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GwE Bulletin



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Curriculum for Wales Professional Learning Programme

Following our recent correspondence, dated 21 April 2021, we are pleased to share with you the dates of the following sessions:

THE REFORM JOURNEY THINK PIECES

An opportunity for members of the GwE team to introduce a series of thinkpieces which have been written in order to stimulate discussions at a local level and support schools with key aspects of the Curriculum for Wales reform. GwE is grateful to Professor Graham Donaldson for his advice and guidance in creating these pieces.

- The collection of think pieces will provide a stimulus for staff within your schools to reflect on what is working effectively, what needs refining and what needs to be changed.
- The collection of think pieces ask you to think deeply about purpose and highlight matters of curriculum design, leadership, vision, pedagogy and assessment that must be addressed if we are to realise the opportunities offered by the reform programme.

Date: Thursday 20 May

Time: 9:15am Welsh-medium

10:45am English-medium

To register your place, please see G6.

PLANNING FOR CURRICULUM CHANGE

An opportunity for members of the GwE team to present a high level overview of the Curriculum for Wales framework. This webinar, which has an accompanying handbook, will offer the opportunity to:

- Understand the Curriculum for Wales framework.
- Consider different types of curriculum and how curriculum is represented in our schools?
- Discuss any misconceptions.
- Begin to understand the implications of a newer way of working.
- Discuss and refer to curriculum guidance.

Date: Wednesday 26 May

Time: 1:15pm Welsh-medium

2:30pm English-medium

To register your place, please see G6.

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 [\[https://g6.gwegogledd.cymru\]](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.

13/05/2021 - 28/05/2021	DATE	MEDIUM
Primary Science Webinar	17/05/2021	Bilingual
The Reform Journey Think Pieces	20/05/2021	Welsh
The Reform Journey Think Pieces	20/05/2021	English
NQT – Day 3 Workshop Assessment for Learning – Shirley Clarke Project (Welsh-medium)	25/05/2021	Welsh
NQT – Day 3 Workshop Assessment for Learning – Shirley Clarke Project (English-medium)	26/05/2021	English
Planning for Curriculum Change	26/05/2021	Welsh
Planning for Curriculum Change	26/05/2021	English
NQT – Day 3 Workshop Assessment for Learning - Shirley Clarke project (Bilingual)	27/05/2021	Bilingual
NQT Workshop Day 3b: Digital Competency for NQTs (Welsh-medium)	27/05/2021	Welsh
NQT Workshop Day 3b: Digital Competency for NQTs (English-medium)	28/05/2021	English

Aspiring HLTA Development Programme

Round 3 of the Aspiring HLTA Development Programme starts in September 2021.

The closing date for applications is **18 June 2021**.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Programme and the application process.

For more details, watch this [video](#).



Opportunities with GwE

Supporting Improvement Advisers

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERMANENT POSTS AND SECONDMENTS

Applications are welcomed from the primary, secondary, special, PRU sectors and a subject specialist in English (Secondary).

Wales is in an exciting time of reforms and preparing for Curriculum for Wales is a priority for the region.

The successful candidate(s) will work as part of a team to support schools across the 3-16 continuum. They will collaborate with schools in supporting all aspects of school improvement including working in partnership with a range of stakeholders.

CLOSING DATE: 10.00AM, MONDAY, 24 MAY 2021

(Interview dates: 27-28/05/21)

For an informal discussion, please contact Marc Berw Hughes, Senior Lead: Primary (07969324329 / marcherwhughes@GwEGogledd.Cymru) or Elfyn Vaughan Jones, Senior Lead: Secondary (07557759240 / elfynjones@GwEGogledd.Cymru).

For further details [click here](#). To apply please [click here](#).



