

## Noticeboard

Children and Young Peoples Services

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## EYFS Profile Moderation and KS1 Moderation Evaluations

I would be very grateful if all those teachers involved in the EYFS Profile and KS1 Moderation could complete and return the relevant evaluation on the [July 2011](#) web page before the end of Term 6 - either in the school post to Sarah McGahern, Moderation Manager, Zone C, Second Floor, Castlewood; by fax 01934 417675 or by email to [marion.mills@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:marion.mills@n-somerset.gov.uk)

[Sarah McGahern](#), Moderation Manager

## Scheme for Financing Schools – Restrictions on School Balances

The Strategic Schools Forum (SSF) met on Wednesday 6 July. At the meeting, they considered the responses from schools to the consultation on changes to the restrictions on school balances contained in the Scheme for Financing Schools.

A paper and appendices that provide information on the outcome of the consultation and the decisions made by SSF can be found on our [July 2011](#) page.

The information on the North Somerset Council website will be updated to reflect the new arrangements shortly.

May I take this opportunity to thank those of you who responded to the consultation.

[Louise Malik](#), Service Manager (Resources)

## Learning Exchange Update

**Leadership Dinner** – I would like to thank Denise Richards, Senior Vice Principal at Priory Community School and Leadership Development Adviser for us this year, for organising the very successful Leadership Dinner. We had around 130 delegates with many school bringing their leadership team. HANS have agreed that this event should be our key summer leadership event in the future.

**School Self Evaluation** – A final reminder that the national OfSTED SEF website will close on July 21<sup>st</sup> 2011. Schools are asked to visit the website to create and download a PDF version of their SEF for future use. Once the new OfSTED framework has been confirmed, then we plan to work with school leaders to produce revised local guidance on effective self evaluation.

**PSHE Briefing** – The PSHE Association have recently published an updated briefing for Governors on PSHE, available on our [July 2011](#) page.

**DfE News** – The Coalition has published a consultation on plans for [Initial Teacher Training](#) and given the final report on Key Stage 2 testing, assessment and accountability has been published (<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews>)

**Paul Jacobs, Assistant Director, Learning & Achievement**

## Revised School Admissions Arrangements

Headteachers and Chairs of School Governors were invited to respond to the consultations on the proposed admission arrangements for all schools including Admission Numbers, over-subscription criteria and coordinated admission schemes for 2012-13.

The consultations have now ended and the final admission policies for all Voluntary Aided, Foundation (including Trust) schools have been set by their respective governing bodies. Since being set it has been necessary for some schools to alter their arrangements to ensure compliance with the School Admissions Code. Legislation requires that you are notified of these revised arrangements as they are set.

To view the revised arrangements for Priory Community School, Tickenham Primary School and Wraxall Primary School, please use the following link:

<http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions/201213admissionarrangementsandpolicies.htm>

The page will be updated with the revised arrangements set by admission authorities as they are received. Paper copies are available upon request.

If you have any queries please contact me.

[Bill McEntee](#), School Admissions Policy Officer

## Supporting Newly Qualified Induction in North Somerset

Under current legislation it is a statutory requirement to provide an Appropriate Body for the qualification of NQT status.

From 1 September 2011 the current arrangement with schools and FE establishments will change.

Full details on the options available, procedures to register and associated costs are outlined in the [Supporting Newly Qualified Induction in North Somerset](#) document.

[Victoria Fletcher](#), NQT Co-ordinator, Tel: 01934 42 7582

## The Future of Support Staff CPD Network Communities

Please go to our [July 2011](#) page to access guidance on the future of Support Staff CPD Network Communities.

The letter outlines some significant changes to the CPD opportunities available to Support Staff in Primary, Secondary and Special schools, including TAs and LSAs, Learning Mentors and to many other support staff who work less directly with pupils. Outlined are the opportunities from September until Easter that will still be provided in spite of the substantial cuts in Government funding for this activity last year.

Please contact [Kevin Katner](#) if you wish to discuss this further.

## Music Service Moves to Castlewood

The Music Service is now based at Castlewood (Ground Floor Zone A) in Clevedon, so this is where you should go to visit the team. However, its resources and instruments are still housed in Congresbury.

This obviously presents some logistical issues regarding schools and families accessing resources. It is therefore vital that for the foreseeable future, everyone wishing to borrow/hire equipment or indeed return it, contact the Music Service team in advance to arrange this.

We realise this is not an ideal situation, but for the moment is unavoidable.

The Music Service's telephone, fax and email contact details remain the same, but the postal address is now Music Service, Children & Young People's Services, North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ.

[Mark Trego](#), Music Service Manager

## Late Availability on Substance Misuse and Young People Stage 1

**Date and Time:** Monday 18 July 2011, 09:30 – 12:30

**Venue:** Partnership House

This half day course will provide you with information and skills to assist you in working with young people who may be at risk of substance misuse and an awareness of local services and the support they can offer you and young people.

An information booklet will be available for all people who attend.

The course is delivered through a series of discussions, group activities and information sessions and will be delivered by two workers from North Somerset's Young People's Substance Advice Service.

Please book your place [online](#).

