

Noticeboard

Children and Young Peoples Services

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Update from the Learning Exchange



New Ofsted Framework

Ofsted have published the draft new Inspection Framework, which is due to come into force from January 2012. The schedule is available at <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/draft-framework-for-school-inspection-january-2012>. We will be providing a full briefing on the new framework at our Headteacher & Chair of Governors' briefing event on 24 November (2.00pm to 4.00pm).

Leadership Development Programmes

Two new and exciting leadership programmes are starting in January 2012. They are subsidised by the National College and are in collaboration with Somerset Local Authority and the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Leadership Development

This [programme](#) is for **current** deputy headteachers/assistant headteachers and **aspirant** deputy headteachers/assistant headteachers and comprises:

- Pre-sessional leadership needs analysis
- Introductory twilight session
- Two half day sessions of workshops/inspirational speakers
- Entitlement to three hours of leadership coaching
- Half day school placement with leadership focus
- Individual leadership development project in own school
- Peer support and networking

Aspiring to Headship

This five day [programme](#) is for those looking to apply for headship within the next twelve months and comprises:

- Pre sessional leadership needs analysis
- Two day residential conference (Dillington House, Ilminster)
- Two one-day school placements
- Final one day conference (The Old Deanery, Wells)

For further information contact chris.rush@n-somerset.gov.uk, Learning Exchange Adviser, or 07795 092686.

Secondary Middle Leadership Course: Places can now be booked for the additional course being offered by Gordano School on behalf of the Learning Exchange in Terms 5 and 6. Details of this highly regarded course are attached and places can be booked via [CPD Online](#). The outline programme is on the [October 2011](#) web page.

Aspiring Secondary Senior Leadership Courses: We are delighted that Gordano School will be offering their successful senior leadership courses on behalf of the Learning Exchange. Places can now be booked via [CPD Online](#) for:

- Taster visits to different types of secondary schools November 2011-March 2012, details on attached [flyer](#)
- Development [programme](#) of workshops for secondary middle leaders and/or aspiring leaders
- 2 day [course](#) for aspiring senior leaders

Learning Exchange Website and Online Community

The building of the website and online community for The Learning Exchange is now well underway and we plan to share more details soon. We are keen for the images that are included on the site to be current and reflect learning and staff development across our North Somerset schools. We are keen to collect electronic photographs from our schools for this purpose. Clearly any images submitted must have the appropriate consent in place. Please send any images to neil.harris@n-somerset.gov.uk.

Whole School Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training

The above course is currently funded by Strategic Schools Forum and is not provided through the Learning Exchange. This training is offered at **no cost to schools** and Learning Exchange credits are, therefore, not required.

For further information about Whole School Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training, please contact sarah.mellor@n-somerset.gov.uk, Safeguarding in Education Officer, or telephone 01275 885507.

Primary RE Cluster Network

Please note that there will be just ONE RE Cluster Meeting this term. Do please attend if you possibly can. The meeting this term will be of great relevance to all RE subject leaders, as it will focus on building up children's knowledge, understanding and evaluation skills through new schemes of learning for the new agreed syllabus. We will also see how other resources such as those published by RE Today can be converted into AMV planning.

The meeting will take place on **Thursday 20 October, 4.00pm – 5.30 pm at Mary Elton Primary School, Holland Road, Yeo Park, Clevedon, BS21 7YL.**

There is no need to book a place and there is no direct cost to schools at this stage, but please let [Dave Francis](#), RE Adviser (01275 884034) know if you intend to be there – that will help us plan for refreshments and required room size.

Bristol Discovery Teaching Seminar

"There's never been a better time to train to teach"

Find out why at a free Discover Teaching seminar being run by TDA at St Mary Redcliffe & Temple School, Bristol on **Wednesday 19 October 2011** at 5pm. You can get tailored guidance on routes into teaching, meet local teacher training providers and talk with experienced teachers to find out what teaching in a classroom is like. Register at www.tda.gov.uk/events.

[Paul Jacobs](#), Assistant Director, Learning & Achievement

Key Stage 2 Data

A number of schools are concerned that amendments they submitted to pupil data in July are not reflected in either recent results data or last week's RAISEonline release. In particular, the queries relate mainly to cases of schools asking for pupils recently arrived from overseas to be removed from Performance Tables calculations.

Key points to note are:

1. The Key Stage 2 unvalidated data in RAISEonline reports do not reflect changes requested by schools during the 5 July to 18 July 2011 Performance Tables checking exercise.
2. Nor do they reflect any changes resulting from marking reviews.
3. These changes will be reflected in the Performance Tables when published in December, and also in the later release of amended/validated data in RAISEonline.
4. RAISEonline Administrators can make amendments on RAISEonline for the purpose of producing the "school's own" reports and analyses if they wish to do this before validated/amended data is available.

[Sue Ivermee](#), Principal Adviser

Evaluation of the EYFSP Moderation Process 2011

Please see the report on the [October 2011](#) web page.

Evaluation of the Moderation Process for KS1

Please see the report on the [October 2011](#) web page.

