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The weekly bulletin presenting information for all schools from Suffolk County Council

Tuesday, 3 May 2022

The local authority (LA) is working with partners across the sector to coordinate responses to the government's regular and frequent announcements about arrangements for schools and settings.

Message from Allan Cadzow - Director for Children and Young People, Suffolk County Council
To all school and setting leaders – Tuesday, 3 May 2022

Ukrainian refugees

Following requests for further information and following a meeting between LA officers and the DfE this morning please see an article below giving more

information about admitting refugees from the Ukraine. This also has information about school travel arrangements and grant funding for these children and young people.
The next EAL network meeting is on Tuesday 17 May 2022 and details about this are also included in the article below.

Common transition window

Many of you will be considering dates for 2022/23. Several leaders have agreed to a common window for year 7 transition events and visits this year, and we suggest that where possible all Suffolk leaders follow the same window of the last Wednesday and Thursday in June each year from 2023 onwards.

Updated contact sheet

Following the appointment of Emma Laflin to the Head of Organisational Support and the retirement of Joy Stodart from the Head of Infrastructure, please find an updated contact sheet in the key contacts list below.

Where there is more information you will find the full article by clicking the link in the title.

School admission support and funding for Ukrainian refugees | For information | All schools

The response to the Ukrainian refugee situation is moving at pace. For up to date information please refer to Supporting refugees | Suffolk County Council

For full details click the link above.

Discretionary Grants from the Household Support Fund | For information | All schools

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the May half term. The grant will be issued as a £15 Edenred supermarket voucher for each eligible child and is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the holiday.

For full details click the link above.

Trade Union Facilities 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023 | For information | All academies and free schools

Suffolk County Council operates the Facilities Fund so that schools can gain support from accredited, highly trained, trade union representatives from any Teaching Trade Union when needed. It also means schools can be recompensed for their time out of school if one of their staff is one of these highly trained representatives. Academies and Free Schools have to opt into the scheme to have these benefits. Academies and Free Schools receive money to pay into Suffolk County Council Facilities Fund through receiving the proportion of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the Education Service Grant (ESG) adjustment.

For further details please see the Suffolk Teaching unions facilities time letter 2022-2023.

Contact: 01473 263951, ELstandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk

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Data Collection 2022 | For information | All primary, first, infant and special schools

Have you stopped using AnyComms for secure data transfer?

Suffolk County Council can offer you a free, secure connection enabling you to easily transfer data between your school/trust and the council.

If you no longer use AnyComms to send us your end of key stage teacher assessments, signing up to our Transport Layer Security (TLS) sets up a secure connection between your school/trust and Suffolk County Council.

For full details click the link above.

Mental Health Awareness Week: 9 – 15 May 2022 | For information | All schools

This year's national Mental Health Awareness Week in association with the Mental Health Foundation starts on 9th May. Many settings will be running their own events or sessions, and the SCC Mental Health Network are too. Educational settings may like to contact professionals through the Wellbeing in Education site, or directly to the Mental Health Foundation to see how to raise awareness. Internal CYP staff can access the Network's information via MySCC.

Contact: nina.bickerton@suffolk.gov.uk

The Suffolk Learning and Improvement Network (SLIN) will be FIVE in September 2022! | For information | All primary schools, EYFS/KS1/KS2/PRU/special schools

SLIN is entering a new phase from September 2022, moving on from the learning from previous years and from the continued disruption of COVID.

We have over sixty **primary** schools currently involved in SLIN this term.

In May (date tbc) there is an initial meeting with interested secondary colleagues to explore ways of relaunching SLIN in this phase.

Contact Jacqui Frost to "shadow" a peer review this term or to find out more.

Contact: Jacqui Frost, jf@jacquifrost.co.uk, 07879491093

Integrated Community Paediatric Services (ICPS) NHS Occupational Therapy Service referrals for children with motor skills difficulties | For information | All schools

Prior to accepting a referral to the ICPS Occupational Therapy Service for children with motor skills difficulties, schools and parents are directed to our resource pack which provides school staff and parents with ideas and strategies to support their children to practise and develop skills.

Contact: Jane.dolan@wsh.nhs.uk

Home-Start in Suffolk - Character Creations Competition | For information | All primary schools

Home-Start in Suffolk are once again inviting Suffolk primary schools and all Suffolk based Primary School aged children to join in this year's activity's fundraiser, which, is being championed by Suffolk based children's author and comedian James Campbell and author and founder of Featherbed Tales, Caroline England.