Open University Secondary PGCE IN MATHS, WELSH, ENGLISH AND SCIENCE



Applications are still open for the OU Secondary PGCE in Maths, Welsh, English and Science. Courses can be studied in English or Welsh and there are salaried and part time routes available. A financial contribution of up to 55% is available for secondary schools endorsing a salaried student. More information can be found at <http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/choose/wales/pgce> or contact ceriwilliams3@gwegogledd.cymru

The OU are holding an online Open Day on 18 May at 6pm for anyone who may be interested in learning more about the PGCE – follow the link to register [OU Open Evening](#)



PRIMARY SCIENCE

Update Webinar

Monday Afternoon 17 May, 3:45pm to 5pm
Suitable for Science Leaders and Teachers

“Starters for Science” Resource

Experimenting ideas for CfW 2022

Explorify Resources

PSMQ Quality Mark and Bursary

PSTT work in the region

‘The Great Science Share’

Presentations by experienced teachers and advisors
Register through G6 to receive the Zoom link “Primary Science Webinar”



UNFCCC Secretariat - Climate Neutral now Initiative

THE PATH TO CLIMATE NEUTRALITY: THE BASICS FOR SCHOOLS

Join us on the 12 May as we host Miguel Naranjo and Fernanda Castro from the UNFCCC secretariat.

Time: 15:30 – 16:30 BST

Platform: Virtual Event – [Youtube Link](#)

Objective: To demonstrate practical actions that schools can take to calculate their carbon footprint (including use of the simplified calculator developed by the UNFCCC secretariat), to reduce it and to compensate it. This webinar is especially intended for schools, understanding their particular contexts and available resources.

Google for Education - Professional Development

Google has released its program of training and development specifically for teachers in Wales. It is suitable for experienced users of Google for Education and also for teachers who want to learn more about the digital learning platform.

[Click here](#) to see what's available.

They have also released a series of sessions that focus on using Google tools to develop literacy and numeracy along with sessions focusing on aspects of humanities subjects. [Click here](#) for more information.

Google for Education



GwE Global Futures - MFL / International Languages

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SECTORS

- [GwE Global Futures Newsletter - May-June 2021](#)
[Primary Newsletter](#) | [Secondary Newsletter](#)

- [Routes Cymru:](#)

Teaching Resources:

www.worldoflanguages.co.uk: a free online game that includes nine activities that celebrate the world's languages, how they borrow from one another but also feature unique, untranslatable words deeply tied to their culture.

SECONDARY SECTOR

Routes Cymru: A Level

- [A Level Masterclasses:](#)

Routes Cymru will be releasing four extra AS/A Level Masterclasses to the original. You can register for Masterclasses on : 'La Rafle', 'Das Pferd auf dem Balcon', 'La Classe (Entre les murs)' and 'Como agua para chocolate' on their website: [Events – Llwybrau at Ieithoedd Cymru Routes into Languages Cymru](#)

- [Teaching Resources:](#)

Cambridge Collaborative A-level Resources for Languages (CCARL): A series of short videos in the target language on French and German A Level text such as *La Haine*, *Kiffe kiffe demain*, *Das Leben der Anderen* and *Barbara*. Click here to access [YouTube channel](#)

- [MFL Mentoring: Resources KS3+](#)

University tours: <https://mflmentoring.padlet.org/mflmentoring/universities>

Language taster: <https://mflmentoring.padlet.org/mflmentoring/LanguageTasters>

- [Business Language Champions](#)

Events calendar:

Lots of exciting, inspiring and truly different opportunities for your students.

* Operation Language for Years 12 and 13 - 14th May

For more information, to register a place or to view the full list of events please visit the [Events webpage](#).

STEM Resources - April 2021 Update

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>

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>.

- 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](#).



Regional School Improvement Consortia News and Information

PDG Focus Week 2021

PDG Focus week was held in March 2021, a national event held to celebrate, share and inform the use of PDG.



This learning and sharing week, was a week-long celebration and sharing of work from across Wales regarding provision and progress of disadvantaged learners through targeted PDG expenditure.

The week was designed to highlight the importance of aligning PDG to research-based interventions and development in Teaching and Learning practices to assist the disadvantaged learner and engage in face-to-face learning.

During the week, consortia, schools and settings and professional partners delivered a range of professional learning workshops, discussions, and talks.

