



GwE Bulletin



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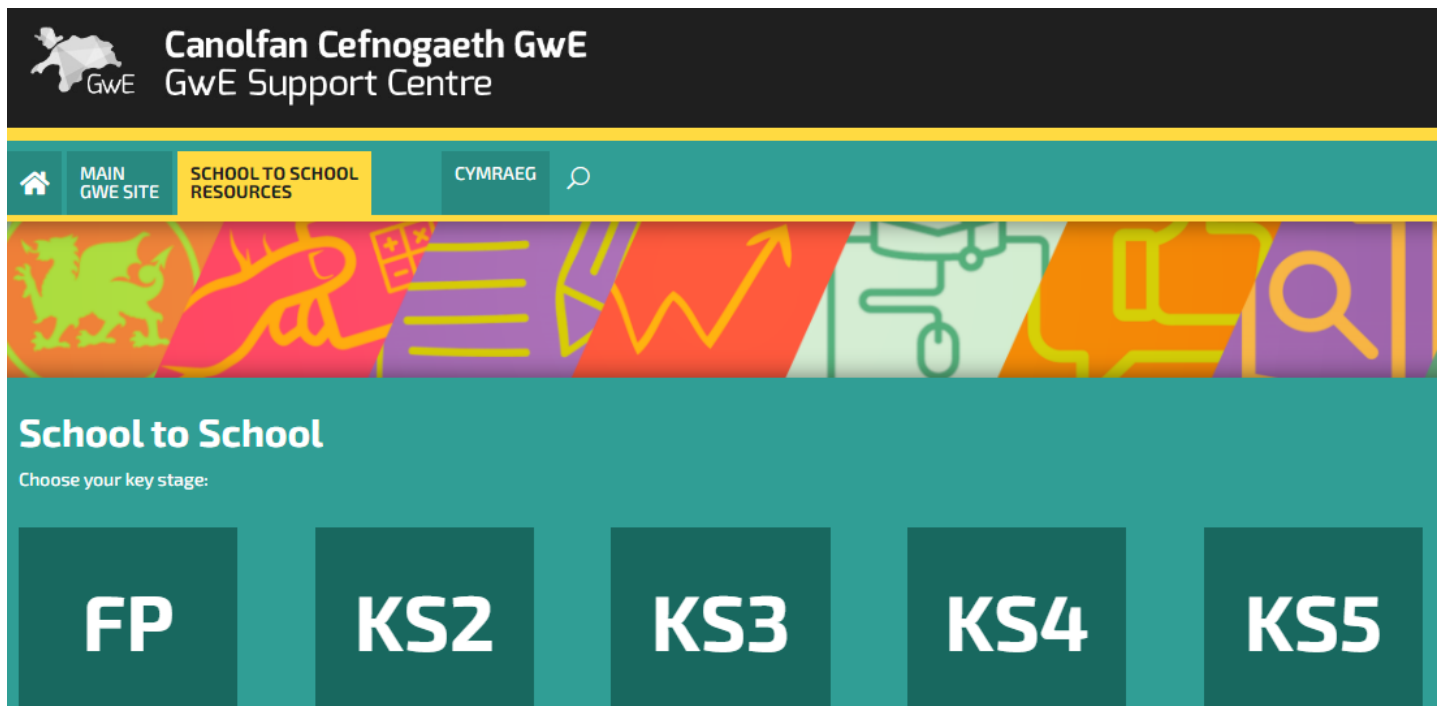


Please share our Bulletin with your whole staff team in your school and encourage all your colleagues to subscribe to our [mailing list](#).

School to School Resource Library



The GwE school to school resource library is now live. Here you can find resources that have been created by the regions' schools to support various learning situations that can arise during this uncertain period. We would like to thank everyone who have shared their resources and we look forward to receiving and sharing more resources in the future. We will be adding more resources regularly so make sure that you visit often to see the latest items. You can access the resources by visiting [GwE's website](#) and clicking on [School to School Resources](#) which can be found at the top of the page.

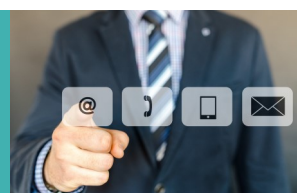


The screenshot shows the GwE School to School Resource Library website. At the top, there is a header with the GwE logo and the text 'Canolfan Cefnogaeth GwE GwE Support Centre'. Below this is a navigation bar with links for 'MAIN GWE SITE', 'SCHOOL TO SCHOOL RESOURCES' (highlighted), and 'CYMRAEG'. A search icon is also present. The main content area features a colorful banner with various icons representing education and technology. Below the banner, the text 'School to School' is displayed, followed by the instruction 'Choose your key stage:'. There are five large buttons for different key stages: 'FP', 'KS2', 'KS3', 'KS4', and 'KS5'.

