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Regional School Effectiveness &
Improvement Service for North Wales

GwE Bulletin

Opportunities with GwE

Supporting Improvement Advisers: Welsh (Secondary)

PART-TIME – 3 DAYS A WEEK

The ability to communicate fluently in Welsh is essential for this post.

[Click here](#) for a copy of the advert.

For an informal discussion about the post please contact Elfyn Jones, Senior Secondary Lead on 0300 500 8087 or e-mail

elfynjones@gwegogledd.cymru

Application letters including your CV are invited by 10:00AM, TUESDAY, 8 MAY 2018 to anwengwilym@gwegogledd.cymru

National Tests 2018

National Reading and Numeracy Tests 2018 – A Quick Guide for Schools

[Click here](#) to access guidance on administering the tests. The guidance includes key dates, disapplication information, monitoring and moderation.

Primary Supported Marking Sessions – Numerical Reasoning

GwE will again this year offer support for primary schools on the marking of the Numerical Reasoning test. The sessions will be held across the region between the 9th and 16th of May.

[Click here for further information.](#)

Primary Training Opportunities

Developing Skills Across All Areas of Learning in the Outdoors from Nursery to Year 2 (for Teaching Assistants) ★NEW★

HALF DAY WORKSHOP FOR FOUNDATION PHASE TEACHING ASSISTANTS

- What is 'outdoor learning'?
- Guidance and ideas for developing particular skills (outcomes 3 – 6) in the outdoors across all areas of learning.
- Case study on 'effective outdoor learning'.

[Click here](#) for dates and venues.

Talk4Writing Training

An exciting opportunity for regional schools to catch up again with official licensed Talk4Writing training.

- Talk4Writing – Fiction for Foundation Phase
MONDAY, 21 MAY 2018 – VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO
Training in how to use and implement Talk4Writing in the Foundation Phase classroom, to develop fiction writing across the curriculum. [Click here](#) to register.
- Talk4Writing – Non-Fiction Writing for KS2

Secondary Training Opportunities

KS3 Schemes of Work and the New Developments

DATE AND VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED

One day session for Heads of Welsh on drawing up Schemes of Work in the transition period between meeting the needs of the curriculum and current specifications and the plans for the future.

There will be an example of work from one of the pioneer schools and an opportunity for guided collaboration on units of work.

To register, contact eirianharris@gwegogledd.cymru

For more information,

contact rhianmairjones@gwegogledd.cymru

*****DIARY MARKER*****

Secondary Conference – Leading Teaching & Learning

TUESDAY, 3 JULY 2018 – REGISTRATION DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Training in how to use and implement Talk4Writing in the KS2 classroom, to develop non-fiction writing across the curriculum.

[Click here](#) to register.

Developing Numerical Reasoning Skills in the Nursery and Reception Classrooms

Half day workshop for Foundation Phase practitioners to develop their practice of delivering high quality numerical reasoning activities.

For further information, click on the relevant link below:

[Training for Teachers](#)

[Training for Teaching Assistants](#)

Assessment for Learning: Working Smarter not Harder – Gareth Coombes

Training for all primary school headteachers or leaders of learning

One representative from each school.

Guidance on ensuring effective and consistent use of Assessment for Learning throughout the school.

Further information available [here](#).

Effective Use of Assessment for Learning to Reduce Workload

INTRODUCTION FOR PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT MATERIAL WHICH IS BEING SHARED NATIONALLY.

One representative from each school invited – Headteacher, Middle Leader, Assessment Leader, Teaching and Learning Leader.

[Click here](#) for further information and registration details.

Digital Competence

[Click here](#) to see all courses that are available. It's now possible for you to register on courses being held now, up to the end of July 2018.

Other Training Opportunities

Reducing Workload by Improving Feedback

★NEW★

A National Programme has been developed to support leaders reduce workload within their school.

Full day and half day training available across Wales.

[Click here](#) for further information.

Professional Teaching Standards Roadshow

TUESDAY, 15 MAY 2018

Welsh Government and GwE are facilitating two half-day Professional Teaching Standards Roadshows on Tuesday, 15 May, to provide information relating to the new standards. [Click here](#) for further information.

