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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.
- literacyshed.com/
The Home of Visual Literacy
- mrparkinsonict.blogspot.co.uk/
Examples of innovation in the integration of technology in learning
- primarycoloursart.wordpress.com
Sophie Merrill's wonderful Primary Art showcase
- emptyclassroomday.com/
Sign up here to take your class outside for their lessons

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Welcome:

Wow! It is June already.

KS2 SATs are a receding dot in the rear-view mirror and hopefully the weather will be nice enough to get out and about.

This month's news offers some new opportunities and some 'Last Chances' and ideas from an inspirational Art teacher.

Thanks for reading...

Upcoming CPD Events:

"5* Training!"

LEARNMAKER PRESENT

OUTSTANDING PRIMARY LESSONS WITH IPAD

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BRING THE #1 RATED IPAD PRIMARY TEACHER TRAINING COURSE TO LINCOLNSHIRE ON JUNE 17th 2015

#1 rated iPad training course by GoodCPDGuide for schools

You'll learn how to consistently deliver outstanding lessons using the iPad to improve subjects across the curriculum. Delivered by a real teacher with 10 years experience, find out what inspires children most and how iPad can improve your lessons. It's ideal for ICT coordinators, deputy heads and heads who want to learn how to use iPad to it's full potential. The day will feature practical activities, innovative ideas with strong links to pedagogy throughout that have been tried and tested across hundreds of primary schools.

WHERE / WHEN?
LINCOLN
JUNE 17th 2015 / 9-12

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
ICT COORDINATORS
HEADS / SLT
CLASSTEACHERS

PRICE
1 TICKET: £99+VAT
2 TICKETS: £150+VAT

BOOK AT LINCOLNIPAD.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK OR EMAIL WATS.ED.CONSULTANCY@GMAIL.COM / 01526 397181

This is literally the last chance to book a place on Lincoln iPad Training.

Based in Manchester, LearnMaker are involved in many exciting projects across the country. They are teachers, leaders and innovators. James and Jay work for examining bodies; advise for government forums and lead change in schools; from primary to further education, independent and state.

As Apple, Google and Microsoft Certified Educators they can help maximize the progress and standards children achieve through use of iPads and integrated technology in your school.

If you are interested in this event – use the contact/booking information above.

Looking for a reason to attend? This course is now ranked top in the iPad category on [Good CPD Guide: iPad Course Reviews](#) – Check it out.

Jay and James have created these short videos to give an idea of the training:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjOorxHZ1HI> – John's Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgoTga2uqdu> – Jo's Story

Innovation Speed Dating – Tuesday 16th June:

In partnership with 'Innovate My School', we are hosting an Innovation Speed Date on Tuesday 16th June 2015 from 4:00pm until 5:30pm at:

Spalding Parish Church of England Day School
Clay Lake, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 2QG



An innovation speed date is a bespoke, free-to-teachers event that allows teachers to sit down and try

out the cutting edge of ed-tech. Come along and see the latest in education innovation.5

Technologies on show will include those designed to enhance:

Tablets / devices, 3D Printing, Augmented reality, Green screen technology / filming, Numeracy, Literacy

The session promises to offer lots of food for thought, so you are encouraged to bring your Business Manager or a member of SLT so they too can be inspired with the latest innovative ideas for schools.

Sign Up here to attend: <http://www.watseducation.com/cpd-events.html>

****Please keep checking the website as this date is subject to change.****

The Literacy Shed – A Shed full of Questions:

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Wow! Trust me – These are a **MUST HAVE** resource!

The Literacy Shed's Rob Smith has produced his first 2 eBooks containing almost 200 questions each to aid the interrogation of the films and animations on www.literacyshed.com

KS1 Questions for films inc. Bubbles, Black Hat & Way Back Home
KS2 Questions for films inc. Alma, Before Sunrise & Monkey Symphony.
Much of the content is suitable up to the end of school age.

“A Shed full of Questions” eBooks are available from:

[The Literacy Shed - Store](#) – priced £2.49 each or £4.00 for the set.

You might also like to check out Rob's NEW “20 Visual Literacy Activities” eBooks

Andrew Jeffrey's Magic Message – Singapore Maths Taster:



Andrew Jeffrey Magic Message was set up in 2008 with one goal:

to bring the magic of mathematics to everyone, pupils and teachers alike, by providing high-quality CPD, research-based ideas and highly engaging presentations, workshops and shows. This is something he has done to great effect at a global level.

