS2. She has worked for Cynnal as a Mathematics advisory teacher. She has a particular interest in the Foundation Phase, effective questioning and Mathematics in context.
Manon Esyllt Davies	Manon is currently a Year 6 teacher at Ysgol Dolbadarn, Llanberis and is Mathematics and ICT co-ordinator. She has experience and a particular interest in KS2, transition between primary and secondary and assessment for learning.
Hâf Llewelyn	Hâf was a KS2 teacher at Ysgol Beuno Sant, Y Bala for nearly fifteen years before going on secondment as a Welsh Advisory teacher in Gwynedd and Môn. She has experience and a particular interest in developing writing and reading.
Vicky Lees	Vicky is currently a KS2 teacher at Ysgol Bryn Hedydd, Rhyl where she leads whole school Literacy, particularly in areas such as Guided Reading and extended writing. Previously she has worked with WJEC moderating KS2/KS3 English profiles.
Eleri Haf Jones	Eleri currently works part time supporting learners with Numeracy ALN in Denbighshire. She has a particular interest in Additional Learning Needs, especially in teaching pupils with specific difficulties such as dyslexia and dyscalculia. Eleri is also an accredited trainer for Numeracy Catch Up. Start date with GwE - January 2014

Catch Up

We are in the process of arranging Catch Up Training for Literacy and Numeracy for the Spring Term. To make sure we provide enough space in convenient centres, please can you fill in the enclosed pro-forma so we have an idea of how many are interested.

Further information is available on the Consortium website (www.consortium.org) or you can email post@gwe.org.uk or telephone 0300 500 8087.

For more information about Catch up, please follow the links:

Catch up Numeracy

<http://learning.wales.gov.uk/resources/catchupnumeracy/?skip=1&lang=en>

Catch Up Literacy

<http://learning.wales.gov.uk/resources/catchupliteracy/?jsessionid=43A89FB971EC7B82C4B70E0F1C9A0E9B?skip=1&lang=en>

Appointments

Over the summer, Marc Berw Hughes was appointed as GwE Senior System Leader. Marc joined the service in September. As an introduction to Marc, see pen portrait below:



Marc started his career as a primary teacher in Ysgol y Garnedd, Bangor in 1993 before moving shortly afterwards to Ysgol San Siôr, Llandudno. In 1996, he was appointed as Deputy Headteacher in Ysgol Capelulo, Penmaenmawr, where he taught for a year and a half. He was appointed Headteacher in Ysgol Bodafon, Llandudno, and after six years he moved a few miles down the road to become Headteacher of Ysgol Craig y Don. Just over a year ago he was seconded to the Conwy LA as a Primary School Improvement Officer with additional responsibility for NQTs, NPQH and disseminating good practice within the County.

GwE User Group

Two meetings of the User Group were held this term.
The main items discussed may be summarised as follows:

- Providing feedback on Visit 3 (summer term);
 - Literacy and Numeracy support:
 - The National Support Programme
 - Dyfal Donc Programme
 - Arrangements for Visit 1 (autumn term);
 - GwE main priorities for 2013-14; and
 - The National Model for School Improvement
- Membership of the Group for the next year is as follows:

Membership	Representation	
6 Secondary representatives (1 representative from each Authority)	Anglesey	Annwen Morgan (Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern)
	Gwynedd	Gwyn Tudur (Ysgol Tryfan)
	Conwy	Eithne Hughes (Ysgol Bryn Elian)
	Denbighshire	Claire Armitstead (Rhyl High School)
	Flintshire	Bronwen Hughes (Ysgol Maes Garmon)
	Wrexham	Peter Agnew (Darland High School)
6 Primary representatives (1 representative per Authority)	Anglesey	Eleri Edwards (Ysgol Llanbedrgoch)
	Gwynedd	Rhys Howard Hughes (Ysgol Cae Top)
	Conwy	Julia Buckley Jones (Ysgol Glan Gele)

	Denbighshire Flintshire Wrexham	Tim Redgrave (Ysgol Esgob Morgan) Jeremy Griffiths (Ysgol Gwynedd) Linda Houston (Ysgol Madras)
1 Special School representative	Jonathan Morgan (Ysgol y Gogarth, Conwy)	
School Governors - 1 representative per Authority	Anglesey Gwynedd Conwy Denbighshire Flintshire Wrexham	Derlwyn Hughes Rhian Roberts to be confirmed to be confirmed David Hytch Alison Fisher

GwE Joint Committee

One meeting of the Joint Committee was held this term. The main issue for discussion was pupil outcomes for 2012/13.

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Wednesday, 12 March 2014.