James Campbell *is a popular children's author and comedian. He is renowned for performing his comedy for children shows all over the place and visits many, many primary schools with his unique blend of storytelling, talking about writing and being properly hilarious. His Funny Life books are published by Bloomsbury. James lives in the Essex/Suffolk borders in an off-grid caravan where is creating a food forest.*

Caroline England *is a writer based in the Peak District, in Derbyshire, UK. Living where the wind blows down from the moors of Featherbed Moss, much*

of her inspiration is gathered from the magic of the natural world around her. She started writing children's books when her own children were young, as a way of making it through the sleepless nights of feeding, colic, illness and tantrums (sometimes it was even the children who had the tantrums). Caroline is passionate about the power of the spoken word and sharing stories together.

Character Creations - A Competition for Suffolk Schools 2022 (office.com)

Closing Date for sign up: 9 May 2022

For full details click the link in the title above.

Hub updates

Unity Teaching School Hub | For information | All schools

Unity Teaching School Hub update: ECTs starting in September 2022

1. Registering new Early Career Teachers (ECTs) for September start: If you have an ECT starting at your school in September, you will need to register them separately with an Appropriate Body and provide them a statutory two-year induction. The DfE is managing this registration via a new online service/portal:

- **if your school has an ECT this year,** your **Induction Tutor** will receive an email from the DfE on 10 May to advise how to use it to register new ECTs
- **if you are employing an ECT for the first time,** your school will receive an email in the weeks after 10 May detailing how you will register an Induction Tutor and any ECTs (keep an eye out for it via admin/headteacher addresses)

2. 'ECF Explainer' webinar: In partnership with Celia Moore, Suffolk CC Appropriate Body, we have scheduled three opportunities to guide you through the process and outline the fully-funded ECT Programme we lead - save the date (sign-up details to follow):

- Wednesday 18 May 2022, 4.30-5pm
- Monday 23 May 2022, 4.30-5pm
- Monday 13 June 2022, 4.30-5pm

3. ECT questions? Contact Jo Francis, ECT Programme Coordinator (email: jfrancis@unitysp.co.uk / phone: 07384 110668)

Inspiration Teaching School Hubs | For information | All schools

Teaching school hubs are school-led centres of excellence for teacher and leadership training and development.
Inspiration Teaching School Hub has an ambitious vision to offer outstanding provision for schools in our area and beyond.
We deliver the Early Career Framework (ECF) programme, National Professional Qualifications (NPQ), Initial Teacher Training (ITT) and Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

For full details click the link above.

Contact: inspirationteachinghub@inspirationtrust.org

Alpha Teaching School Hub | For information | All schools

Alpha Teaching School Hub: ECF programme.
Please register your interest in September 2022
- https://forms.office.com/r/J3Ch32mbNs

ATSH gained 100% good or outstanding in all categories from mentors for our programmes.

•100% of ECTs felt that the programme met their learning objectives.

•The blocks are released each half term, which allows flexibility for schools, mentors and ECTs to complete modules in a timescale that fits the needs of the individual school. This also allows schools to take ownership of the modules and work within their own curriculum.

•The model can be adapted to accommodate the instructional coaching needs of individual mentors, some of whom have considerable experience already, whereas others may be new to mentoring and require more support.

• We have ECF leads to adjust face to face CPD days to go beyond the programme and understand the local context. Ross McGill and Dame Alison Peacock presented and delivered COPD sessions for our ECT and Mentors this year.

For full details click the link above.

Suffolk Computing Hub (for non-specialist and specialist staff) -
Final phase of funding and courses | For information | All secondary schools

The Suffolk Computing Hub moves into its final phase of funding this summer

term (Please note: as well as specialist computing teachers, this scheme is for ALL profiles of staff (for example: support staff, administrators, teaching assistants, non-specialist teachers etc.)

Please visit the website to access funding and high quality online learning for schools. All contact details and further information are on the website.

Key contacts

In the event of a bereavement within your school community or for leadership wellbeing support please contact the Schools Organisational Support Education Officers: edorgsupport@suffolk.gov.uk or phone 01473 263942

For COVID related queries email the COVID support officers: CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk or share details of your query with the Education Skills and Learning business support team on 01473 263942.

If you have a concern or query about your risk assessment, please contact the LA's Safety, Health and Wellbeing Advisor at nina.bickerton@suffolk.gov.uk.

