

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

Refresh your knowledge and strategies in teaching reading

Reading Behaviours

There are a number of reading strategies used in classrooms throughout Wales that focus learners in on approaches they can use to develop their skills in reading for meaning. Refresh your knowledge of the eight reading behaviours by following the link <http://www.swanseagfl.gov.uk/literacy/eightrb/>

Reciprocal Reading

In this approach, learners are given reading roles within a group. These roles are usually: summariser, predictor, clarifier, and questioner. The learners are usually given role cards which allow them to focus in on a key aspect of text engagement. Importantly, the aim is to work towards learners being able to use all four 'roles' to explore text independently. A very useful overview, complete with guidance can be found in the following publication:

http://www.nbss.ie/sites/default/files/publications/reiprocal_teaching_strategy_hanout_copy_2_0.pdf

Numeracy

World Maths Day 15th October 2015

Fantastic excuse to deviate from the usual maths lesson and take part in one of the world's largest educational events aimed at raising numeracy standards in a fun and meaningful way. <http://www.3plearning.com/worldeducationgames/>

Mathcymru

Mathcymru are awarding grants up to £400 for projects that include numerical reasoning. Schools are invited to apply in October and applications have to be submitted by early December. Details of the grants and application process will be available on the Maths Cymru website from 1st October.

<http://www.technquest.org/20120328214/education/mathcymru-grants.html>



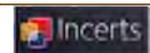
Reminder

From this September revised Foundation Areas of Learning and revised programmes of study are statutory.

Foundation phase framework <http://learning.gov.wales/resources/browse-all/foundation-phase-framework/?lang=en>

Mathematics KS2 – 4 <http://learning.gov.wales/resources/browse-all/mathshnc/?lang=en>

English KS2 – 4 <http://learning.gov.wales/resources/browse-all/englishhnc/?lang=en>



Incerts are providing an electronic version of the Foundations Phase Profile.

<http://www.incerts.org/blog>



Could your school help to inform the 2016 National Tests?

NFER are looking for schools, in particular Welsh medium secondary schools, to take part on the pilot for next year's tests. These trials will take place in October and your feedback, and that of your pupils, will be used to determine which items will be included in the tests, as well as giving you an insight into how the tests are developed. If you're interested in taking part, please contact us on siwanmeirion@gwegogledd.cymru before September 30th.

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Best Practice



The Plaza," shared learning area.

Undy Primary School has established a shared learning area, called The Plaza, where Years 5 and 6 pupils can visit in order to complete tailored activities that build on skills taught in lessons.

<http://www.estyn.gov.wales/best-practice/%E2%80%9C-plaza%E2%80%9D-shared-learning-area>

Raising standards in numeracy and literacy.

Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr, Swansea, is committed to raising standards in literacy and numeracy as well as improving the level of achievement of more able and talented pupils. Teachers formed working groups to observe pupils and feed back in training sessions. Strategies were then developed to help pupils develop their skills. As a result, not only have staff skills been strengthened but pupils' results have improved.

<http://www.estyn.gov.wales/best-practice/raising-standards-literacy-and-numeracy>

KS3 GwE Literacy and Numeracy training.

19th October - Literacy training aimed at those who were unable to take part in the initial training event that took place in January 2015 or for new literacy coordinators, English medium.
Venue: Glasdir, Llanrwst.

22nd October – Literacy training as above, Welsh medium.
Venue: Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy.

3rd December – Cross curricular numeracy. 2 half day sessions, English medium am / Welsh medium pm.
Venue: Glasdir, Llanrwst.

For more information or to book on either course contact heddwynvaughanroberts@gwegogledd.cymru

Premier League Reading Stars Cymru 2015/16

PLRS Cymru is a 10 week literacy intervention programme designed to stimulate boys who are disengaged with learning but who are passionate about football. Register using the following link:

http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/premier_league_reading_stars_cymru/2015_/2016_registration