Refunds to Schools for Support Staff Vocational Qualifications

I am writing to inform you that we have now received information from Weston College on passes in vocational qualifications. We are now able to make refunds for candidates who have recently completed the Level 2 and Level 3 Teaching Assistant (Supporting Teaching and Learning) qualifications.

Payments have been arranged to be processed to schools. You will receive this payment in your month 6 file, which is due between 10 and 15 October. The code that your school will be paid on is X112. Refunds to schools on successful completions are as follows:

STL – Level 2 - £200.00

STL – Level 3 - £500.00

If any other member of support staff has achieved a qualification in a Further Education College in the last academic year and had previously notified Kevin Katner of their intentions at the start

of their course, they should send evidence of successful completion and course cost to us as below.

It is the responsibility of schools to make any agreed repayments to individual staff members.

Should you require any further information or clarification on these refunds please do not hesitate to contact stana.balogova@n-somerset.gov.uk, Training Administrator (01275 888677).

Bullying Intervention Group

A nationally recognised award for anti-bullying practice is now available. Schools/settings can register for the BIG Award, up-to-the minute, cutting edge anti-bullying resources including case studies, lesson plans, activities, assemblies and lots of news updates and further sources of information are available at www.bullyinginterventiongroup.co.uk.

BIG also creates opportunities for local authority staff to provide training to schools/settings as it is part of the criteria to access local training.

Don't lose out - register for the BIG Award today and have your good work celebrated, and recognised by children and young people and their parents!

Consortium Core List and Discount

A message from The Consortium:

Dear Customer

We're delighted to confirm that we have negotiated a new agreement with North Somerset Council to make sure that you get the best deal around. The core list of discounted products means that you can save up to 75% on key items you use frequently, including savings of up to 33% on exercise books! All this and 5% off everything else in our catalogue!

To download a version of your core list, please [click here to download your new core list](#).

You can also download your brand new 2011 catalogue price list plus instructions to help you download the files easily and safely. [Click here to download your new price list and instructions](#).

Don't forget, if you have any queries simply contact your local Account Manager, Alan Houghton on 07714 362129 or call our friendly Customer Services Team on 0845 330 7780.

October Half Term Stay and Play

Please see the flyer on the [October 2011](#) for details of this session taking place at Clevedon Children's Centre.

[Elaine Mortimer](#), Senior Business Support Administrator, Clevedon Children's Centre

Family Learning Festival

Be Brilliant with Backwell School this October at our Family Learning Festival!

Backwell School invites local families to take part in our exciting and different activities this October holiday, as part of the national Family Learning Festival. Try your hand at comic art, led by the superbly talented Kev Sutherland (Family and Student sessions) or making festive bunting and/or a cushion at a family workshop with Sian Flower.

Bristol City Soccer School will be running a two day soccer school and the Bushcraft workshops at Goblin Combe, with fire lighting and den building always popular with families. All sessions take place on either or both 25/26 October.

Please book as soon as possible for these activities as spaces fill fast! If you have any questions about any of these sessions please contact Marie Davis at Backwell School on 01275 465942 or mdavis@backwellschool.net. All information and booking forms (to print and post) are available on our website www.backwellschool.net and the [October 2011](#) web page.

[Kathy Patterson](#), Community Arts Manager, Backwell School

Reminder - Early Years Foundation Stage Training

Provision and Profile in the EYFS: **Experienced** Practitioners
Tuesday 1 November
1:30pm - 4:00pm
Nailsea School

Provision and Profile in the EYFS: Practitioners **New** to the EYFS
Thursday the 3rd of November
9am-3:30pm
Nailsea School

Please book via [CPD Online](#).

[Sarah McGahern](#), Early Years Consultant and Moderation Manager

National School Meals Week 2011

National School Meals Week (NSMW) is organised by LACA (the Local Authority Caterers Association). The week encourages pupils in nursery, primary and secondary schools to have a healthy school meal that meets the nutrient standards laid down by Government.

NSMW will take place from 7th -11th November 2011

NSMW is the biggest national healthy eating awareness week about school meals in Britain. This year it encourages everyone to "Get Involved" in promoting healthy school dinners in primary and secondary schools.

The themes are:

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| Monday | Get Eating |
| Tuesday | Get Travelling |
| Wednesday | Get Creating |
| Thursday | Get 5 a day |
| Friday | Get Remembering |

For those schools with Edwards & Ward as their school meal provider, the whole week is being supported; schools with other providers should enquire with their contractor about participation. All schools can download the free to use resources including assembly packs, teaching resources, posters, invitations and recipes as well as join in with blogs and Twitter debates to up to date with the latest activities at <http://www.iloveschoolmeals.co.uk/default.htm>.

Further information from lynda.mitchell@n-somerset.gov.uk, Commissioning & Contracts Manager (telephone 01275 888319).

Reminder! Pathways Out of Poverty Conference **11th November 2011**

Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare, 9am - 4pm

You will have seen the invitation in last week's Noticeboard from Sheila Smith for the Pathways out of Poverty Conference on 11 November. Make sure you book your place as we have a limited number of spaces and they are being taken fast! Places are free and this is an opportunity for you to consider strategies to support children and families who are living with poverty in North Somerset.