You should contact your SEO or call 01473 263942 / email ELStandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk if you would like to discuss your planning.

If school leads are aware of any potential Elective Home Education (EHE) cases and need any support, the EHE team are able to offer advice and guidance. More information can be found via this link

For the most recent information on School Travel visit the Suffolk Onboard website.

Schools Helpline: 01473 263942
In the event of being unable to speak to someone or leave a voicemail message email ELStandardsandexcellence@suffolk.gov.uk.

SENCO helpline: 01473 296631 (open 3.30 to 4.30 Monday-Friday)

Key contact information sheet

Events

Early Education Network Festival of Learning on 7June 2022 | For information | All schools

Brought to you by the Ipswich Opportunity Area, who are a local network of practitioners collaborating to prepare children for the best possible start to school. They are expanding the network, so please support their first ever festival celebration and find out what's been happening, what's new and where the future is headed. To register visit the website to book your place (Limited tickets)

Training

EVC course on 12 May | For information | All schools

We still have a few places available on the Virtual Classroom EVC Course on Thursday 12 May at 09:30-12:30. You will need to complete an e-learning module before attending the course, so please book as soon as possible. This will be the last EVC course with us before the summer holidays
The course is aimed at new and existing EVC's from the schools that have signed up to our EVOLVE service.
Please use our electronic booking form to secure your place.

Contact: ed.visits@suffolk.gov.uk

SENDIASS sessions for parents and carers | For information | All schools

Suffolk SENDIASS provides impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people with SEND, and their parents and carers.

For full details click the link above.

Free Primary Maths CPD Twilights – Mastery Lesson Tasters and Headteacher Briefings | For information | All

primary schools in the Angles Maths Hub area

We are delighted to launch 2, new, Summer term twilight series:

- **Head Teacher Briefings** on a range of maths leadership topics, including a session led by HMI Subject Lead for Early Mathematics, Hannah Stoten.
- **Primary Teacher Research Group (TRG) Sessions** giving the opportunity to observe teaching and learning from lead schools in the Angles area and dig into mastery discussions.

Higher attainment in computer science – meeting the challenge of the exams | For information | All secondary schools

This evidence-based CPD aims to raise knowledge amongst teachers of how to achieve the most out of your students, whilst preparing for their GCSE exams in computer science. Whether you're already teaching computer science or completely new to the subject, this course is designed to support your understanding of how to increase student attainment at GCSE level

Date: 6 May 2022
Times: 09.00-15.00
Booking: Higher attainment in computer science - meeting the challenges of the exams - remote | STEM

Please visit our website for more information on all our courses, funding and more: https://suffolkcomputinghub.edlink.uk/

For details of the Computer Science Accelerator.

An introduction to computer systems, networking and security in computer science | For information | All secondary schools

This computer science remote CPD will help you take your first steps towards teaching computer science and establish a foundational knowledge of concepts, terminology, and classroom practice. Find out how the components of computer systems interlink and how these can then be connected together to form a network.

Date: 9 May 2022
Times: 09.00-14.30

For more information and to book a place click the link:
An introduction to computer systems, networking and security in computer science - remote | STEM

Fees: Teachers from state-funded schools or colleges Computer Science Accelerators courses would normally be free with a bursary – for more information go to Teach Computing

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Python programming: advanced subject knowledge, implementation and testing | For information | All secondary schools

Progressing beyond the basics of Python programming, this course will help you develop an understanding how programs are developed using the software life cycle, specifically the implementation and testing of a working solution. Develop your Python skills by exploring advanced programming techniques whilst applying them into the implementation and testing stages of the software life cycle.

Date: 30 May 2022
Time: 09.30-14.30
For more information and to book a place click the link:
Python programming: advanced subject knowledge, implementation and testing - remote | STEM

Fees: Teachers from state-funded schools or colleges Computer Science Accelerators courses would normally be free with a bursary – for more information go to Teach Computing

The Suffolk Computing Hub: https://suffolkcomputinghub.edlink.uk/

Getting started ….. short course | For information | All primary schools

Designed for any teacher who would like the confidence to teach computing effectively in their own classroom. Please click the relevant year group link below for more details of this course:

- Getting-started-year-1-short-course
- Getting-started-year-2-short-course
- Getting-started-year-3-short-course
- Getting-started-year-4-short-course
- Getting-started-year-5-short-course
- Getting-started-year-6-short-course

Please visit our website for more information about the Suffolk Computer Hub: https://suffolkcomputinghub.edlink.uk/

For information fees and bursary eligibility go to the Teach Computing website https://teachcomputing.org/

Teach computing has free editable schemes of work and the resources can be accessed at: www.keychaincomputing.co.uk

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Teaching key stage 2 computing – module 1 - remote | For information | All primary schools

This remote CPD, the first of two modules, seeks to broaden your understanding across the whole computing curriculum. You will demystify computers, developing understanding of data fundamentals such as binary, and learning how the parts of a computer system handle this data to carry out useful tasks.

