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A Message from GwE

We would like to thank you for the exceptional work you have done during this half term in the most challenging of circumstances. It has been an extremely tough and difficult time for everyone again. Best wishes to you all over the half-term holidays; keep safe and enjoy a very well-deserved break. Please feel assured that we will continue to be as flexible as we can and support you to the best of our ability over the next half-term and beyond.















GwE Professional Offer

GwE Professional Offer on G6

The GwE Offer on G6 contains all the details of the professional development training that GwE offers for the school year.

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.

01/11/2021-21/03/2022	DATE	MEDIUM
Trauma and Mental Health-Informed Schools - 2 Day Senior Leads Training	01/11/2021	English
Trauma Informed Practice Training for Early Years Practitioners	03/11/2021	English
NQT and Pupil Well-Being (Session 3, Welsh-medium)	08/11/2021	Welsh
International Languages in Primary: drop-in sessions for primary teachers- Global Futures GwE	11/11/2021	Bilingual
NQT and Pupil Well-Being (Session 3, English-medium)	11/11/2021	English
PACE and Relational Skills Training For Schools and Organisations	12/11/2021	English
NQT - Behaviour Management in your Classroom (Session 4, Welsh-medium)	24/11/2021	Welsh
NQT - Behaviour Management in your Classroom (Session 4, English-medium)	25/11/2021	English
Observational Checklist	26/11/2021	English
Relational Based Play	03/12/2021	English
NQT - Curriculum for Wales - Advancing Pedagogy (Session 5, English-medium)	07/12/2021	English
Trauma Informed Schools	08/12/2021	English
NQT - Curriculum for Wales - Advancing Pedagogy (Session 5, Welsh-medium)	10/12/2021	Welsh
The Role of the Key Adult	10/12/2021	English
NQT - Formative Assessment and the Shirley Clarke Programme (Session 6, Welsh-medium)	12/01/2022	Welsh
Introduction to Protective Behaviours to support wellbeing	14/01/2022	English
NQT – Formative Assessment and the Shirley Clarke Programme (Session 6, English-medium)	14/01/2022	English
PACE and Relational Skills Training For Schools and Organisations	26/01/2022	English
Trauma Informed Schools	16/02/2022	English
Biophilia training - 'Better Out Than In', Dr Coral Harper	09/03/2022	English
Trauma Informed Practice Training for Early Years Practitioners	16/03/2022	English

























National Programmes

National Leadership Development Programmes

ASPIRING HEADTEACHERS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – PREPARING FOR NPQH		
Link to website: https://tinyurl.com/5d5x7shb	Enquiries: CPCP@gwegogledd.cymru	
Programme launch	01/07/21	
Briefing sessions for prospective applicants	13/09/21 & 14/09/21	
Deadline for applications	by 1pm on 22/10/21	
Programme starts	January 2022	
Applications for NPQH Assessment	November 2022	
NPQH Assessment Centre	February 2023	

NQT Professional Learning Dates 2021-22

Click <u>here</u> for dates and information about how to access the **national** briefing sessions for NQTs, Induction Mentors and External Verifiers. The **regional** training sessions for Newly Qualified Teachers are now live on G6. More details and dates here and on G6.

NQT Recordings and Videos 2021-22



Aspiring HLTA Development Programme

Cylch 4 of the Aspiring HLTA Development Programme starts in September 2021. The closing date for applications is **12 November 2021**. Click <u>here</u> for more information about the Programme and the application process. For more details, watch this <u>video</u>.

Induction programme for new Teaching Assistants

The national **Induction Programme for New Teaching Assistants** is for individuals newly appointed to their role. It is delivered on a digital platform. Training can be completed at a time convenient to the teaching assistants and their setting. For more information and how to register, <u>click here</u>.















GwE News and Information

Regional Grants Planning Dashboard 2021/22

To access your dashboard, please follow the attached guidance.

The dashboard includes the 3 main regional grants: Education Improvement Grant, Pupil Development Grant, Professional Learning Grant. If you experience any problems, please do not hesitate to contact your Supporting Improvement Adviser or e-mail grants@GwEGogledd.Cymru

Additional Learning Needs Implementation Update

As set out in the <u>Minister's statement</u> on 14 July, following engagement with stakeholders, the arrangements for implementing the Additional Learning Needs and Educational Tribunal Act have been updated. Further information on what this means has been set out in the following link: <u>Additional Learning Needs Implementation Update</u>

2021 Baseline Assessment

This year, primary schools will need to undertake the baseline assessment with Reception class pupils within the first 6 weeks of the autumn term (see Education Minister's statement here).

A <u>presentation</u> by GwE's Foundation Phase team, offering guidance on how to assess pupils against the compact profile, is available within the 'Foundation Phase' page on GwE's Support Centre.

For advice, please contact: <u>AnnaHughes@gwegogledd.cymru</u> / <u>GwawrEleriThomas@gwegogledd.cymru</u> / JoanneDavies@gwegogledd.cymru

Although schools are not required to carry out the baseline assessment with Nursery pupils, GwE considers this to be good practice for identifying a child's baseline on entry to school.

Primary Science Teaching Trust (PSTT)

Welcome to the Autumn Primary Science Teaching Trust Newsletter for GwE schools.

