



Foundation Phase News

Wrap up warm and cosy!

Dressing for Outdoor Learning

Don't forget, that famous Scandinavian saying—"There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing!"

Tip 1—Wear layers of clothing to insulate the heat stored in the body

Tip 2—Cover head and feet to keep stored heat in. Most heat is lost from top of head

Tip 3—Wear gloves or mittens. Inside mittens, fingers can be curled for added warmth

Tip 4—Wear a long scarf that can be wrapped around mouth, to keep heat in and stop lips chapping

Tip 5—Wear a waterproof/windproof outer layer



Snow Angels!



Autumn/Winter 2010

Special points of interest:

16 Jan—World Religion Day @ www.worldreligionday.org

Jan24-Feb4 - RSPB Big & Little Schools' Birdwatch @ www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch

Jan29-Feb5—National Storytelling Week @ sfs.org.uk

1 Feb—I Can Chatterbox Challenge, sponsored sing-along for children in aid of I CAN @ www.chatterboxchallenge.co.uk

3 Feb—Chinese New Year begins, the year of the rabbit or hare

14 Feb—Valentine's Day

28 Feb-13March—Fairtrade Fort-night @ www.fairtrade.org.uk

1 March—St. David's Day and World Maths Day

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Foundation Phase training

- Foundation Phase mop-up training in 'Child Development' was delivered during Autumn term 2010.
- Spring Term's WAG mop-up training is 'Experiential Learning in Practice'. This is for practitioners who missed this module or who have recently moved into Foundation Phase and have not received training. Dates: Nursery and Reception on Friday, 18th. February 2011; Year 1 and 2 on Tuesday, 15th. March 2011, at Clydach Teacher Centre. Please apply in usual manner.
- Spring term training in 'Observation, Recording, Reporting'. Dates to follow.
- During Spring term 2011, we continue to deliver Foundation Phase training in 'Play to Learn' This is a Foundation Phase resource, created by Sport Wales (formerly 'Sports Council of Wales') to enhance the teaching of Physical Development and Creative movement. For more information, please contact YGG Bryn Tawe. Telephone: 562660



Must read documents

'Foundation Phase Child Development Profile' - W.A.G.

This is a very useful and readable document, which can support practitioners in their observation of children throughout their formative years, when learning develops more rapidly than at any other time. Through careful observation and interaction with children, practitioners are able to encourage them in their development along a learning continuum. This document is in every school and can be downloaded from www.swanseagfl.gov.uk



'Play and Active Learning' - Estyn

This document is a toolkit for Foundation Phase practitioners. This toolkit helps to identify and share the characteristics of good practice and illustrate these with case studies from schools and settings in Wales. In the toolkit, questions are posed for practitioners to ask themselves when planning, delivering and assessing learning. Downloadable from www.swanseagfl.gov.uk

Do you know about..?

Forest school

Forest School is an innovative and inspiring approach to learning for children and young people of all ages and adults.

Aims: to build self confidence, self esteem and independence skills and to raise awareness and appreciation of the natural world.

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New Welsh resources

Go to a new Welsh Language website: www.bbc.co.uk/cymru/dysgu and discover exciting interactive resources for Welsh first language and Welsh second language learners aged 5-7...

...and they are free!

E.g. '[Astro Antics](#)' - space adventures for Welsh second language learners aged 5-7

'[Y Goeden Greu](#)' - Cymraeg Mamiaeth 5-7 (for Welsh first language learners aged 5-7)

Valuable resources that can be used in

The Prince's Trust

The Prince's Trust helps young people through training, skill building, business loans, grants, personal development and study support outside school.

You can arrange for a project team to come to your school, to help develop the outdoors. They have constructed Bug Mansions, Fire Pits, small outdoor classrooms etc. and won an award for work they carried out in one local school. For more background information go to:

www.princes-trust.org.uk or apply online at www.swanseagfl.gov.uk



Build a Bug Mansion with The Prince's Trust!

Under the spotlight...

In future issues of 'Foundation Phase News' an aspect of Foundation Phase will be put under the spotlight. This time, we look at

Construction Areas, outdoors and indoors



Foundation Phase Notice Board

BAECE Programme 2011

British Association for Early Childhood Education

- 1st. February—Tywyn Primary, 7.00pm
Speaker: NPT teachers
Topic: "Talk Write" (Pie Corbett)
- 8th. March—Gnoll Primary, 7.00pm
Speaker: Mel Teague
Topic: The Year 2 classroom
- 10th. May—Central Infant School, 7.00pm
Speaker: Karen Mills
Topic: Investigations
- 7th. June—To be arranged, 7.00pm
Speaker: AN Other
Topic: Forest School

Recent publications recommended by B.A.E.C.E.

- 'Understanding Behaviour and Development in Early Childhood' - Maria Robinson
- 'Childcare and Education' - Tina Bruce, Carolyn Meggitt and Julian Grenier
- 'Child Development in Practice' - Pamela May

Website Watch

Looking for Foundation Phase ideas? ...look no further, just follow these 3 steps to success!

1. Type in www.swanseagfl.gov.uk
2. Click on 'Foundation Phase'
3. Select from the following:
 - What's new?
 - Planning
 - Resources
 - ICT Resources
 - Additional Learning Needs
 - W.A.G. Foundation Phase module course materials
 - Gallery
 - W.A.G. documents
 - Estyn Publications

Thanks for taking the time to read our Foundation Phase Newsletter.

We hope you found something of interest to you, and your school.

Please send us photos of some of the exciting work going on in your school.

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And finally....

... what made you smile today?

Please send us a photo from your school, that makes you smile.



Cadle's Friendship Bus