



Gwasanaeth Effeithiolrwydd a  
Gwella Ysgolion Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru

Regional School Effectiveness &  
Improvement Service for North Wales

# GwE Bulletin

## Opportunities with GwE

### Challenge Adviser – Foundation Phase (2 posts)

1 X CONWY / DENBIGHSHIRE HUB

1 X FLINTSHIRE / WREXHAM HUB

For an informal discussion about the posts please contact **Sioned Hywel Thomas, Senior Challenge and Support Adviser** on **07580 708604** or email [SionedHywelThomas@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:SionedHywelThomas@gwegogledd.cymru)

**CLOSING DATE: 10:00AM, THURSDAY, 11 MAY 2017**

For further information, [click here](#).

## National Reading and Numeracy Tests 2017 ★NEW★

### PARENTS AND CARERS GUIDE 2017

The updated guidance for parents and carers is now available online. Please share [this link](#) on your school website and issue in your correspondence to parents and carers via email or in your newsletters.

Please share on your school *Facebook* and *Twitter* channels.

## Pupil Development (Deprivation) Grant 2017-2018

### AND EARLY YEARS PUPIL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Welsh Government has made some important changes to the Pupil Deprivation Grant, which came into force this month.

All guidance documents will be reviewed to reflect the change from the Pupil Deprivation Grant to the Pupil Development Grant but, in the meantime, please continue to use the current guidance.

The guidance documents provide information on what you need to consider when planning how to use the grant.

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## Information for Primary Schools

### Launch Event of ACT ON STEM in Ysgol

### Gwaun Gynfi, 06/04/2017 ★NEW★

LEARNING ABOUT STEM IS FUN AS NEW ACT ON STEM RESOURCES IS LAUNCHED IN YSGOL GWAUN GYNFI, DEINIOLEN

ACT ON STEM is the new bilingual development for Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage 2), a first of its kind in Wales, linking the economic needs of regional employers directly to promote and retain STEM skills among our workforce and

## Information for Secondary Schools

### GCSE English Resources

The [English resource](#) page on our website has been updated to contain a host of general GCSE revision resources. [Take a look!](#)

### BBC Cymru Wales

BBC Cymru Wales are delighted to announce that the new BBC Bitesize Welsh Bacallaureate (KS4) resource is now live.

the future of the local labour market.

[Read more...](#)

## [Improving Pupils' Basic Numeracy](#)

### [Skills with SAFMEDS](#)

Does your school need to improve their basic numeracy skills?

If so, what about spending your PDG on being part of this project?

Need more information? Click [here](#).

## [Primary Supported Marking Sessions – Numerical Reasoning](#)

GwE will again this year offer support for primary schools on the marking of the Numerical Reasoning test. The session will be held across the region between the 10th and 16th of May.

[Click here](#) for further information.

## [Trans Regional Implementation Project \[NorthWORTS-TRIP\]](#)

Is your primary school looking to improve pupils' reading skills?

If so, are you interested in being part of the above first large-scale project in Wales?

[Continue reading...](#)

## [Foundation Phase Workshop – Summer Term 2017](#)

**DEVELOPING SKILLS FROM NURSERY TO YEAR 2**

**ACROSS ALL AREAS OF LEARNING IN THE OUTDOORS**

Details of dates, venues and how to register will be sent directly to Headteachers of all primary schools across the region, via email, before the last day of the Spring Term.

[Click here](#) for further details.

## [Foundation Phase Training – 'Outdoor Learning'](#)

Dates for the Foundation Phase Summer Term Training have been set. [Click here](#) for further information and to register.

## [Training for Newly Qualified Teachers \(NQTs\)](#)

**GwE TRAINING – SUMMER TERM 2017**

[Click here](#) to view the dates and training that's available.

## [National Digital Learning](#)

[Click here](#) for the link to the resources.

## [Secondary Schools Evaluation Project \[NorthWORTS-SSEP\]](#)

Do you have Year 7 pupils in need of reading intervention to help them catch up?

If so, you could spend your PDG on an evidence-based reading intervention that has undergone robust evaluation across North Wales' schools.

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## [Developing Effective Assessment for Learning Strategies within a Literacy Context](#)

**TRAIN THE TRAINER INSET**

The day will provide those attending with an overview of the fundamentals of effective Assessment for Learning, providing them with the practical tools and resources to train staff back at their own schools.

[Click here](#) for further information and to register.

## [Notices](#)

### [UCAS Conference](#) ★NEW★

**VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO – DYDD LLUN, 15 MAY 2017**

Qualifications Wales are sponsoring 2 UCAS Conferences in Wales – aimed at post 16 teachers and advisers who are involved with progression to Higher Education.

For further information and to book free places click on [this link](#).

