



# GwE Bulletin



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## A Message from GwE and the North Wales Local Authorities

We hope you are all keeping as well as possible under the present circumstances.

During these unprecedented times, the majority of learners will be at home rather than in school. We are all aware that providing a high-quality offer to all learners provides different challenges for you in the region. We know you are dealing with challenging questions around the quality of remote or distance learning provision on a daily basis with many misconceptions and assumptions by the public. We know that some parents are using social media to share personal opinions, which does little, in some instances, to help school and staff morale at this point in time.

To help you respond to questions and queries regarding remote or distance learning we have co-constructed two documents that we hope you find useful. The first document is to inform a school policy or statement around how you are providing remote learning. It can be used to provide more detail on remote learning to governors or parents. The second document is for you to use when explaining to parents that remote learning can be provided in different ways.

It is pleasing to hear that Headteachers are reporting they are getting some positive messages from their parents about the provision being made. There is much creative and effective practice in our schools and we hope these documents communicate some of the successful ways schools are continuing to provide learning during these challenging times.

Thank you for your continued hard work. Keep safe.



### Documents

[Remote Distance Learning guidance for Parents in North Wales Schools](#)

[Distance Learning Guidance](#)

## Contacting GwE

We're here to help! We're online and available to support schools and governors.  
Contact us at [post@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:post@gwegogledd.cymru) and we'll get back to you ASAP.



# GwE Professional Offer

Please follow this [link](#) to the GwE Professional Offer for 2020-2021.

The GwE Offer, which includes all the details of the professional development training that GwE offers over the next year, is now live on G6 [<https://g6.gwegogledd.cymru>].

**To register to attend the training listed, all school staff will need to create a personal account on G6.** This can be done by following [this link](#) and clicking on the 'Register Now' button. Please see the manuals [here](#).

**Please ensure that any bookings are made on G6 at least 48 hours prior to the start date.**

04/02/2021 - 19/02/2021	DATE	MEDIUM
Foundation Phase Network meeting (Welsh-medium)	04/02/2021	Welsh
Literacy and Numeracy termly network meetings (English-medium)	04/02/2021	Welsh
Dealing with challenging situations effectively (Cohort 3 - Session 1)	05/02/2021	English
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (David Hughes, Llangefni, Y Bont)	08/02/2021	Welsh
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Maelor, St Joseph's, St Christopher's)	08/02/2021	English
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Morgan Llwyd, Maes Garmon Cluster)	08/02/2021	Welsh
KS2 Literacy across the Curriculum for NQTs (Welsh-medium)	08/02/2021	Welsh
Developing Effective Outcomes and Using the Support Sequence (Cohort 5 - Session 1)	09/02/2021	English
Developing a Shared Vision, CfW, Session 1 (Creuddyn, D. Conwy, Glan Clwyd)	09/02/2021	Welsh
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Eirias, Aberconwy, Bryn Elian)	09/02/2021	English
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Alun, Hawarden, Flint, Pen Coch, Maes Hyfryd)	09/02/2021	English
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Friars/Tryfan, Brynrefail, Dyffryn Ogwen)	09/02/2021	Welsh
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Rhyl, Prestatyn, Tir Morfa)	10/02/2021	English
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Caergybi, Bodedern, Syr Thomas Jones)	10/02/2021	Welsh
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Bryn Alun, Clywedog, Rhosnesni)	10/02/2021	English
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Emrys, John Bright, Denbigh, Plas Brondyffryn)	10/02/2021	English
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Syr Hugh Owen, Dyffryn Nantlle)	10/02/2021	Welsh
The Right Way – A Children's Rights Approach in Wales (English Medium) Group 1	10/02/2021	English
The Right Way – A Children's Rights Approach in Wales (Bilingual)	10/02/2021	Bilingual
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Tywyn, Bro Idris, Moelwyn, Berwyn, Ardudwy)	11/02/2021	Welsh
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Glan y Môr, Botwnnog, Eifionydd, Hafod Lon)	11/02/2021	Welsh
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (St David's, Holywell, St Richard Gwyn)	11/02/2021	English
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Brynhyfryd, Dinas Bran, Ceiriog)	11/02/2021	Welsh
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Castell Alun, Connah's Quay, Elfed / Argoed)	11/02/2021	English
Developing a shared vision CfW, Session 1 (Ruabon, Grango, Darland)	11/02/2021	English
Literacy Leader Networks (Secondary)	11/02/2021	English

## GwE News and Information

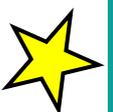
### KS2 Literacy and Numeracy Leaders Network online meeting SPRING TERM

THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2021, 15:45 – 17:00.