Please click [this link](#) for access to all the week's keynote speaker presentations and resources.

NQT Induction in Wales is changing...

EVERY SCHOOL SHOULD BE NQT READY BY SEPTEMBER 2021



[Click here](#) to see the steps that each School must follow to induct an NQT from September 2021.

For further information, please contact jeuanjones@gwegogledd.cymru

Welsh Government Information and Guidance

North Wales Regional Equality Network (NWREN)

The Welsh Government has made training, developed by North Wales Regional Equality Network (NWREN), available to all schools' senior leadership teams in north Wales. Supporting Schools in Challenging Racism will help you build the capacity of staff and students to meet the aim of achieving zero tolerance of racism within Welsh Education.

The training was planned as face to face, participative training and development but COVID-19 restrictions required NWREN to provide the resource on-line.

The programme is structured to:

- Build confidence in recognising and dealing with racist attitudes
- Enhance teachers' and educational managers' capacity to enable their students to recognise and challenge racism.
- Enable teachers and managers to embed race equality in the curriculum.

For further information and to access the training please [click here](#).

Information and Guidance from Others

Technocamps Spring Newsletter - Newsbyte

There are some exciting events and competitions coming up that you can read all about [here](#). In the meantime, follow the social media channel ([@technocamps](#)).



Creative Learning Recovery Fund

The Creative learning through the arts programme is providing funding for schools in Wales to work with their learners and teachers alongside creative practitioners to focus on re-invigorating, re-imagining and re-engaging with learning; exploring imaginative and playful ways to learn with a focus on the wellbeing of learners and teachers at the heart. The final deadline for applications is 5pm, 17 June 2021. Follow the link for more information: <https://arts.wales/creative-learning-recovery-fund>



Welsh Language Sabbatical Courses 2021-2022

BANGOR UNIVERSITY PROVISION

THE COURSES ARE FOR ENGLISH-MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Full details available [here](#).

To register, please contact your local authority:

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WREXHAM: Buddug.SelwayJones@wrexham.gov.uk



Clic-It Cymru

The latest issue of [Clic-It Cymru](#) and [Y Cliciadur](#) are now available on the HWB website.



Sbarduno Workshops

FOR FOUNDATION PHASE AND KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS

[Here's the current list of workshops that Inspire by Sbarduno have to offer](#) schools across North Wales up to the Whitsun holidays (28/05/21). The online workshops that are on offer are suitable for pupils from the Foundation Stage or Key Stage 2 and allow them to participate in an hour-long session of fun and simple experiments and develop skills such as teamwork, working independently and problem solving, as well as learning about simple day-to-day Science.

For further information, [click here](#). Please refer any questions to claire@Sbarduno.com



Mindfulness Wales Event: Supporting Mindfulness in Education in Wales

Our next Mindfulness Wales event is on **12 May 2021**, 7-8.30pm, and will focus on mindfulness in education. We'll have the chance to discuss the new document from the Mindfulness Initiative *Implementing Mindfulness in Schools - an Evidence Based Guide* with one of the co-authors, Professor Katherine Weare.

You can read the guide here (look out for the Wales examples):

<https://www.themindfulnessinitiative.org/implementing-mindfulness-in-schools-an-evidence-based-guide>

And you can register for the event here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-mindfulness-in-education-in-wales-tickets-150805504323?utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=checkoutwidget>

Please consider signing up to the Mindfulness Wales mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/gLixb>

National Education Workforce Survey for Wales

The Education Workforce Council wants to hear from you about issues such as workload, well-being and the opportunities available for professional learning. Please follow [this link](#) to the survey.



Inspire Maths: Bar Modelling

USING MODEL DRAWING AS A VALUABLE RESOURCE TO STRENGTHEN AND DEEPEN PUPILS' UNDERSTANDING OF MATHEMATICS, FOCUSING ON FLUENCY AND MASTERY IN KS1 AND 2.

Explore one of the heuristics used in the Singapore approach to teaching and learning mathematics.

Further information available [here](#).



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