Global Futures GwE: International Languages

School partnerships seminar for teachers: Düsseldorf, 3-5 December 2021

This partner-finding event, taking place in Düsseldorf from 3-5 December will bring teachers from the UK and North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) together to set up new school partnerships and discuss future partnership projects with a focus on 'Skills for the Global Workplace'.



The event is open to all teachers at UK secondary schools and colleges. All travel, accommodation and event-related costs will be covered by UK-German Connection. Participants will need to have been double-vaccinated against Covid-19.

DEADLINE: 1 NOVEMBER

Find out more and apply via a short online form: https://ukgermanconnection.org/school-partnerships-seminar

Primary sector: (for more information, contact stephanieelliswilliams@gwegogledd.cymru)

International Languages in primary: drop-in sessions- Global Futures GwE: Join us for a very informal session to get to know the team, to develop a collaborative and supportive network across the region and to share our experiences in developing teaching international languages in the primary. We understand that schools will be in different places on their journey to introducing international languages. Together, we can embrace the challenge ahead and we look forward to meeting you all. Our first meeting will take place on 11/11/21. We will be available from 15:45 until 16.30. Register on G6 and drop in if you can, when you can.

Global Futures GwE Professional learning for primary teachers: integrating international languages in the curriculum: Join the PowerLanguage team for a session on language learning teaching as you prepare and plan for international languages within the CfW 2022. Explore new ideas from the PowerLanguage Platform including fresh resources linked to COP 26! This session will enable teachers to develop ideas and confidence in delivering international languages in their curriculum. Wherever your school is on their journey to roll-out, you are all welcome and we look forward to seeing you there on 22/11/21 from 15.45 to 16.45. Link to register: https://pwlg.link/3BiMluu













Welsh Government Information and Guidance

The Professional Teaching Awards Cymru (PTAC)

The PTAC are back! This year, we're excited to see some uniquely inspiring nominations to celebrate the outstanding education workforce who have gone above and beyond for their pupils, parents and staff. Throughout the course of the pandemic, schools and education professionals across Wales have adapted, innovated and continued to inspire not only pupils and parents, but the nation

Now is the time to give them the recognition they deserve, by nominating online at: www.gov.wales/teachingawards

You have until midnight on 23/11/21 to make a nomination.

There are 10 Awards, including Headteacher of the Year, awarded to an exceptional Headteacher who can demonstrate the ability to engage the school in the community and community in school, in order to make a difference for every learner.

National Strategy for Educational Research and Enquiry

SEMINAR SERIES 2021-2022

The NSERE seminar series for 2021-2022 will be closely related to priorities within the Welsh Government's Programme for Government. We hope that practitioners, policymakers and researchers can join us for these sessions. They will be held from 15:00 to 16:30 on these dates.

Information and Guidance from Others

Bookslam 2021-2022

<u>Click here</u> to read full details of this year's Reading for Wales competition.



National Slate Museum: Past, Present and Future

As we celebrate becoming part of UNESCO World Heritage Site this year and our 50th anniversary next year, the Slate Museum is looking to the future.



What kind of museum do you want?

It is important to us that we are a museum for our communities and that you have a say in shaping our next steps — it would be great to have input from schools on how we can improve our offer to you. Whilst the questions lean more towards personal responses, this is also a chance to consider how we could enrich pupils' experiences and support with the new curriculum. To thank you for your time, there will be an option for you to be entered into a Prize Draw.

National Slate Museum: Past, Present, Future

The survey will be live until 31 October

Supporting Service Children in Education Wales (SSCE)

Please see the following link to the Autumn 2021 edition of the SSCE Cymru Newsletter: www.SSCECymru.co.uk/resources/SSCECymruNewsletters

Free RAF Net Zero Primary Competition

Please click here for information about this exciting competition.













The Physics Mentoring Project is currently recruiting schools to take part in Cycle 5

The Project places trained students from Welsh universities in schools across Wales to mentor students in year 9-11 in Physics. Evaluation reports show that participation in Physics Mentoring leads to an increase in the number of school students intending to take Physics A-level and go into STEM-related careers, including for girls, who have been historically excluded from Physics. If you are interested in running the project in your school, please contact physicsmentoring@cardiff.ac.uk. Places are limited and will be assigned to schools in collaboration with Secondary Science Leads at your consortia. Further information available here.

The Welsh Collaborative for Learning Design (WCLD) Learning Lab

The Welsh Collaborative for Learning Design (WCLD) is hosting the first learning lab for teachers in Wales on 02/11/21 from 16:30 to 17:30. Come along to discuss the lessons we have learnt from the pandemic and how it can inform our future practice.

Register: shorturl.at/fpAB6



An opportunity with the Collaborative Institute for Education Research, Evidence and Impact (CIEREI), Bangor University

CIEREI has a new PhD studentship designed to continue their innovative numeracy research with schools and GwE. This research project has the following main aims: (1) A comparison of the impact of handheld and online applications of the SAFMEDS numeracy strategy; (2) An evaluation of the effects of virtual and in-situ implementation support for the SAFMEDS strategy; and (3) An exploration of ways to improve parental provision for the SAFMEDS strategy and precision teaching. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to gain training and experience of mixed-method approaches including randomised trials and focus groups. More information here:

https://www.bangor.ac.uk/education-and-human-development/studentship-maths.php.en

https://www.findaphd.com/phds/project/evaluating-modalities-of-delivery-of-a-fluency-based-mathematics-programme/?p134712











