



WatsEducation Newsletter

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Welcome:

The newsletter took a break in January.

Hopefully I wasn't missed too badly. 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.

This month's newsletter is a streamlined version. Just a few little bits for you to glance at.

On a personal level, I am looking forward to March when I am presenting a workshop at #PrimaryRocks Live in Manchester.

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 you need to get your booking in soon!

March will soon be upon us!

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 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

Outdoor Idea of the Month – February:

National Trust: 50 Things to do before you are 11 ¾

Not really a single outdoor idea, but something that would be a fantastic 'Rest of Year' competition or project with your school.



More information here: <https://www.50things.org.uk/>

Ofsted Insights – Outdoor Learning:

I wanted to see what Ofsted were making reference to and recommending when inspecting schools.

Below are some selected comments quoted directly from recent reports from around the country. The grading for the school's Overall Effectiveness is shown in **(Brackets)**.

References to 'Outdoor Learning' in Main Findings by Ofsted for Primary schools:

- The **outdoor learning** environment is stimulating, thought provoking and enthralling. **(O)**
- The school is further extending all-year-round opportunities for **outdoor learning** and adventure. **(O)**
- Teachers do not use the **outdoor learning** space as well as they could to extend children's early learning of number and letter skills. **(G)**
- A variety of experiences, including **outdoor learning**, widens pupils' experiences & engages their interest. **(G)**
- **Outdoor learning** is limited because the school does not have a suitably enabling **outdoor learning** environment and covered area. **(RI)**
- The provision for **outdoor learning** in the early years is limited and sometimes constrains children's learning and physical development. **(RI)**
- **Outdoor learning** activities lack focus and purpose. **(RI)**

References to 'Outdoor Learning' in Recommendations by Ofsted for Primary schools:

- Further develop the school's own environmental area as a resource for **outdoor learning**. **(O)**
- Improve the provision for **outdoor learning** in the early years, to further develop children's physical development. **(G)**
- Build on the very good use of funding for sport and physical education to extend opportunities for **outdoor learning** and adventure in all seasons. **(G)**
- Promote words and numbers in the **outdoor learning** area. **(G)**
- Improve the **outdoor learning** experiences for children so that they have as many opportunities as possible to practise and develop their language and number skills and accelerate their learning. **(G)**
- Make better use of the extensive school grounds to develop **outdoor learning** for all. **(RI)**
- Evaluate the specific needs to develop **outdoor learning** across all areas devising and implementing plans so that the quality of the **outdoor learning** environment matches that found in classrooms. **(RI)**
- Improve the **outdoor learning** environment in Reception by providing better levels of equipment that stimulate children's imagination and better promote the development of their literacy/numeracy skills **(RI)**
- Review what is currently provided in the **outdoor learning** environment to make the best use of what is available and adding to it where necessary, so that it is as good as that provided indoors ensuring that access to **outdoor learning** is available to children throughout the day. **(RI)**

While outdoor learning is a small element of teaching and learning, these are just a few of an increasing number of references.

Do any of these quotes match your school?

Can WatsEducation help with your needs, or help you develop your strengths? Get in touch.

See you next month!
Mike (@WatsEd)

“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.”

Jiddu
Krishnamurti