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 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.

04/03/2021 - 26/03/2021	DATE	MEDIUM
Formative Assessment/ Shirley Clarke Project- REVIEW MEETING FOR TIER 3 (DENBIGHSHIRE SCHOOLS)	08/03/2021	Bilingual
360 Digi Cymru (Welsh medium)	09/03/2021	Welsh
360 Digi Cymru (English medium)	10/03/2021	English
Positive Communication	10/03/2021	English
Formative Assessment/ Shirley Clarke Project- REVIEW MEETING FOR TIER 3 (FLINT/WREXHAM SCHOOLS)	10/03/2021	English
Embedding the 12 pedagogical principles into everyday practices in Foundation Phase and Year 3.	10/03/2021	English
Embedding the 12 pedagogical principles into everyday practices in foundation phase and year 3 (Welsh medium)	11/03/2021	Welsh
Formative Assessment/ Shirley Clarke Project- REVIEW MEETING FOR TIER 3 (GWYNEDD SCHOOLS)	11/03/2021	Welsh
Biophilia: The Science of Nature & Animals: Why being outside makes us happier, healthier and better able to learn	12/03/2021	English
Heads of English Network Meetings	15/03/2021	English
Formative Assessment/ Shirley Clarke Project- REVIEW MEETING FOR TIER 3 (MÔN SCHOOLS)	15/03/2021	Welsh
NQT Workshop Day 2: Welsh Curriculum Update for NQTs	15/03/2021	Welsh
NQT Workshop Day 2: Welsh Curriculum Update for NQTs	16/03/2021	English
NQT Workshop Day 2: Welsh Curriculum Update for NQTs	16/03/2021	Welsh
Literacy and Numeracy: Designing your Curriculum in KS2 (English medium)	16/03/2021	English
Literacy and Numeracy: Designing your Curriculum in KS2 (Welsh medium)	17/03/2021	Welsh
Heads of English Network Meetings	17/03/2021	English
Formative Assessment/ Shirley Clarke Project- REVIEW MEETING FOR TIER 3 (CONWY SCHOOLS)	17/03/2021	Bilingual
NQT Workshop Day 2b: Well-being across the Curriculum for NQTs (Welsh medium)	17/03/2021	Welsh
NQT Workshop Day 2b: Well-being across the Curriculum for NQTs (English medium)	18/03/2021	English
Formative Assessment/ Shirley Clarke Project- REVIEW MEETING FOR TIER 3 (FLINT/WREXHAM SCHOOLS)	18/03/2021	English
The Observational Checklist	19/03/2021	English
NQT Workshop Day 2: Welsh Curriculum Update for NQTs	19/03/2021	English
A kit bag to Promoting Positive Behaviour (PRIMARY TEACHING ASSISTANTS)	22/03/2021	Bilingual
Formative Assessment/ Shirley Clarke Project- REVIEW MEETING FOR TIER 3 (GWYNEDD SCHOOLS)	22/03/2021	Welsh
A kit bag to Promoting Positive Behaviour SECONDARY (SECONDARY TEACHING ASSISTANTS)	23/03/2021	Bilingual
Formative Assessment/ Shirley Clarke Project- REVIEW MEETING FOR TIER 3 (DENBIGHSHIRE SCHOOLS)	23/03/2021	Bilingual
Formative Assessment/ Shirley Clarke Project- REVIEW MEETING FOR TIER 3 (ANGLESEY SCHOOLS)	24/03/2021	Welsh
Formative Assessment/ Shirley Clarke Project- REVIEW MEETING FOR TIER 3 (CONWY SCHOOLS)	25/03/2021	Bilingual

GwE Professional Offer

A reminder that all recent training and meetings from the literacy and numeracy team and from the Foundation Phase Team are currently uploaded to the [GwE Support Centre](#) webinar page.



GwE News and Information

Professional Financial Education Training NEW!

All practitioners working with learners aged 9 to 12 years are invited to take part in the Wales Pathfinder project. This project will aim to provide practitioners with professional development opportunities to support their learners' knowledge, skills and attitudes in the key areas of financial education. Funded by the Money and Pensions Service, this will be delivered by Young Money and supported by GwE over the spring and summer terms in 2021. Free training, resources and ongoing support will be provided to all who participate, and cover costs will be included.

