



WatsEducation Newsletter

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Useful Links:

watseducation.com

Consultancy, CPD, Projects, Resources and more.

watseducationideas.weebly.com

Inspirational videos and stories for class discussions and assemblies.

pledgeabook.com

Bringing the joy of reading to children who need it most

learnmaker.co.uk

Working with schools and educators to deliver learning projects using technology.

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Welcome:

It is officially Autumn!

As I put this newsletter together, it is foggy, damp and a little bit miserable outside. Still, half term is over, Halloween has passed and it is onwards through Bonfire Night to Christmas! I am sure it is a busy term for us all, but doubtless a fun one.

Get out there and jump in the leaves, make bird feeders and remember your hat, scarf and gloves! This month's newsletter has more new CPD events and teaching ideas for you to investigate. As always, I really hope that there is something in here that is useful to you.

Kind regards
Mike

LearnMaker – iPad for Learning CPD:

I am pleased to be working with LearnMaker again, promoting their latest Lincoln event.



IPAD FOR LEARNING

"The best training I've seen in my 20 year career," Mrs Hughes, Lady Eleanor Holles School

Date

Friday 18th March 2016

Time

9.00am - 3.00pm

Location

The Showroom
Lincoln

Price

1 Delegate £200+VAT
2 Delegates £350+VAT
3 Delegates £450+VAT

Course Outcomes

Take away proven strategies and engaging techniques on how to use the iPad to improve learning and differentiate work for every student within your classroom, helping all to make progress. Learn the latest project and challenge based learning techniques when using iPad. Develop your understanding of digital pedagogy and take your lessons to the next level.

Course Leader

James Hannam | Apple Education Trainer

James is a 3x rated Outstanding teacher and former secondary school deputy head, and one of the most sought after individuals in the UK specialising in primary and secondary education. Since 2013 he has worked with over 1000 teachers and consults direct for Apple improving their education support for schools using iPads.

The LearnMaker Promise

We pride ourselves on only offering training that makes a difference, and if you're not satisfied with this course we'll give you a 100% refund!

Book your Place:

Email: wats.ed.consultancy@gmail.com | Phone: 01526 397181



Places are limited - so book early to avoid disappointment!

To book contact me on the details below with the following information:

- Delegate name(s)
- Delegate email(s)
- School name & address
- Job role
- Finance department email
- Any dietary requirements

I was fortunate to take part in the ½ day event in June and was amazed by how easily I was able to take the ideas back to school to use immediately.

I highly recommend this event.

Contact - wats.ed.consultancy@gmail.com or Visit - www.watseducation.com/cpd-events

“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.”

Gilbert K. Chesterton

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust Conference 2016:

The Hull Collaborative Academy Trust (HCAT) are holding their 1st conference on the 11th February 2016 at The Royal York Hotel, York.

Prices are £150 per delegate (including Lunch and refreshments)

The 1st Keynote Speakers published are:

Dr Paul Howard Jones (Neuro-Scientist) and Jonathan Lear – The Guerrilla Teacher (@GuerrillaEd)



Many workshops will also be available to delegates including:

Available workshops		
What works for white working class boys?	Are your children really learning skills for the future?	How do you ensure every member of staff apply your learning principles?
Can we really be creative within the new ofsted framework?	Is your continuous EYFS provision working for you?	How do we "lead" our leaders?

Places are almost all gone

To book places either:

Contact - conferences@hcat.org.uk or Visit - www.watseducation.com/cpd-events

#PrimaryRocks Live 2016:

www.primaryrocks.com

Born out of the weekly TwitterChat, Primary Rocks LIVE is taking place at Medlock Primary School in Manchester, Saturday 19th March.

2 Keynote Speakers, a Live Panel Debate and 32 Workshops led by some of the best and brightest Primary Practitioners from across the UK. I am proud to have been announced as one of those workshop leaders.

Unfortunately, the event SOLD OUT in just 10 days!

But if you are interested there is a reserve ticket list.



Outdoor Idea of the Month – November:

Bird Feeders:

Make a Bird feeder from a Milk Carton.

Rinse it thoroughly and cut the serving hatches and 3-5cm from the bottom. Experiment with ways to limit the amount of seeds that are served. Fill from the top and try to fold, clip, fasten or otherwise close the top Thread some string through the top and hang from your bird table. A waxed carton should be weatherproof but you could try and design a unique one – like these from <http://www.rspb.org.uk>

Great Home Learning project.



New Blog Posts:

You can find my blog here: <http://www.watseducation.com/blog---bringing-the-indoors-out>

My latest posts Include:

Using iPads Outdoors: A selection of cheap/free apps and suggestion for enhancing learning

The Humble Pallet: Getting the most from a simple resource.

Bring Back the Nature Table: Why it is important to connect children with Nature (This post has been picked up by The Wildlife Trust, who have asked me to write for their national website.)

“Children have to be educated, but they have also to be left to educate themselves.”

Ernest Dimnet

If you have a Nature Table and are willing to share pictures and way in which you get the children to interact with it, I would be very grateful.

Please use the Padlet on my website here:

<http://www.watseducation.com/outdoor-learning.html>

Pledge a Book:

“Bringing the love of reading to children, one book at a time.”



Meet Percy Pledge:

Pledge-a-Book is a new UK charity who would like to distribute books to those children who live in households with few or no books in the home.

The charity has been set up by a group of teachers, Rob Smith (Literacy Shed), Graham Andre (Mathematics Shed), Gaz Needle, Russ Brown, Beth Bennett and myself.

We know this is a real and wide spread problem, so we would like to do something about it and to do this we need your help!

There are 3 ways you can donate:

1) Send us a Book 2) Donate through PayPal 3) Purchase a book from our wish list

For more information, please visit www.pledgeabook.com or email: pledgeabook@gmail.com

We are ready and waiting to accept requests for children who need a book in their life, especially if they don't have very many.

If you have a child or small group of children in your school whose life could be enhanced by reading an exciting new book, we are ready to hear from you.

eSafety Links:

How to Protect Your Children on Their Smartphone.

This page from: <https://www.tigermobiles.com>

Has a wealth of support for eSafety and how to keep children safe online through their smart phones.

There is a massive infographic which could be used as a discussion starter for children of all ages during an Anti-Bullying or eSafety week:

- Best Safe Practices
- Keeping Safe on Popular Apps
- Parental Monitoring Apps

Eco-Explorer App:

And finally,

One of the Apps I mentioned in my blog about using iPads for outdoor learning is this one:

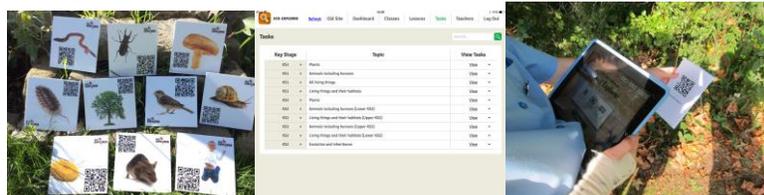


“Eco-Explorer is a web-based primary science learning tool designed to add structure to outdoor learning and exploration. Ensure your school's iPad devices are more than glorified cameras - use iPad indoors or outdoors (Wi-Fi connection necessary) to scan QR codes linked to Life Processes and Living Things (Sc2) tasks.”

More can be found here: <http://ecoexplorer.education/>

Download Link: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/eco-explorer/id635350634?mt=8>

I am about to begin trialling the app at my school and will let you know what I find – so far it looks like a very exciting learning tool.



See you next month!
Mike (@WatsEd)