



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:

Stop me if I am wrong, but it is December right? How did that happen?!

The end of 2015 is approaching and it'll be Christmas before we know it!

I am sure it is a busy term for us all, but doubtless a fun one.

Get out there and jump in the leaves and puddles, slip and slide on the ice that's bound to be on its way 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

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

Places are almost all gone

To book places either:

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

“The most important part of teaching is to teach what it is to know.”

Simone Weil

Outdoor Idea of the Month – December:

Bird Feeders:

You can get clay pots quite cheaply, or recycle old and crack ones from the shed. Plastic ones work too, but I prefer the weight of clay.

Tie a piece of garden string through the hole in the bottom of the pot. You can tie a big knot to block the hole, or use a cork, balled paper or other material to make sure the hole is blocked - a great opportunity to test material properties! The string should pass right through the pot.



Melt a pack of lard in a bowl/saucepan and once liquid pour in a selection of seeds, raisins, nuts, meal-worms and or broken biscuit crumbs - tasty treats! Pour the mixture into the pot (this is why the hole needs to be covered!). Put it somewhere cool for a while to set.

Hang them in a tree, in view of the window and wait...

Spend some time collecting data on the birds that visit. Lots of graphs, charts, pictograms and data handling. Feeling creative? Paint the pots.

Bring Back the Nature Table:

A recent poll by YouGov, commissioned by **The Wildlife Trusts**, found out that...

- 91% of parents think that having access to nature and wildlife is important for children in general
- 78% were concerned that children don't spend enough time interacting with nature and wildlife

“The best teacher is the one who suggests rather than dogmatizes, and inspires his listener with the wish to teach himself.”

Edward G.
Bulwer-Lytton

- Over a quarter (27%) of children aged 8-15 had never played outside by themselves, beyond their house or garden – and 37% hadn't done this in the past 6 months.
- 37% of children had never seen a hedgehog in the UK
- Only 24% of children said their school had an indoor nature display area like a nature table

This is a small part of the reason why it is important to connect children with Nature.

My #EveryChildWild Blog is here:

[Wildlife Trust Blog - Every Child Wild - Mike Watson](#)

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 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.

See you next month!
Mike ([@WatsEd](#))