For more information please click [here](#)



GwE Global Futures: International Languages

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Hub Meeting: On Zoom

Next meeting : **Thursday 11 March (3.30- 4.30 pm): Show and Tell**

It would be really useful to know if you are able or not to attend this meeting. Please contact your Hub leader or e-mail stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru directly.

A link to the meeting will be forwarded closer to the time.



Formative Assessment / Shirley Clarke Project

REVIEW MEETINGS FOR TIER 3 SCHOOLS - MARCH 2021

All Tier 3 schools teachers are invited to join us in review meetings to share experiences over the past year and look forward to the future. There will be opportunities to consider formative assessment in the context of blended learning and also pedagogy in our preparations for the Curriculum for Wales.

Meetings will be held from 3:15 until 4:30 on the following dates:

- 15 March / 24 March - Anglesey schools
- 11 March / 22 March - Gwynedd schools
- 17 March / 25 March - Conwy schools
- 8 March / 23 March - Denbigh schools
- 10 March / 18 March - Flint / Wrexham schools

Please select one date and register on [G6](#)



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>.

- 11 March
- 15 April
- 10 May
- 8 June

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](#)

Primary Science Newsletter from PSTT

The Primary Science Teaching Trust (PSTT) is currently working with a number of primary schools across North Wales to improve the standard of science. PSTT regional mentor, Kathy Schofield is now producing a half termly [newsletter](#) to share useful information on aspects of primary science with all GwE schools.



STEM Resources

Are you looking for a quick and easy way to find out about free resources to support you in your teaching of science and technology? GwE is working with STEMpowered Learning to provide schools with a bilingual version of this regular resource update. Sign up for our free monthly spreadsheet here: <http://eepurl.com/dMy9VQ>



ALN Transformation Newsletter

[Click here](#) for an update from the regional north Wales ALN transformation team.

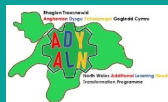


ALN Interactive E-Learning Course

The North Wales Regional ALN Transformation Team is 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.](#)

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 [Click here](#).



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

GwE is 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](#).

Welsh Government Information and Guidance

Beyond Covid: Learning in the Next Phase

As we look forward to a welcome return to face-to-face teaching, Welsh Government is offering the opportunity to take part in a national online conversation. This will offer an opportunity to share experiences and learning, help plan for the year ahead and help shape the national approach to moving beyond Covid.

Short videos by leading educationalists will be shared to prompt discussions in your schools, and frame the conversations on the day. Every school will be funded to send one representative to an event, who will thereafter consider and discuss back at their school and continue to contribute. There is no requirement that attendees occupy a certain role e.g. Headteacher or senior leader. We welcome a range of views.

Conversations on the day will be held in 'rooms' of up to 20 practitioners, facilitated by fellow practitioners.

Dates and times:

- Wednesday 10 March, 15.30 – 18.00
- Thursday 18 March, 10.00 – 12.30
- Tuesday 23 March, 15.30 – 18.00

Further details are available on the [Hwb event page](#)

Please register via [Eventbrite](#) and email MyraDavies@GwEGogledd.Cymru



Research into Ethnic Minority Recruitment to Initial Teacher Education (ITE) and the Teaching Profession

This important project will run until the end of March 2021, and will inform changes required to increase the recruitment of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic students to the teaching profession.

Further information: [click here](#).

To contribute, click on one of the links below:

One-to-one interview: https://cardiffmet.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8cEkr1GOjL7bSpE

Focus Group: https://cardiffmet.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4SztNdyZfVLw6oe

Please refer any questions to SJChapman@cardiffmet.ac.uk



Regional School Improvement Consortia News and Information

Pupil Development Grant & Supporting Vulnerable Learners Focus Week: Impact and evidence based practice



22 - 26 MARCH - 09:30 – 10:30 & 10:30 – 11:30

Key note speakers and a wide range of workshops throughout the week with flexibility to choose.

See [link](#) for further information and how to register.



Information and Guidance from Others

Eisteddfod T - Urdd Gobaith Cymru



Eisteddfod T is back, and it's an opportunity for all students to compete in the Urdd's digital festival this year.

Singing, lip-syncing or celebrity impersonations – from the traditional to Tiktok, from arts and crafts to instrumentals, from street dancing to science, there's something for everyone in Eisteddfod T, and don't forget that there are many, many competitions especially for Welsh learners!

And to top it all off, you don't have to be a member of the Urdd to compete this year!

The list of competitions and instructions on how to compete are available [here](#).