### [National Science Academy Funded Project 2016-2018](#) ★NEW★

**FOCUS ON TRANSITION BETWEEN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCIENCE**

Techniquet Glyndŵr has been awarded funding from the Welsh Government to deliver a programme of sessions to better prepare primary pupils for life at secondary school, focussing especially on the transition between KS2 and KS3 science. [Click here](#) for further information.

### [Cardiff 2017: FAW Welsh Curriculum Resource](#)

A new curriculum resource has been developed which is linked to the UEFA Champions League Final and UEFA Women's Champions League Final being hosted in Cardiff during June 2017. [Click here](#) for further information.

### [Have a Wild Time...](#)

**FREE PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS (LIMITED OFFER) RSPB CONWY**

An exciting partnership between RSPB and Aldi means that your primary school could benefit from FREE, staff-led curriculum linked learning programmes at RSPB Conwy. [Click here](#) for further information.

## Event ★NEW★

**'CREATIVE APPROACHES TO IMPLEMENTING THE DIGITAL COMPETENCE FRAMEWORK'**

**Liberty Stadium, Swansea – Wednesday, 21 June 2017**

Registration for the National Digital Learning Event opens on Monday, 8 May 2017 at 9:00am.

[Click here](#) for further details.

## Digital Training

**FOR FOUNDATION PHASE SUPPORT STAFF**

Follow [this link](#) to view all available dates and venues before registering.

## Developing Digital

## Competence

**TRAINING FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS**

GwE's digital training programme for the Spring and Summer terms has been published.

[Click here](#) to browse through the events and to book your place.

## Pioneer Workshops ★NEW★

As part of the continuing support for curriculum reform, GwE are running the next series of workshops across the region.

[Click here](#) to view details of the sessions for venues and dates.

The workshops are aimed at curriculum and phase leaders / heads of department. GwE are pleased to be able to offer 0.5 day supply cover to each teacher to attend. Places in each session are limited to 30 and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

To register, please contact

[CeriSianKenrick@gwegogledd.cymru](mailto:CeriSianKenrick@gwegogledd.cymru)

## Outdoor Learning in Snowdonia National Park

The Snowdonia National Park education pages have been prepared by the Snowdonia National Park education staff to guide you through the work carried out at their Education Centre and the type of courses they offer.

[Click here](#) for further information.

## Cymdeithas Gwaith Maes

**GRANT AVAILABLE FROM CYMDEITHAS GWAITH MAES – PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN WALES**

To assist with Outdoor Learning, Cymdeithas Gwaith Maes are now able to offer a travel grant of up to £200. [Click here](#) if you're interested.

## Diary Markers

### Professionally Speaking 2017 – EWC Event

**MONDAY, 8 MAY 2017 – 6:30PM-9:00PM – CARDIFF CITY HALL**

Following last year's successful event with Professors John Furlong and Graham Donaldson, we have invited Wales' four commissioners to speak on the future of Welsh education and the roles they can play in shaping Welsh education policy. For further information, please [click here](#).

### Online Safety Training Events: Safe Use of Social Media and Tackling Online Abuse of Teachers

**CAERNARFON – MONDAY, 15 MAY 2017 | WREXHAM – TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2017**

Find out about how to safely and appropriately use social media in your school to engage with others online.

[Click here](#) for further information.

### D&T Teach Meet

**MONDAY, 15 MAY 2017 – 16:00-18:00 – CILGWYN, NORMAL SITE, BANGOR UNIVERSITY**

On Monday, May 5th, the Product Design department at Bangor University will host another D&T 'Teach Meet'. This is an opportunity to share good practice, and to discuss subject related matters with fellow teachers.[Continue reading...](#)

## **Education Workforce Council's Inaugural Policy Briefing**

**THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2017 – 1:00PM-3:00PM – SENEDD, CARDIFF BAY**

Policy briefing on teacher recruitment, retention and career progression in Wales will be held at the Senedd.[Continue reading...](#)

## **D&T Showcase Exhibition**

**WEDNESDAY UNTIL SATURDAY, 14-17 JUNE 2017 – PONTIO, BANGOR UNIVERSITY**

Following the Product Design degree show in June, we will offer the exhibition space in Pontio to local schools to exhibit their own D&T work. [Continue reading...](#)

## **Your School Grounds – A Teaching and Learning Opportunity**

A two day course for **primary teachers** that will develop knowledge and skills to improve the biodiversity of your grounds through sustainable management and enable you to use your school grounds for optimum teaching and learning impact. [Click here](#) for further information.

## **The National Education Show**

**CARDIFF CITY HALL – FRIDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2017**

The National Education Show will provide you with the knowledge, resources and expert guidance to inspire, empower and develop great learners.

More information about this event on their [website](#).

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