Date: 27 June 2022
Time: 13.00-17.30

Booking: Teaching key stage 2 computing - module 1 - remote | STEM

Please visit our website for more information about the Suffolk Computer Hub: https://suffolkcomputinghub.edlink.uk/

For information fees and bursary eligibility go to the Teach Computing website https://teachcomputing.org/

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Teaching key stage 2 computing – module 2 - remote | For information | All primary schools

This CPD follows on from the first module to fully cover the KS2 computing curriculum. Skilfully combining a wide range of software applications and multimedia, you will be better able to support children in creative and engaging project work across the whole primary curriculum. Developing their ability to select the right tool for the job, then use them in a considered, effective way.

Date: 12 July 2022

Time: 13.00-17.30
Booking: Teaching key stage 2 computing - module 2 - remote | STEM

Please visit our website for more information about the Suffolk Computer Hub: https://suffolkcomputinghub.edlink.uk/

For information fees and bursary eligibility go to the Teach Computing website https://teachcomputing.org/

Teach computing has free editable schemes of work and the resources can be accessed at: www.keychaincomputing.co.uk

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Remote CPD: Build a Subject Evidence Base Using the Free Version of Seesaw | For information | All primary schools

Will your subject evidence base hold up to an Ofsted deep dive?
Using the free version of Seesaw learn how to build a rich subject evidence base; including:

- Capturing pupil voice
- Showing progression between and within year groups
- Capturing photos and videos to enrich your evidence base

Wednesday 25th May 2022 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate
Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link above.

Remote CPD: EYFS Network | For information | All primary schools

Practical examples of high-quality early years teaching and elements of an outstanding EYFS curriculum will be shared. Opportunities to discuss how the new Statutory Framework is changing practice.
Foci for this session: Assessment: capturing children's learning, tracking progress and support for the process of coming to ELG judgements.

Thursday 12th May 2022 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate
Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link above.

Remote CPD: Design & Technology Subject Leader Network | For information | All primary schools

Aims:

- allows DT co-ordinators to connect together & share ideas
- explores ways to ensure that the DT curriculum inspires pupils to use creativity &imagination
- considers what learning progress looks like in DT & how to assess knowledge & skills

Focus: Leading the subject; Whole school impact; Resourcing and CPD

Thursday 19th May 2022 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate
Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link above.

Remote CPD: Create a Virtual Tour of Your School using CoSpaces | For information | All primary schools

Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) are becoming an increasingly popular way of experiencing new things and places.
In this session you will learn how to:

- Create a VR world, that can be used to enrich writing
- Make a virtual tour of your classroom
- Inspire pupils

Wednesday 18th May 2022 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate
Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link above.

Remote CPD: Maths Subject Leader Network | For information | All primary schools

Keeps Maths Subject Leaders abreast of topical issues. Develops participants' understanding of what excellence and good progress looks like, sharing strategies for evaluating the quality of teaching & learning in Maths. Considers

assessment and how an analysis of assessment data might inform the curriculum, pedagogy and professional development.

Monday 16th May 2022 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate
Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link above.

Remote CPD: Ready for Big School | For information | All primary schools

Exploring the common areas of developmental delay affecting vulnerable children as highlighted in the Ofsted report, 'Are you ready? Good practice in school readiness'. A range of approaches and practical strategies for improving young children's communication, personal, social and emotional skills and physical development will be shared.

Monday 16th May 2022 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate
Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link above.

Remote CPD: Phonics for TAs | For information | All primary schools

Aims to develop Teaching Assistant's subject knowledge and understanding about effective teaching strategies for Phonics.
Focus:

- Developing the skills of hearing, identifying and using phonemes
- Systematically teaching learners the relationship between these sounds and the graphemes which represent them.
- Decoding new words by sounding them out and blending

Monday 23rd May 2022 - 4.00pm
£20 per delegate
Email admin.connected@barrowcevcprimaryschool.co.uk

For full details click the link above.

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