New National Training for Aspiring HLTAs

TUESDAY, 15 MAY 2018 – GLASDIR, LLANRWST

A day of training will be held for teaching assistants who are interested in following the HLTA scheme in 2018-2019. The usual HLTA information sessions will also be held in June, but this is an opportunity for you to receive more extensive information, to network, to collaborate and develop professionally. **One day's supply cost will be reimbursed to your school.** [Click here](#) for further information.

HLTA Information Sessions

If you're not attending the Training on the 15th of May, come to one of the information sessions for teaching assistants and their headteachers/managers, to be held across the region between 4 and 7 June 2018.

Follow [this link](#) for further information, including Information Session exact dates and venues

Cracking the Code

[Click here](#) to see the latest dates and venues for the 'Cracking the Code' training where you can receive instruction and resources to run a Code Club in your school.

Children as Researchers Networking and Training Days

FRIDAY, 11 MAY 2018 – BANGOR UNIVERSITY

The Lleisiau Bach [Little Voices] team invites you to their 2018 Networking and Training Day. For further information, [click here](#).

Professional Development Opportunities

Welsh in a Year – Sabbatical Course

Do you teach in an English-medium primary school?

Do you want to improve your Welsh to raise pupil standards?

There's a free one year course for you.

[Click here](#) for further information.

The Graduate Teacher Programme

Graduate Teacher Programme (GTP) is an employment-based route into teaching in Wales which offers a way to qualify as a teacher while you work. For further information, [click here](#).

Conferences and Opportunities by Others

Online Safety Live

Bookings are now open for two new free training events from South West Grid for Learning:

- **IMPACT OF THE INTERNET ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WELL-BEING OR MENTAL HEALTH**
Focussing on the issue of mental health in the context of online interactions and behaviour, these events are designed to help all school staff better understand this complicated and impactful issue. The events are in six locations across the country and are available in Welsh and English.
- **ONLINE SAFETY LIVE**
Online Safety Live is a programme of events designed exclusively for professionals working with children and young people.

Places can be booked through Hwb, or through the [Eventbrite links available in each Hwb event listing](#).

Events arranged by Techniquet for Primary Schools:

- **Assessing Learning and Development in the Outdoors**

FRIDAY, 27 APRIL 2018

PLAS DERW TRUST LTD, NORTHOP, CH7 6AA

- **Effective Leadership in Science (Primary)**

DATE HAS CHANGED

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 5 AND 6 JULY 2018

CONWY BUSINESS CENTRE, CONWY, LL31 9XX

Further information regarding the above events can be viewed on our website by [clicking here](#).

Estyn Conference – Curriculum Innovation in Primary Schools

GLASDIR, LLANRWST – TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2018

Discover how primary and all-age schools have been preparing for the new curriculum through workshops on effective practice and hearing inspection insights.

For further information, [click here](#).

Institute of School Business Leadership Regional Conference 2018

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE 2018 – THE QUAY HOTEL AND SPA, DEGANWY, CONWY

This event has been prepared specifically for School Business Professionals and Headteachers in Wales and will be addressed by Kirsty Williams, Cabinet Secretary for Education.

Use code **CM7m6Opn** to book your free place and find out more by clicking [this link](#).

Annual Regional Primary Headteacher Conference

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE 2018 – VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO

Kirsty Williams AC/AM, Cabinet Secretary for Education, invites you to Venue Cymru, Llandudno on 7 June 2018 to attend and take part in the Regional Primary Headteacher Conference.

Please direct any queries to Leanne.Thomas21@gov.wales

Introduction of Personalised Assessments

Welsh Government is phasing in new online personalised assessments from the next academic year (2018/19).

Further information can be viewed [here](#).

News

Summer 2018 Examinations Questionnaire

Qualifications Wales is inviting learners, teachers, lecturers and anyone with an interest in the summer exams, to share their views by completing a short online questionnaire. The questionnaire will be open from **8 May until 6 July**. [Click here](#) for further information.

Hwb Platform: Changes to Access Arrangements

The Welsh Government has changed the way schools provide access to the Hwb education portal and managed learning environment (the Hwb Platform) for their staff and learners. **This letter** explains those changes and what you need to do next.

Welsh at Work in North Wales

A **new report** on the situation of the Welsh language in north Wales was launched last week, with a contribution by GwE and a presentation by Eryllt Maelor on GwE's strategy.

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