



# WatsEducation Newsletter

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## Useful Links:

[watseducation.com/](http://watseducation.com/)

Consultancy, CPD, Projects, Resources and more.

[watseducationideas.weebly.com/](http://watseducationideas.weebly.com/)

Inspirational videos and stories for class discussions and assemblies.

[literacyshed.com/](http://literacyshed.com/)

The Home of Visual Literacy

[mrparkinsonict.blogspot.co.uk/](http://mrparkinsonict.blogspot.co.uk/)

Examples of innovation in the integration of technology in learning

[andrewjeffrey.co.uk/](http://andrewjeffrey.co.uk/)

Bringing the magic of maths to everyone; pupils and teachers alike.

## Contact Us:

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## Welcome:

This is Newsletter 2: Hopefully Newsletter 1 was interesting enough for you to come back!

This month is a bumper edition!

More CPD information, new resources and ideas and an introductory offer of some consultancy support for your school.

What’s not to love!?

## 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](http://LINCOLNIPAD.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK) OR EMAIL  
[WATS.ED.CONSULTANCY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WATS.ED.CONSULTANCY@GMAIL.COM) / 01526 397181

At WatsEducation, we try to find the best CPD providers from around the country.

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.

Please note this is the **NEW UPDATED** information for the LearnMaker event in Lincoln.

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.

## 12 Essentials for Outdoor Learning:

I had been asked by a colleague, what resources/materials I thought should be available as ‘instant’ resources for outdoor learning – it was a tricky task to shorten a very long initial list! But here it is...

This isn’t a complete list; I wanted to share 12 things that I think are essential to Outdoor Learning. There are, of course, no hard and fast rules and I am sure that you can come up with alternatives for your setting.

I won’t write a list of uses (let the children come up with those) because I haven’t enough space and I don’t want to be patronising!

- 1) **Chalk** – Thin and Chunky
- 2) **Tyres** – Car, bike, scooter, lorry, tractor etc.
- 3) **Paint & Brushes** – poster paint/water colours
- 4) **Mirrors & Magnifiers**
- 5) **Sticks & Canes**
- 6) **Wellies!** (Oversized so children can wear over shoes)
- 7) **String, Thread & Ropes**
- 8) **Crates, Boxes and Baskets**
- 9) **Stones, Pebbles, Shells etc.** - Small manipulatives
- 10) **Bricks & Blocks** – Real ones, not just plastic
- 11) **Sink with Running Water** – plumbed or outside tap
- 12) **Sand, Soil, Wood Chip or Bark** – digging & burying

You can read more here: [WatsEducation StaffRm – 12 Essentials](#)

## Save the Children's - Den Day (29<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June):



Turn an ordinary school day into an amazing adventure by making dens with your pupils.

Save the Children's Den Day is a brilliant way for children of all ages and abilities to get creative and learn independently. And the sponsorship they raise will help build a better world for children who don't have anywhere safe to shelter tonight.

[Sign up](#) now and you will be able to get a super Den Day kit, full of den-building advice, lesson plans, and fundraising tips.

### How will you build yours?

- Let your class head off on a Den Day safari without leaving the classroom. Use bed-sheets, bunting and pegs to create an awesome indoor teepee, make some binoculars out of cardboard, and maybe some cut-out animals to spy on.
- If the weather's fine, why not fix up a den in the great outdoors? Decorate a solid structure like a climbing frame with sticks and leaves – and remember to bring plenty of blankets and rugs to keep warm!
- Whether you're planning a camp-out style sleepover or simply a school day with a difference, [sign up](#) now to receive the special Teacher's kit. It's full of loads of tips and hints to help you weave some Den Day magic – and loads of extra learning – into your lesson plans.

Find Out more and Sign Up here: <http://denday.savethechildren.org.uk/at-school/>

Or you could encourage children to take part at home: <http://denday.savethechildren.org.uk/at-home/>

## The Literacy Shed – A Shed full of Questions:

### A Shed Full of Questions



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.literacysshed.com](http://www.literacysshed.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.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](#)

## Job Opportunity: Long Sutton Primary School:

The Headteacher of Long Sutton Primary School, Bill Lord, asked me to share this job opportunity.

Visit: <http://www.long Sutton.lincs.sch.uk/vacancies.asp> or contact the school for more information.

### Vacancy: UKS2 Team Leader with resp for Curriculum Development & Research @LongSuttonPS

**SCHOOL NAME:** Long Sutton Primary School website  
**Location:** Dick Turpin Way, Long Sutton, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE12 5EP

**Job Title:** Upper KS2 Team Leader with responsibility for Curriculum Development and Research

**Salary:** MPS with TL2 £19,500  
**Location:** Dick Turpin Way, Long Sutton, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE12 5EP

**Contract Type:** Full Time  
**Contract Term:** Permanent  
**Headteacher:** Mr Bill Lord  
**Required from:** September 2015  
**Closing Date:** 12:00 pm Wednesday 6th May 2015  
**Overlapping:** Candidates will be contacted by Friday 8th May  
**Interviews:** Friday 15th May 2015

**Be a Star!**

You need to be:

- proven to be an excellent practitioner who has a deep understanding of outstanding teaching and learning
- motivated, enthusiastic and hungry to make a difference
- someone who wants to move to the next stage in their career and is keen to support others in this
- able to inspire our children to achieve the very best they can
- aware of the role of research in developing the best primary practice
- with the ability to develop an exciting and meaningful curriculum following the new National Curriculum
- willing to play an active role in all areas of school life, including extra-curricular activities

Long Sutton County Primary is a rapidly improving school where there is a true buzz about learning, and a clear, positive sense of direction.

We truly hope that you see yourself as part of our team and look forward to hearing from you. Visits to our school are warmly welcomed. For further details and/or to arrange a visit, please contact Tracey Roscher (School Business Manager) on (01439) 363381 or email [tracey.roscher@long Sutton.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:tracey.roscher@long Sutton.lincs.sch.uk)

Closing date for applications is 12:00 pm Wednesday 6th May 2015.  
Interview date Friday 15th May 2015 (Candidates will be contacted by Friday 8th May).

Long Sutton Community Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Consequently an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service will be required for this post.

I think that you'll agree that it is an amazingly exciting & unique opportunity.

“Don't just teach your kids to read, teach them to question what they read. Teach them to question everything.”

George Carlin

## Introductory Special Offer:

The cost of consultancy is always a tricky one – I like to think that WatsEducation is priced fairly, accessibly and at a cost which will represent value for money.

⇒ Most Consultancy charged at £195 per day (on site)

⇒ £120 for a half day (on site)

⇒ £100 for a half day (from home)

Full details can be found here: <http://www.watseducation.com/consultancy.html>

Book any consultancy time in **May** and save £45. Bargain!

⇒ £150 per day (on site)

⇒ £75 for a half day (on site)

⇒ £55 for a half day (from home)

Just Quote Offer: **MAY15** in any communications.

Let's work together.

See you next month!  
Mike (@WatsEd)