



# Foundation Phase News

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City & County of Swansea  
Dinas a Sir Abertawe

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Foundation Phase news.

We are delighted to welcome our new colleague Louisa Reynolds- Milnes to the Foundation Phase Team, whom most of you will have now met through the modular training, and also Emma Amirat who joins the team as Flying start Link Teacher.

Many of our colleagues across Swansea have given feedback as to the content of the newsletter and have contributed with useful websites or resources. Thanks for your contributions and comments. We welcome these- please keep them coming. Contact details are at the end of the newsletter.



**AUTUMN TERM 2007**



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### **January 16 2008:**

*What shall we do in the hall today?*  
Clydach Teacher Centre

### **January 17 & 18 2008:**

*Teaching & Learning- Foundation Phase*  
Clydach Teacher Centre

### **January 23 2008:**

*Bilingualism (Welsh Language Development) in the Foundation Phase*  
Clydach Teacher Centre

### **February 20 & 21 2008:**

*Developing Language & Thought across the Curriculum.*  
Clydach Teacher Centre

### **February 28 February 2008**

*Forest School Dissemination*  
Wanarlwydd Primary School

### FOREST SCHOOL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES...

Funded by The City and County of Swansea

Details of OCN level 1 & 2, taster days and inset opportunities will be circulated to schools. For further details of additional training services contact :

**01792 367118**

e-mail: [info@forestschoolsnpt.org.uk](mailto:info@forestschoolsnpt.org.uk)

For details of the training programme at the **Early Education** Training and resource Centre, the National Conference Early Education seminars visit the Early Education website: [www.early-education.org.uk](http://www.early-education.org.uk)



### FOUNDATION PHASE COORDINATORS

**Monday 10 March - Dylan Thomas Centre**

Further details will be sent out to school via e-mail for one member of staff to register a place for the meeting.

# FOUNDATION PHASE NATIONAL TRAINING



SPRING TERM 2008.

Training for all Teachers and support staff currently in Nursery and Reception is as follows:

**Module 3 - Observing, Recording and Reporting**

**Module 4 - Additional Learning Needs**

NOTE: S.E.N.C.O. plus one additional Foundation member of staff

Supply cover will be provided for both courses.

Specific information regarding dates for when each school is to attend with their cluster group will be sent out directly to schools via e-mail

## Websites of interest.....

[www.mindstretchers.co.uk](http://www.mindstretchers.co.uk) ( Catalogue of resources but also some interesting articles on outdoor learning )

[www.lcl.org.uk](http://www.lcl.org.uk) ( Learning through landscapes )

[www.underfives.co.uk](http://www.underfives.co.uk)

[www.sparklebox.co.uk](http://www.sparklebox.co.uk)

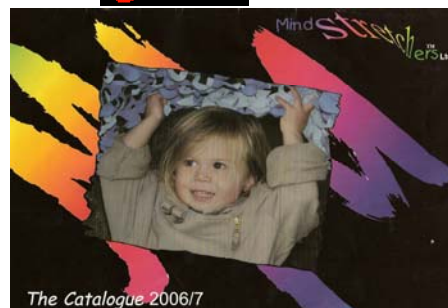
[www.featherstone.uk.com](http://www.featherstone.uk.com) ( more from the little books series are now available.

[www.akidsheart.com](http://www.akidsheart.com) ( festive fun )

The Welsh Assembly Government's website:

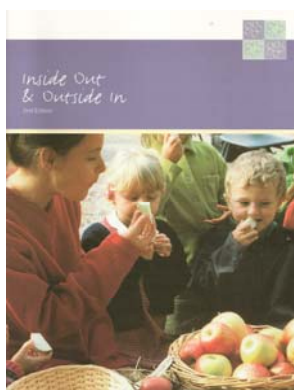
[www.wales.gov.uk](http://www.wales.gov.uk) has made available draft documentation and consultation documents relating to The Foundation Phase for download.

Also available through the website is the response to the consultation of The Foundation Phase Framework (January to March 2007)



## Resources and publications.....

This second edition of *Inside Out & Outside In* reminds us of the power of the outdoor environment as a dynamic learning and teaching resource. This edition looks at case studies and examples of practice.



Available through:  
Stirling Council Play Services

Tel : 01786 430128

This catalogue provides many useful ideas for outdoor provision which could be reproduced quite easily at a fraction of the cost.

Look out for recordable photo books and postcards from catalogues such as TTS that offer an alternative means to writing for children to record their ideas.



EARLY EDUCATION

## THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

The visit to Caerau Integrated centre was very successful; many of you who were unable to attend will have had the opportunity to view photographs at the Module 2 training.

Clive Biscoe, the guest speaker at Alderman Davies Primary School, was inspirational, and reminded us of the power of story for both children and adults alike !

Programme of events for Spring Term 2008:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**Safeguarding Children**

**Speakers:** Karen Burrow, Steve Hayes      **Venue:** To be arranged

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Taking Reggio Outdoors**

**Speaker:** Prof Trisha Maynard      **Venue:** Waunceirch Primary 7.00pm

**Advance notice has been sent to schools of the Marion Dowling all day conference on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2008**

## PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS

In the November issue of Early Years Update( Optimus Publishing) there were some interesting articles relating to Transitions in the Early Years and Parents as partners in Early Learning. The articles remind us of the fact that Early Years settings that are most successful in handling transitions from home to school are those that make planning for transition a priority.

The articles relate to the PEAL programme - (Parents, Early Learning and Learning) and emphasises the importance of establishing respectful relationships with parents and families. Such relationships make transition an enjoyable and exciting experience for children and parents and are achieved through a variety of strategies where careful consideration is given to consultation, communication and continuity.

For further details of these articles that are edited by Linda Thornton and Pat Brunton contact: Tel 0845 450 6404 Optimus Education Publishing or to learn more about the PEAL training programme [www.peal.org.uk](http://www.peal.org.uk)

**To further support schools in their partnerships with parents, in conjunction with the disc already received by schools following module 1 of the 5 modular training, we have prepared a powerpoint presentation with information for parents about the Foundation Phase. Schools are able to adapt the powerpoint with relevant information about their own schools, to make it personal to your needs. Please contact us if you wish to receive a copy of this.**

#### PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS..

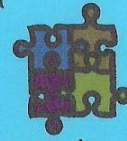
A reminder to schools of the support available through LANGUAGE AND PLAY for those wishing to set up and run LAP or NAP sessions.



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We would welcome any comments or contributions for following editions of this newsletter.

Please note :

We cannot recommend the content of all publications & websites listed. They are for information only for individual schools to select appropriately.

## The last word....

### BOOKSTART....

#### DO YOU HAVE A PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP ?

Audrey may be able to support you with book boxes or talk to the group about services available through the Library.



### Audrey Hunt

Bookstart / Flying Start

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