This online meeting is suitable for primary Literacy and Numeracy Leaders, but focuses mainly on KS2.

**Effective practice relating to the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy skills will be shared online, and there will be a presentation from our guest speakers from Ysgol Fali and Ysgol Henblas, Anglesey.**

Register through [G6](#).



## Welsh Language Digital Workshops (Secondary)

This is an invitation to a series of Welsh language digital workshops that provide training and advice on the use of specific applications for live online teaching within Google for Education and beyond. These workshops will target one app at a time beginning with Google Jamboard, but we will also be looking into the use of other similar interactive apps which could be used with Microsoft Teams. We hope you can join us to see what's possible / 'Be' sy'n bosib'!

08/02/21 - Google / Microsoft Forms and assessment

22/02/21 - Google Slides – more than presenting!

01/03/21 - Google Docs – more than words!

All workshops will be 45 minutes with 15 minutes for discussion and questions.

Register: <https://bit.ly/2KqRo6K>



## Online Workshop: Distance Learning in Mathematics

Wednesday 10 February 2021 16:00 – 17:00

This online workshop is **FREE** and suitable for secondary teachers of Mathematics.

**Dr Gareth Evans, Head of Mathematics at Ysgol Y Creuddyn**, and creator of the website [mathemateg.com](http://mathemateg.com), will be leading the session. The focus of the workshop is to share practical tips on delivering lessons virtually, as well as sharing useful sources for finding more tips and successful practices. The workshop will also include guidance and demonstrations on using the website [whiteboard.fi](http://whiteboard.fi) and the use of [diagnostic questions](#) to assess a class level of understanding.

To register for this workshop, please complete a booking form **by 5/2/21** through this link: [Registration Form](#). A Zoom link will be sent to all those who have registered.

## GwE Global Futures - MFL

**Primary Schools—Webinar: PowerLanguage: Practical resources to embed languages into the Curriculum.**

This is the second Powerlanguage webinar for schools in Wales - practitioners may attend even if they missed the first one. The Powerlanguage team will present resources which can be used directly in class - or online- by Welsh colleagues. Themes covered: Health and Wellbeing and Ancient Egypt. All resources will be shared with the participants. A fun and interactive session!

This is a Zoom meeting taking place on Monday 8 February at 4pm

Eventbrite Webinar Wales: <http://pwlg.link/3c0tACm>

**Secondary Schools—Hub Meetings- On Teams**

Wrexham/Flintshire: Thursday 4/2/21 3.30pm

Conwy/ Denbighshire: Thursday 4/2/21 3.30pm

Anglesey/ Gwynedd: Tuesday 9/2/21 3.30pm

All HoD and MFL teachers can attend the meeting.

Link will be sent to schools or contact your Hub leader or [stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru).

## SAFMEDS update

New resources to support the use of SAFMEDS numeracy strategy in school and at home are available on the [GwE Support Centre](#).

**Implementation support** is available via video link to **all schools** in the GwE region.

**Kaydee Owen** (research support officer) will be hosting drop-in sessions (9am-5pm) on the following dates:

Book a one to one slot online: <https://calendly.com/safmeds/drop-in>.

- 9 February
- 11 March

If you require any additional support outside of these designated dates please email [kaydee.owen@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:kaydee.owen@bangor.ac.uk).

For any teachers or support staff wanting to access full online SAFMEDS training, please watch the [video introduction to precision teaching and the SAFMEDS strategy](#).