We are delighted that alongside speakers from the local area, we also have contributions from:

Dr Charlotte Carter Wall

Charlotte is currently working with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation writing-up and presenting the latest research on the behaviours and aspirations of children living in poverty and how they relate to the effectiveness of interventions to close the gaps. Charlotte was the national Project Leader for the cross-phase Extra Mile Project and author of Pockets of Poverty. Charlotte investigated and co-authored a series of locality studies which explored the unique challenges of specific areas. The series included reports on coastal schools at primary and secondary. From this experience Charlotte brings considerable knowledge of supporting innovation, school improvement and tackling disadvantage which she used to advise government on the pupil premium.

Dr Tess Ridge

Tess Ridge is a Reader in Social Policy at the University of Bath. Her main research interests are childhood poverty and social exclusion, especially exploring the experience of poverty and disadvantage from the perspectives of children themselves. She also has a keen interest in the role of policy in the lives of children and families, especially the provision of welfare and economic support for children and families. Most recently she has been working with the Child Poverty Unit in government reviewing research with low-income children and feeding in to the development and progress of the recently passed Child Poverty Act.

Make sure your school is represented at this important event. Book a place via [CPD Online](#).

[Helen Caldwell](#), Strategic Commissioning Officer (Equality, Access and Achievement)

Become an Artsmark School

After 10 successful years and over 10,000 schools achieving Artsmark the scheme has been revised and refreshed and the next round of applications is taking place in January 2012 and for this new round it's FREE to apply.

As the Arts Council accredited Artsmark trainer for the region, Stuart Wood is holding a training day on **Tuesday 15 November, 10.30am – 3.00pm** at the Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare for primary schools wishing to apply.

Artsmark shows that you actively promote and celebrate your students' achievements in the arts. The Artsmark Award:

- Celebrates your students' achievement in the arts
- Raises the profile of the school and its arts provision
- Builds rewarding relationships with your local community
- Gives you real working relationships with arts professionals
- Gives public recognition to providers of a high quality arts experience
- Gives you recognition against a nationally approved benchmark

The price including lunch and refreshments is £95 per delegate.

On the training day Stuart will:

- Offer support for you on how to prepare for the application process
- Advise on how to develop and make the most of your schools arts provision
- Take you through the application form helping you to maximise your chances of success
- Offer you a chance to discuss ideas for arts provision with other settings

To book your place please contact stuart.wood@n-somerset.gov.uk. For further information about Artsmark please visit www.artsmark.org.uk.

[Stuart Wood](#), Cultural Programmer

South West Schools Trampoline Competition

The time of year has come round for the South West Regional Qualifying Round of the BSGA National Schools Trampolining Competition 2011 which will take place at the City Academy in Bristol on 4 December 2011. To obtain entry details and application forms please go to www.trampolining-online.co.uk/swschools.

Please remember that your school needs to be registered with the BSGA before you can enter. All details of the competition and how to register with the BSGA are contained within the above

website, but if you have any questions or problems please contact Olly Monro, South West Regional Representative by email o_monro@hotmail.com.

Daybreak Art Stars

ITV1's Daybreak has launched a new and exciting national art competition to find budding artists from around the UK. Daybreak is giving children aged between 7 and 14 a unique chance to create a Christmas card that will be printed by Hallmark and sold in shops this year.

More details are contained in the press release and poster on the [October 2011](#) web page and at www.itv.com/daybreak. The competition was launched throughout the live show on Monday 10 October and **closes at 8pm on 17October**.

Shining Stars Awards

Is there a shining star, or a team you work with, who you think deserves special recognition for the work they do? We are looking for people who make an outstanding contribution to the council and the services we provide. To mark National Customer Services Week (2-8 October) we are launching five new staff awards:

Employee of the year

For individuals who have shown outstanding achievement, effort or dedication and who have made a real positive difference to our organisation.

Team of the year

For teams who have collectively shown great achievement, effort or dedication which has made a positive difference to our organisation. Teams should provide excellent customer service, communicate well, be inclusive and have a 'can-do' attitude in order to be nominated.

Team leader of the year For team leaders and supervisors (and anyone who manages other people) who have delivered positive change, shown inspirational leadership and have led by example. In order to be nominated, team leaders should also provide excellent guidance and support, tell you the things that matter and listen when you've got something to say.

Unsung hero award For people who quietly go about their work, doing a great job working steadily away in the background, unnoticed but making a real positive difference to the organisation.

Bright future award For young people (25 or under) who have shown great motivation, eagerness and enthusiasm and who have wholeheartedly embraced the council's values.

The awards are open to all staff who work for the council or on behalf of the council for one of our contractors. Nominations will be judged by a panel made up of senior managers and members and certificates will be presented to the winners at the next Full Council meeting on Tuesday 15 November.

Please send your nominations to customer.services@n-somerset.gov.uk by **Monday 31 October**. Remember to include as much detail as you can about why your nominee deserves the award as the judging will be done solely on the information you provide.

[Jo White and Jo Shanks](#), Customer Services Officers