[Kate Boyce](#), CPD Online Co-ordinator, 01934 427 560

## The Recycling Revolution is Coming to your School

We are launching a new recycling collection service in September to all schools, academies and children's centres in North Somerset.

The new service collects:

- All types of paper
- Newspapers and magazines
- Cardboard
- Plastic bottles
- Food and drink cartons
- Glass bottles and jars
- Drinks cans

We offer a flexible collection service tailored to meet your needs.

We can collect as often as you want. We offer a range of different containers from bulk bins to sacks.

Our prices are very competitive and start from £3.50 a collection.

We can also offer a collection of non-recyclable waste.

If you are interested in finding out more, contact David Goodship on 01934 426 195, or email [wastemanagement@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:wastemanagement@n-somerset.gov.uk)

This service is provided by North Somerset Council in partnership with May Gurney and supported by Waste Watch

**Join the Recycling Revolution. Get your school involved!**

## Junior Memory Championship 2012

Following the very successful Final of the Junior Memory Championship 2011 on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at London Zoo, I am writing to invite you to register your school for the 2011/2012 Championship.

This educational initiative is the only national UK Junior Memory Championship and has been running for four years. It is aimed at children in Year 6 with the purpose of bringing powerful memory techniques to the forefront of learning. After classroom training with material provided by us, the children can participate in our nationwide, on-line test supervised by their own teacher. The on-line competition takes place in March, and the 20 best pupils from around the country are then invited to attend the Championship Final at London Zoo in May 2012.

The core content is structured training for children with materials prepared by Jonathan Hancock, a former World Memory Champion and now a primary school teacher. His techniques, using words, numbers and pictures are then taught by you, the children's own teacher. The specific goal is to teach children valuable memory skills that will help them with their school work and give them skills for life. Benefits include clear gains in attainment at school, heightened confidence as a result of being able to memorise, and better communication.

Registration is £60 per school (£50 plus VAT), and there is no limit to the number of Year 6 children who can participate once they have done the training. Once you have registered, we will send you:

- An Inset Pack
- Video Clips explaining the key learning techniques
- A full memory training programme for the Year 6 children
- Lesson Plan
- Materials to develop learning skills in other year-groups
- Junior Memory Club®: access for your children to the online Junior Memory Club

For further information, go to [www.juniormemorychampionship.com](http://www.juniormemorychampionship.com).

To register, send a cheque for £60 made out to the Learning Skills Foundation, and send it to: Learning Skills Foundation, 8 Swift Street, London, WE6 5AG.  
Caroline

**Caroline Shott, Founder & CEO of The Learning Skills Foundation**

## My Dream Street Competition

Fancy winning some eco-designed outdoor furniture for your school from [Pendlewood](#) or a family holiday in a Camping Pod courtesy of [Pitchup.com](#) in conjunction with Westholme Estate and Abbey Farm Caravan Park? Then show us what your dream street would be like.

The competition is open to schools and individuals in two age groups: Juniors (7 – 11 years and at primary school) and seniors (11 – 14 years and at secondary school). [Find out about the fabulous prizes you can win.](#)

The entries will then be shortlisted and the winners chosen by our panel of expert judges who are looking for the best and most creative examples of the streets that kids in the UK want to be playing in. <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/what-we-do/safe-routes-to-schools/my-sustrans-dream-street-competition>

[Kate Cochran](#), Transport and planning Officer

## Association of Retired Heads and Deputies

If you are approaching retirement, or know of a Head or Deputy who has already retired, you may be interested in becoming a member of the Association of Retired Heads and Deputies. Please see their flier on our [July 2011](#) web page for further details.

## FitFamilies4Life

**Big laughs, zero boredom, on your marks... get set.... FUN at FitFamilies4Life!**

FitFamilies4Life is a free ten week after school programme that encourages families to take part in a variety of fun activities. The aim of FitFamilies4Life is to show you how easy and fun it is to be active eat well and make it a family affair.

Children between the ages for four and seven, and the maximum of two adults per family are invited, as well as other siblings in different school years.

To find out more and/or to register your school, call the Sport and Active lifestyles team on 01275 882 731 or email [sport@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sport@n-somerset.gov.uk)

[Kira Thorpe](#), Active Lifestyles Development Officer

## Summer Holiday Activities and Courses for Children at Backwell Summer School

Monday 25 July - Friday 29 July 2011

Who needs to go away, when fun things are happening on your doorstep! For the adventurous – an excellent selection of activities, including climbing, abseiling, water sports and other outdoor pursuits.

An all time favourite is the Soccer Fun Days with **Bristol City Soccer Club**, or join the **Cycle Safety** course with Life Cycle.

Be creative and join us for one of our many and varied **arts, photography** and **cooking** workshops, and we are even offering a **MacMusic** course this year.

Sign up for a fantastic week of fun!

To receive our full programme, please contact Marie Davis at Backwell School, Backwell, BS48 3BX by telephoning 01275 465 942, or email [mdavi@backwellschool.net](mailto:mdavi@backwellschool.net)

## Yeo Valley & Rural Outreach Children's Centre

The summer holiday Stay and Play Sessions will take place on Tuesday 26 July and 23 August. For further details, please see the flier on the [July 2011](#) page.