



WatsEducation Newsletter

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Welcome:

Welcome to February.

The LearnMaker Lincoln event will be upon us soon, feedback from last year was brilliant, so if you are looking for real, practical, use it tomorrow advice for using technology in your curriculum – I can't recommend it highly enough. Time is running out to get yourself a place at the Showroom in Lincoln on the 18th March.

#PrimaryRocks Live in Manchester is taking place on Saturday 19th March and it has proved so popular I believe that there are plans for another event next year. I will keep you posted.

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



March will soon be upon us!

So this is **THE LAST CHANCE** to get a place!

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

- Delegate name(s)
- Delegate email(s)
- School name, address and finance department email
- Job role
- Any dietary requirements

I was fortunate to take part in the ½ day event last 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

“Children don’t remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are.”

Jim Henson

Outdoor Idea of the Month – March:

Create a Mini-Terrarium:

Read more here: [Making a Terrarium](#)

I have always been fascinated by Terrariums (Plants in Bottles and Jars). As the weather has been unseasonably mild recently as well as ridiculously wet, spring plants are appearing all over the place! I have friends with daffodil in their gardens already. Take advantage of this phenomenon and create your own mini garden inside, in a jar or large glass bottle.

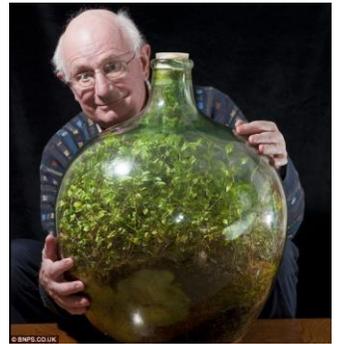
Simple take a large jar and add a layer (1 - 1 1/2cm) of fine gravel and then a thicker layer of soil. I wouldn't use compost, I would use garden soil, there might be other interesting things in that soil, seeds, insects, fungi... you might be surprised! A few larger stones or smooth pebbles make it look interesting too. If you' rather have specialist soil, potting mix and charcoal make a good base.

Choose your plant carefully. Ferns are quite hardy and work well, as do Starfish plants and Spider plants. Water it and seal it up - the jar should then contain the ecosystem and require no further support, until the plant outgrows the jar!

Set the children a challenge: How long will their terrarium last?

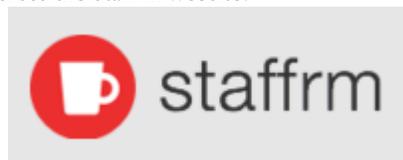
(Note: Water Canisters from a Water cooler are brilliant for this make)

[Will it last as long as David Latimer's?](#)



Staffrm – Micro Blogging Site:

Have you or your staff come across the Staffrm website?



Staffrm: <http://staffrm.io/stories/discover> is a site for teachers, governors and SLT (anyone really) to share stories, ideas, resources and reflections on their experiences of education in a safe, supportive and friendly environment.

Educators from all phases can be found there from EYFS to FE/HE teachers.

Posts are limited to 500 words, so make for excellent quick reads.

This post: ['Welcome to Staffrm'](#) tells you a little more... I highly recommend it and there is truly something for everyone, whatever your interests.

Education Conferences:

Are you a jet-setter?

Does a place on an International Education Conference in the South of France in November sounds appealing?

It does? Then this could be a fantastic opportunity for you:

[Practical Pedagogies at the International School of Toulouse](#)

Thursday and Friday November 3rd/4th.

A high-impact, grass-roots training conference for classroom teachers by classroom teachers. Two days of inspiring keynotes, workshops and evening social events.

There is an "early bird" delegate rate for the two full days of training, with a choice of more than 100 sessions, is just **150 Euros** until the end of March. The "standard" 200 Euro rate applies thereafter.

There are workshop sessions being run by teachers from all over Europe, and lots from the UK, Primary and Secondary sessions are available...

This is something not to be missed if you have the opportunity.

I will be there leading **“I’m at Teacher, Get me Outside...”** Will you be joining me?

See you next month!

Mike ([@WatsEd](#))