## Blended Learning Resources

Click here for further information:

**English** - [School Guide](#) | **Cymraeg** – [Gwybodaeth i ysgolion](#)

There is also an information page for your Governors, click here for further information:

**English** – [Governors Guidance](#) | **Cymraeg** – [Canllawiau Llywodraethwyr](#)

## ALN Interactive E-Learning Course

The North Wales Regional ALN Transformation Team are pleased to announce that the interactive e-learning course giving an introduction to the new ALN system is now available on the Welsh Government's Hwb platform. 

[Here](#) is a Hwb news article introducing the course, which is currently on the Hwb homepage.

[And here is the link to the course itself.](#)

There will be a news item on it in the next Dysg newsletter and WG are hoping to get something posted on WG Education's social media channels.

The course should take between approximately 40 to 60 minutes to complete and is aimed at staff in all sectors who work with children and young people, including school support staff, and gives a broad overview of the new statutory roles, key principles of the Act, identifying ALN, and where to find further information.



## Accelerated Learning Programme

Don't forget that all the information you will need to access the resources in the Accelerated Skills section of the GwE Support Centre is available on the webinars page. Follow this link to see recordings about **SAFMEDS**, **Headsprout**, **Accelerating Literacy and Numeracy skills**, and the **reviews of online literacy and numeracy support packages**.

Any queries, please email us at [literacyandnumeracy@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:literacyandnumeracy@gwegogledd.cymru) [Click here](#).

## E-sgol: Curriculum Catch Up Sessions

### CATCH UP SESSIONS FOR YEAR 11, 12 AND 13 PUPILS COMMISSIONED BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT



The Covid pandemic has resulted in students across Wales missing out on certain topics in various GCSE, AS and A level subjects. To ensure that these students have the opportunity to catch up in topics from various subjects, e-sgol will be running a series of after school catch up sessions through the medium of Welsh and English for four weeks starting from Monday 1st March. The sessions will take place after school.

These sessions will be available for students in Year 11, 12 and 13 across Wales, including the following subjects:

**Mathematics, Welsh [Language], Welsh Second Language, English [Language], Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, History, French and Psychology.**

If you are interested in supporting the 'Curriculum Catch up Sessions', please click [this link](#) to express your interest.

Further information available [here](#).



## Help with planning for reading and numeracy

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### Did you know?

- You can use the information **already on the personalised assessment system** to help plan teaching and learning in reading and numeracy.
- You can access feedback and progress from **assessments taken in previous years**, which will help you with your planning for this year.
- Reports for classes and year groups show you the **group profile of attainment** in numeracy or reading, and also the **group's relative strengths in different skills areas**
- **Step-by-step videos on using the system and webinars** on how to get the most out of reports, are available on the assessment website.
- Your **headteacher must accept the data agreement** and review staff functions first before you can access reports to inform your planning.
- If you have any questions on how to access reports, you can contact the assessments helpdesk on 029 2026 5099 or [help@personalisedassessments.wales](mailto:help@personalisedassessments.wales).

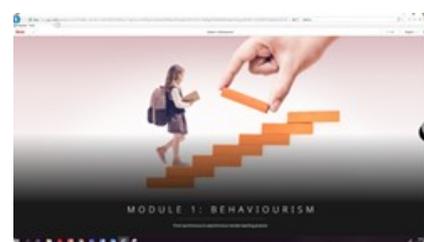
## Regional School Improvement Consortia News and Information

### Remote Asynchronous Learning Design

Do you want to know more about the theory and practice of learning design to support remote learning? Three playlists ([Click here](#)) have been commissioned by Welsh Government and designed by CDSM Interactive Solutions Ltd. They are freely available on HWB and provide an extensive and comprehensive training programme for practitioners interested in becoming experts in learning design.

