



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.



Diolch Ysgolion Thank You Schools

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 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.

28/01/2021 (PM) - 12/02/2021	DATE	MEDIUM
KS3/4 Numeracy across the Curriculum for NQTs	28/01/2021	Welsh
KS3/4 Numeracy across the Curriculum for NQTs	28/01/2021	English
Change Management CfW, Session 1 (Brynhyfryd, Dinas Bran, Ceiriog)	28/01/2021	Welsh
Change Management CfW, Session 1 (Castell Alun, Connah's Quay, Elfed / Argoed)	28/01/2021	English
Change Management CfW, Session 1 (Ruabon, Grango, Darland)	28/01/2021	English
Literacy and numeracy termly network meetings (English)	28/01/2021	English
Supporting the Education of Children who are Looked After across the Region	02/02/2021	English
Positive Communication	03/02/2021	English
Foundation Phase Network	03/02/2021	English
KS2 Numeracy across the Curriculum for NQTs (Welsh-medium)	03/02/2021	Welsh
Literacy and numeracy termly network meetings (Welsh)	04/02/2021	Welsh
Foundation Phase Network	04/02/2021	Welsh
Dealing with challenging situations effectively (Cohort 3 - Session 1)	05/02/2021	English
KS2 Literacy across the Curriculum for NQTs (Welsh-medium)	08/02/2021	Welsh
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, Clwstwr Maes Garmon)	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	11/02/2021	English



Online Workshop: KS2 Literacy and Numeracy Leaders' Spring Term Network Meeting

Thursday 28 January 2021, 15:30–17:00 (English medium) | Thursday 4 February 2021, 15:30-17:00 (Welsh medium)

This online meeting is suitable for all Literacy and Numeracy Leaders from the primary sector, but will focus mainly on KS2. The focus will be on sharing effective practice related to the online teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy skills and will include a presentation from our guest speakers from Broughton Primary School, Flintshire.

To register, please visit G6.



Foundation Phase Spring Network Meeting

Focus : Providing High Quality Learning Experiences to Develop Pupils' Oracy Skills both in School and at Home

Wednesday 3rd February 2021 3.45pm – 4.45pm (English Medium)

We would like to make your Foundation Phase staff aware that our Spring Term Network Meeting will take place next Wednesday, 3rd February 2021. To access the Network Event please register via G6.



Welsh Language Digital Workshops (Secondary)

This is an invitation to a series of Welsh language digital workshops which give 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'!

01/02/21 - Google Sites and collating evidence

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 Ysgol Y Creuddyn, and creator of the website 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 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.

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.

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](#)



Can you spare 10 minutes to complete a short survey about well-being provision in GwE schools?

GwE is currently collaborating with the University of Warwick to investigate whole-school mental well-being provision in North Wales schools. We would very much appreciate the support of all schools to help us gain a comprehensive picture of whole school well-being provision across the region. Our aim is to use these findings to enhance GwE's support for improving pupils' well-being as part of our evidence-based approach. This important initiative has gained additional significance as schools and pupils adjust to the challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic.

For more information please click [here](#).

To access the survey please click [here](#).

ALN Transformation—Newsletter

Follow [this link](#) to see the latest ALN Transformation Newsletter.



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

Welsh Government Information and Guidance

Help with planning for reading and numeracy



Help with planning for reading and numeracy

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.

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



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Information and Guidance from Others

Free Bereavement Box for every school

The Bereavement Box fully describes the different stages of grief as well as discussing the possible reactions to grief. The box is beautifully presented on individual cards and the accompanying booklet also provides the user with the rationale for the programme and gives some helpful hints on delivery.

<https://bit.ly/3on31JY>



Children's Mental Health Week 2021: Express Yourself

Free resources for schools and youth groups.

From 1-7 February 2021 schools, youth groups, organisations and individuals across the UK will take part in Children's Mental Health Week.

[Learn more about Children's Mental Health Week >>](#) | [Download resources for schools and youth groups >>](#)



Mewn Cymeriad / In Character

We're thrilled to share the news about the next film in the series we've created with Cadw, this time celebrating Santes Dwynwen. Like our Christmas and Mari Lwyd film, this is available for you to share with your pupils as they learn from home, and is an opportunity to discover more about the Welsh patron saint of love.

The film will be available before the end of the week on Cadw's website, <https://cadw.gov.wales/learn> whilst versions in Welsh, BSL and with subtitles will also be available on Cadw's YouTube channel, available on [this link](#).

Issue 18 Clic-It Cymru is live on Hwb!

This resource can be used in School or set as stand-alone tasks to be undertaken at home.

[Click here.](#)

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