



Foundation Phase News

THE PUBLICATION FOR NEWS AND INFORMATION IN SWANSEA

City & County of Swansea
Dinas a Sir Abertawe

We received positive feedback following last terms newsletter: your comments were welcome.

Should you wish to make further comments this term, contact details are at the end of the letter. For example you may wish to inform us of an interesting group bursary project, set up a network group or arrange support within your cluster group.

Sian Williams



SUMMER TERM 2007



FOREST SCHOOL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES..

Details of OCN level 1 & 2 (June & July 2007)will be circulated to schools. For further details of additional training services contact :

01792 367118

NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDEN OF WALES

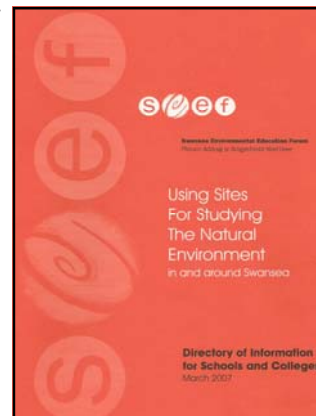
For all details about Primary School Visits, courses, events and training opportunities contact :

01558 667150

Or visit the website:

www.gardenofwales.org.uk

This resource should be in your school...



This publication has been produced by SEEF (Swansea Environmental Education Forum) to inform teachers of local resources which can support outdoor education. It highlights the code of good practice and includes details of a range of organisations and individuals that offer support and expertise. The directory provides practical information about a selection of local sites.

FOUNDATION PHASE UPDATE

Since September 2004 The Foundation Phase has been piloted in 42 settings, the final evaluation report (MEEIFP) was published in December 2006. In September 2007 the pilot is to be extended into Flying start areas to create 42 Foundation Phase Early Start Settings.

The timetable for statutory rollout of the Foundation Phase is as follows :

- 2008 Statutory rollout begins with all 3-5 year olds .
- 2009 Statutory rollout for all 3-6 year olds.
- 2010 Statutory for all 3-7 year olds.
- 2011 Rollout complete

From September 2007 a five day training pack will be delivered to all schools. The five modules incorporate : the seven areas of learning, the role of play, creating a learning Environment, planning and assessment, transition, appropriate pedagogy and deployment of staff and developing literacy through interaction with adults.

Websites of interest.....

www.mindstretchers.co.uk (Catalogue of resources but also some interesting articles on outdoor learning)

www.early-education.org.uk

www.lsl.org.uk (Learning through landscapes)

www.shropshireonline.gov.uk/forestschoools.nsf (some activities for outdoor learning including animal and plant themes, creative and exploratory activities.

www.teachers.tv (The most effective way to view programmes is to download them first)

The Welsh Assembly Government's website: 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 *Action Plan* which outlines time scales for action in building The Foundation Phase and the final evaluation report of the pilot study.



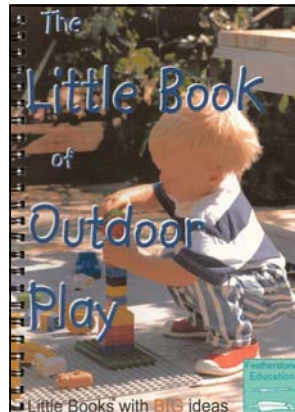
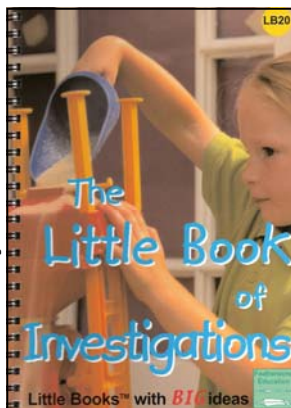
Resources and publications.....

Available from

Featherstone Education Publishers.

www.featerstone.uk.com

These books are intended to guide staff in supporting children in their



Other titles available..

- The Little Book of Outdoor Play
- The Little Book of Role Play
- The Little Book of Phonics
- The Little Book of Light & Shadow
- The Little Book of Prop Boxes for Role Play
- The Little Book of Science through Art
- The Little Book of Treasure Baskets
- The Little Book of Maths Activities
- The Little Book of Nursery Rhymes
- The Little Book of Cooking From Stories
- The Little Book of Messy Play
- The Little Book of Writing
- The Little Book of Sand & Water
- The Little Book of Props for Writing
- The Little Book of Music
- The Little Book of Maths Songs & Games
- The Little Book of Storytelling
- The Little Book of Listening
- The Little Book of Bricks & Boxes
- The Little Book of Outside in All Weathers



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

This term Margaret Hanney MBE presented a very interesting and informative lecture on the subject of Staff Involvement and Intervention in Children's Play.

Margaret highlighted the importance of adult involvement in children's play in, for example supporting language development, extending thinking skills, challenging stereotypes, demonstrating the value of play and establishing good relationships with the children.

Margaret emphasised the importance of observation for positive intervention.

The next meeting for this term will be held at Pentrepoeth Infant School on the 19th of June when Marion Dowling will give a lecture on *Thinking Skills in Young Children*.

Marion is a well known early years specialist. She is president of Early Education and works as a trainer and consultant in the U.K. and overseas. Her published works include *Young Children's Personal, Social and Emotional Development*, and *Starting School at Four*.

Early booking is recommended (book through EARLY EDUCATION) There is a cost of £30 for members £40 for non-members. Details have been circulated to schools.

OUTDOOR SPACES NETWORK

Following the success of last years seminars, four more have been arranged for this term. All seminars will take place in the Multi-Media suit at the Department of Childhood Studies, Swansea University. Attendance is free, for details please contact Gemma Lewis:

G.Lewis@Swansea.ac.uk

The remaining two seminars to take place in June are :

06/06/07

Farley Nursery

(An outdoor Nursery in Salisbury)

" Providing outdoor learning 2-5 "

04/07/07

Dr. Tim Walker

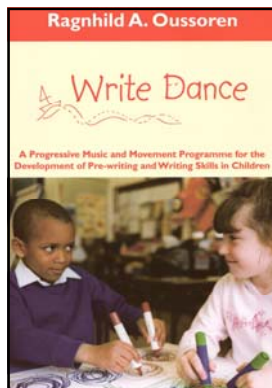
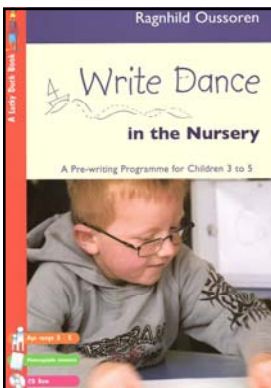
Swansea University

" Don't come too close to my octopus tree-

Exploring learning in natural wild environments:

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Education Effectiveness Service



Following the successful two day training at the Dylan Thomas Centre in Swansea, many schools have applied for group bursaries to pursue *Write Dance* in their own settings.

An invitation to one of your sessions would be welcome or feedback on progress.

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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....

LANGUAGE AND PLAY.....

Anyone wishing to set up and run *Language and Play* or *Number and Play* in their setting, contact Tracy at the Swansea Children's Centre



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DEVELOPING YOUR
OUTDOOR LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT ?

MADE PLANS?

Following meetings with the Arson Reduction Team Nick Dodd has expressed an interest in working alongside schools to give advice, in relation to planning the outdoor area with fire safety in mind.



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