Competing will open on 1 March, and the Urdd will need to receive all performances or work by 26 March by uploading it to the website above.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact eisteddfod@urdd.org, and we look forward to see your performances!

Go for it!



Biggest Ever Survey of the Education Workforce in Wales



The Education Workforce Council (EWC) has partnered with the Welsh Government, employers, trade unions and other key bodies in Wales to launch the biggest ever survey of the education workforce in Wales.

All 80,000 EWC registered practitioners in schools, further education, work-based learning and youth work have the chance to influence policy making in Wales by having their say about the key issues affecting them, such as workload, well-being, training and the impact of Covid-19.

This national workforce survey was launched in February 2021 and will run until 9 April 2021. All EWC registered practitioners have been invited to respond and may do so via EWC website at <https://www.ewc.wales/aga-ews/index.php/en/>.



Film by Mewn Cymeriad about Saint David

We'd like to let you know that a short film telling the story of St David, which we've created in partnership with Cadw, is now available on Cadw's website, <https://cadw.gov.wales/learn>. You can also enjoy versions in Welsh, BSL and with subtitles on Cadw's YouTube channel, available on [this link](#).



Catch-up Sessions Wales - e-sgol

The Covid pandemic has resulted in students across Wales missing out on certain aspects and the opportunity to improve skills in various GCSE, AS and A level subjects. In order to support pupils across Wales, e-sgol will be running a number of sessions to support pupils with aspects of their work.

These webinar sessions will be a live event on Microsoft Teams and facilitated by teachers from across Wales who have an expertise in the subject they are delivering. The sessions will be recorded and can be used at a later date.

For more information including when the sessions will be held, visit [this website](#) or follow the instructions on the [poster](#).

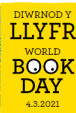


Share a story on World Book Day 2021

The Books Council of Wales is encouraging people across Wales to share a story in celebration of World Book Day 2021 on Thursday 4 March.

Sharing a story could include reading at home with the family, sharing a story with your pet, reading in your favourite place, reading in an unusual location and more!

For more ideas, [click here](#).



Parentkind – Parent Voice

As you may be aware, the curriculum in Wales is changing for the better. This will help young people be equipped for the future and be creative, believe in themselves and be informed citizens of Wales and the world.

Parentkind is working with Qualifications Wales to put together three small focus groups of parents to discuss which GCSEs should be offered from 2025. If you'd like the chance to be involved, we'd love to hear from you.

To register your interest in being part of a focus group, e-mail takepart@parentkind.org.uk

Qualifications Wales would like to hear from as many parents as possible through their consultation form. It's especially important if you're the parent or carer of a current primary school pupil as this process will help shape their future.

Complete the consultation form, <https://qualificationswales.org/english/qualified-for-the-future---have-your-say/>

Parentkind
Bringing together home & school



Help your Child with Reading

FREE ONLINE COURSE FOR PARENTS

This online course will help parents become confident in some basic techniques to support their child in learning to read. We will look at a range of literacy strategies and how to use them at home, demonstrate some fun activities and games and discuss homemade and commercial resources to support a child's reading.

- **Courses running in March.**

For full details click [here](#).

- **Headteachers - Bespoke courses can be arranged for a group of parents from your school or a cluster.**

E-mail Jane Watkins for more information: jane.watkins@adultlearning.wales

Any questions? Email jane.watkins@adultlearning.wales



Routes into Teaching - Open University

The Open University offers 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@GwEgogledd.cymru or Wales-PGCE@open.ac.uk



Call out for Schools Cynefin: Black, Asian and minority ethnic Wales

As part of the Creative Learning Through The Arts programme, Arts Council of Wales in partnership with Welsh Government is delighted to announce a new, exciting opportunity for schools.

Through this offer we aim to ensure that teachers and learners in Wales will have the opportunity to:

- Explore the history and development of Wales as a multicultural society
- Explore the diverse experiences and contributions of Black, Asian and minority ethnic peoples in Wales, past and present
- Work alongside Creative Practitioners in a learning environment to enhance the quality of teaching and learning
- Support schools in preparation for Curriculum for Wales 2022

How to apply

An application form for *Cynefin: Black, Asian and minority ethnic Wales* can be found [here](#).

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

Applications close at midday, 15 March 2021.



Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru
Arts Council of Wales



★★★★ FREE BOOKS FOR YEAR 6 LEARNERS ★★★★★

Journeys and Adventures book packs for children in Year 6

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

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

LIVE UNTIL: 26/03/2021



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. 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.



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