On Friday 12th June – Andrew will be at:

Priory City Academy, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln, LN6 0EP

“The Singapore Approach to Teaching Mathematics”

Find out how the Singapore approach can transform Primary mathematics teaching and learning in your school

The new National Curriculum has higher expectations of pupils (and teachers) and requires learning for mastery. This workshop, led by UK experts in the Singapore approach to teaching and learning mathematics, will explore aspects of this approach that could help you to meet these increased standards whilst also creating confident and enthused learners of mathematics.

Through this free afternoon workshop we will:

- Consider how fluency and mastery underpins deep conceptual understanding
- Identify how a spiral approach can develop fluency, reasoning and problem-solving, and conceptual understanding
- Begin to explore the potential of the ‘Singapore Bar’ model drawing method as a valuable problem-solving tool
- Develop an understanding of variation theory and how this is embedded in effective textbook content to support pupil learning

For more information contact: oxfordprimaryevents@oup.com

SouthLincs TeachMeet:



Here's something for all colleagues in Lincolnshire schools, especially south of the county.

The South Lincs Teach Meet is a chance for all local teachers to access FREE CPD! Come along and share your best practice with enthusiastic colleagues who want to access professional development at the chalk face.

No one will try and sell you anything - this is just a great way to network, meet like-minded people and share and exchange great teaching ideas!

Admission is **FREE**:

Sign Up here for places in the audience or to give a presentation: 5mins (Micro) or 8mins (Macro)

[Eventbrite - South Lincs TeachMeet - June 18th 4:30pm-6:00pm](#)

“The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.”

C. S. Lewis

Miss Merrill's Top 10 Art Resources:

Sophie Merrill is a Primary school teacher and Art specialist in Manchester. I connected with her on Twitter (@MissSMerrill) and have been consistently amazed and inspired by her work, which uses Art as an inspiration for all her teaching. She gets her children to use sketchbooks to collect visual material and then uses it to inspire. Lots of examples can be found on her blog: <https://primarycoloursart.wordpress.com/>

She has written a Top 10 Art Essentials – things she can't live without in class. Here is a paraphrased version of her resource list – the full one can be found above.

1. **Sketchbooks** – These can be bought or handmade.
2. **Good quality brown parcel paper** – This stuff is amazing! Great surface for drawing/painting on.
3. **Graphite sticks** – super drawing material and great for mark making.
4. **Paint** – Only buy the primary colours, black and white. The children need to learn how to mix different colours. It's a skill in itself.
5. **Paint brushes** – different sizes, all chisel end. Thin ones are used mostly as the children have greater control over these. Large ones used for bigger scale works and colour washes.
6. **Masking tape** – great for masking of areas to drawing or writing in sketchbooks. Also nice to write titles or labels on.
7. **Photocopies** – black and white images, old etchings or images. Old maps and text. Dictionary definitions, poetry, sections of a story etc. These are brilliant for collage work.
8. **Drawing Ink** – this stuff is like magic! It so versatile and great fun to use. **Caution** though: it doesn't wash out of clothes!
9. **Black Biro** – cheap, easy to source and great for drawing with.
10. **Plastic knives and forks** – perfect for experimenting with mark making and paint application.



The thing with all of these is letting the children experiment. Letting them use their imagination to see what the possibilities hold!

Empty Classroom Day – Friday 19th June 2015:



Empty Classroom Day is a day to celebrate and promote learning outside the classroom...

The idea is simple - schools sign up to say that one class will spend one lesson outdoors on the day, however many schools do a lot more! Last year over three hundred schools signed up with activities ranging from planting wildflowers, bug hunting and pond-dipping to inspiring class visits to beaches, farms and parks.

Since its first year, **Empty Classroom Day** has grown and spread worldwide. In 2014, schools took part from Torpoint to Inverness, and from countries as far and wide as China, Australia and Pakistan!

Our goal is for there to be empty classrooms all over the globe, with pupils learning outside! Every school can participate, they sign up and pledge to spend at least one lesson outside on the day. *What they do is up to them* - From pond-dipping to planting, tree-climbing to picnicking; the possibilities and learning opportunities are endless.

For more information and to sign up visit here:
<http://www.emptyclassroomday.com/>

See you next month!
Mike (@WatsEd)