These resources will be useful to you as you plan and deliver remote learning. We know how busy everyone is at the moment with the move to online learning so this short taster video ([Click here](#)) provides an overview of the first resource, drawing attention to some of the most impactful aspects. If you are interested in funded opportunities to deepen your knowledge of learning design using these resources, please contact your regional Professional Learning Lead:

[eurosdavies@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:eurosdavies@gwegogledd.cymru)



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# Information and Guidance from Others

## Routes into Teaching - Open University

The Open University offer two part time routes into teaching. These replace all other employment based routes into teaching. If you have someone in your school community who you know would make an excellent teacher, now is the time to apply to start training in September 2021 <http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/choose/wales/pgce>

### Courses available:

- **Salaried Route** – Primary, Secondary Maths, Science, Welsh and English. (Primary applications closing soon)
- **Part-time Route** – Primary, Secondary Maths, Science, Welsh, English, English with Drama, English with Media Studies.

50% Salary contribution from Welsh Government for secondary salaried routes (55% Welsh Medium)

For more information please contact [ceriwilliams3@GwEggledd.cymru](mailto:ceriwilliams3@GwEggledd.cymru) or [Wales-PGCE@open.ac.uk](mailto:Wales-PGCE@open.ac.uk)



## Journeys and Adventures book packs for children in Year 6

BookTrust Cymru is pleased to announce a special new project that we will be delivering in February as part of our 2020-21 Welsh Government funded programme.

The Journeys and Adventures project is part of our work to support children who have been affected by the Covid pandemic. It will support children in Year 6 who have not had access to high quality books and are likely to have missed out on the educational, social and creative benefits of reading.

**Journeys and Adventures aims to support children in their learning and development through engaging in enjoyable reading experiences and developing reading for pleasure habits.**

### How do I take part?

- Complete the registration form as soon as possible: <https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=160683340905>

For more information, please contact: [booktrustcymru@booktrust.org.uk](mailto:booktrustcymru@booktrust.org.uk)



## A day full of Welsh

Professor Enlli Mon [talks about the bilingual journey](#) and how the language skills children acquire, will stay with them for life. Here are some top tips on how to make your day a [day full of Welsh](#)



## Welsh4parents

A new website, [www.welsh4parents.cymru](http://www.welsh4parents.cymru) and email service has launched this week to provide resources and general support for parents.

As always, we're encouraging learners, parents and carers to keep in touch with their teachers and their school should be their first port of call.



# Welsh Language Music Day - 5 February 2021

Here is an easy way to join in the fun of Welsh Language Music Day.

[Radio Cymru pop quiz](#)



## Chinese New Year Resources

It's Chinese New Year on 12 February 2021 and it's the Year of the Ox.

These free resources from the British Council can be used by children, parents or carers and teachers. Read a version of the traditional story of the New Year Race, create shadow puppets of the main characters and make a traditional Chinese lantern. Available in Welsh and English.

Download [here](#).



## AmaSing Free Online Thousand Bubbles Sing

AmaSing is collaborating with many schools and music hubs to host a **FREE** one off online Big Sing session where they would love to bring together a thousand bubbles from schools in the UK and abroad.

The participants will come together to sing AmaSing's songs from its new project "Connect" called

1. Let's Build a World
2. Our Chester Zoo new campaign song - Sustainability

They would love your whole school to take part with your school bubbles from EYFS up to Y6 and learn these 2 songs and dances to perform on 23 April at 9.15am – 9.30am online with thousands of other children led by our musical director Andy Smith and dance specialist Kelly Stevens from House of Dance.

All resources / songs / dance videos / lyrics can be found on [www.amasing.org.uk](http://www.amasing.org.uk)

Go to Music Resource Tab - register for free, then go to Connect 21 and click on "Let's Build a World" or "Sustainability" - everything you need will be there.

Please email [rach@amasing.org.uk](mailto:rach@amasing.org.uk) to reserve your place and let her know how many bubbles in your school will attend.



## Project Vote

Project Vote is a parallel Senedd election aimed at young people aged 11-15, run by the Children's Commissioner. Secondary schools and other settings can sign up now by visiting [www.projectvote.wales](http://www.projectvote.wales). They will have access to online resources, including home learning packs. Online voting will take place at the end of April and a full map of results will be published. [Here is a video animation](#) explaining more.

On 8 February, we're hosting a teachers' webinar, so staff can hear more about the parallel election, and ask questions. [Go to our events page](#) for more information.

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