

Senco Newsround Information

Autumn 2010

- Congratulations to all those who have survived Inspections since we last met! please make yourself known so that other schools can chat with you
- Advance warning of SENCo/Support network meetings -8th,9th,10th March 2011 (Secondary - Wednesday 9th March). Literacy focus.
- Resources available to borrow at Crug Glas Special School, Maytree Autistic Unit and Penybryn School, also Behaviour books in Gorseinon Library and Civic Centre Library
- Update on NQT/EPD event in Llandrindod Wells - packs and professional development
- Dyslexia Friendly Schools Award - if you think your school is ready give me a call. Also I am working with certain schools on making them more inclusive - following the ISAW process.
- HLTA places - this is the final year of running HLTA training and there is no funding in the future so if anyone is interested in their schools, important to apply now
- Development work opportunity - there is money that can be used for development work available. We are looking for teachers or TAs who would be interested in a few days sabbatical out of school to research/write/prepare materials/provide packs etc around a particular SEN theme/topic. Ideally the work would benefit: You personally, Your School, the LA and be shared with everyone. On completion the work could go on our Inclusion website and if needed resources could be developed for it making it available to all. The offer is to primary, secondary, STF, and Special school. Cover for release from school would be at GTCW rates
- Inspection Implications regarding Data analysing - important for Sencos to be able to articulate data /boys under achievement /STF's etc.
- STF visits planned over the next term to gain overall picture of provision in Swansea
- 'Teaching Assistant Training courses - Spring Term bulletin 2010' available today! and also will be sent out next term by e-mail. Open to teachers if they wish! All courses now available to whole of SW Wales so first come first served, so apply early!
- Really pleased on uptake of Graduate Diploma courses this year! Think and plan for next year! Re: Mandatory ALNCo qualification
- BDA Retraction letter!
- SEN Cluster Surgeries - We are thinking of organising SEN/ALN surgeries possibly on a cluster basis after school and run on various subjects e.g. Support for writing SEN policy etc etc What are your views ? Would it be better to do in clusters or in a base e.g. Bryntawe and SENCOS come to us ? We want your views!
- There is a course running entitled 'Inclusion and PE' Thursday 25th November in Trinity College, there is funding for supply contact Jackie Blyth PESS coordinator
- DCD course change - Thursday 20th January 2011 9-3, is for Primary practitioners, both Teachers and TAs , the half day 9 - 12 ,Wednesday 2nd February 2011 is for Secondary practitioners, see flyers

Any queries, Inset needs, visits, advice etc please give me a call on 01792 562660 or alternatively e-mail me at cheryl.jones3@swansea.gov.uk

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