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Support for schools: ESDGC peer mentor project

The World Education centre still has places for schools on its ESDGC peer mentor project. If you want to develop ESDGC in the Foundation Phase, Key Stage 2 or at secondary level why not receive support from another practising teacher. Last year we supported 40 schools and this is what one teacher had to say:

"It was great being able to share my ideas with another teacher and to see that it is possible. We've found that we are already doing quite a lot already and just need to fill the gaps."

Please contact Sheila Bennell for details
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DFID Global Schools Partnerships courses- Bangor and Machynlleth

A training day on developing global school partnerships has been arranged for November 5th in Bangor University - thirty teachers have signed up. This interactive course, funded by the department for International Development, will help teachers think about the reasons for wanting a partnership and look at the best ways to go about finding a partner school. There will be a visitor from Zambia and Kenya to give the perspective of southern partners. This course is now full.

A further bilingual course will be held in Llanidloes on 20th January for teachers in south Gwynedd, Powys and Ceredigion. Please contact Sheila Bennell for details
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Also DFID Global School Partnerships Teacher Taster Session

Aberystwyth Wed 25th November 2009

To find out more please click

http://www.vso.org.uk/Images/DGSP_TasterSess_final%200809pdf_tcm79-23627.pdf

To book your place please email globalschool@vso.org.uk or call **020 8780 7396**.

Videoconferencing links with schools in the Montpellier Académie

At the end of the summer term, contacts had been established between the Académie of Montpellier (equivalent to our Local Education Authority) and the county MFL Adviser. This first contact took place via Videoconferencing and involved about 15 people (educators, MFL advisers, LEA officers) from the Montpellier area, England, Wales, Canada and the USA!



The aim is to create links between our schools, giving opportunities for young people to communicate with each other and to take part in common projects using Videoconferencing.

Any school interested in being part of the above, please contact: Sylvie Gartau, MFL Adviser, Cynnal
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Training days at CAT

The Education Department at The Centre of Alternative Technology, Machynlleth, Powys, is running a number of training days throughout the autumn for teachers, headteachers and educators. Participants will be inspired and empowered to bring ESDGC into their lessons through knowledge, understanding and activities, and learn how to integrate ESDGC within developing curricula. There are places available on the following courses:

Monday 2nd November - ESDGC for Science teachers

Tuesday 3rd November - ESDGC for Arts and Language teachers

Wednesday 4th November - ESDGC for Design and Technology teachers

Monday 9th November - ESDGC for PSE teachers. Cost: £70 per participant to include refreshments, lunch and an introduction to CAT
Booking: Please contact Anita Schwartz on (01654) 705983, or at education@cat.org.uk

What does going to school mean to a Maasai? Workshops for Years 5 and 6.

75 million children around the world are missing out on an education. This project will look at the problem in general and the Maasai in particular linking to all main ESGC themes. Funded by Oxfam and managed by the World Education Centre - Schools' Support Worker, Angela Roberts, is offering a day's workshop for years 5 or 6 during which pupils will:

Dress up and dance like Maasai warriors, make a warrior torque, listen to stories of hand to paw combat with blood-thirsty lions and – most importantly - think about why getting an education is so important to every single person in the world.

FREE to the first 15 schools to express an interest. Please contact:
angela@fairtrade@gmail.com

Cynllun Ysgolion Gwyrdd Gwynedd a Môn

Mae Cynllun Ysgolion Gwyrdd Gwynedd a Môn bron yn ddeng mlwydd oed. Mae canran anrhydeddus o ysgolion yr ardal wedi derbyn gwobrau ac mae nifer o'r meini praf cynnar yn ail natur i ni erbyn hyn. Gyda chyhoeddiad 'Cymru'n Un: Cenedl Un Blaned' (Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru) ac 'Addysg ar gyfer Datblygiad Cynaliadwy a Dinasyddiaeth Fyd-eang - Cydddealltwriaeth i ysgolion' (APADGOS) roedd hi'n amserol i swyddogion Cyngor Sir Fôn, Cyngor Sir Gwynedd a CYNNAL i ddod at ei gilydd i adolygu'r meini praf a'r enghreifftiau cydestunol. Rydym wedi diweddarau ac aildosbarthu'r meini praf i adlewyrchu themâu megis: newid yn yr hinsawdd, treuliant a

gwastraff a'r amgylchedd naturiol. Ond wrth gwrs bydd angen meithrin sgiliau meddwl y dysgwyr cyn iddynt ystyried y 'dewisiadau' a gwneud 'penderfyniadau'!

Bwriedir defnyddio fersiwn drafft o'r cynllun eleni er mwyn derbyn adborth oddi wrth yr ysgolion sydd am gyflwyno'u portffolios eleni. Mae copïau ar gael ar wefan CYNNAL www.cynnal.org.uk > Ysgolion>ADCF>Cynllun Ysgolion Gwyrdd Gwynedd a Môn.

Elfed Gruffudd, Dewi Jones, Eurwyn Griffith, Bethan James

Develop a community garden

Fiskars Orange

Thumb is a scheme which offers

community garden groups the funds, tools, or materials they need to clean up and green up neglected community green spaces. It helps communities rejuvenate a lost or forgotten green space in celebration of the campaign. If you know of a disused or neglected piece of land that is currently over-run with nettles, brambles and other greenery, but you think would make a perfect space for your community to enjoy, why not nominate it as a Fiskars Orange Thumb project? Fiskars' panel of gardening experts will select a project from the nominations and send a team of Orange Thumb volunteers and loads of great Fiskars garden tools to help you and your community to prune back, de-weed and dig over your green space so that it can be used and enjoyed by the whole community Register your project at <http://www.orangethumb.co.uk/>



NEWS FROM SCHOOLS

Ysgol Friars: Multilingual Videoconferencing to celebrate the European day of languages !

On Friday 25th September, Year 12 and Year 13 pupils at Ysgol Friars took part in a videoconferencing exchange with several schools in France. The aim was to celebrate the European day of languages (26th September) by using as



many languages as possible. The pupils had to answer a common quiz on Europe. The questions were read by the pupils in their native language

or in the language they are studying. The main objective was for pupils to hear many different languages and to communicate with each other. During our sessions, we heard Italian, Catalan, French, Spanish, English, and the pupils at Ysgol Friars were able to add Welsh to the list of languages. Our French counterparts had never heard Welsh before. They found it a "very lovely sounding language"!

The organisation was very simple, as the instigator (Yvan Baptiste, Perpignan, France) provided us with all the relevant information and made it very easy for us to connect. Roger Bloxam, in London, helped us a lot with the

technical side of things and our ICT manager (Gareth Evans) worked closely with us too, making the process possible and painless for us. The day was very successful. The pupils really enjoyed the format and the idea of communicating "live" with "real" people in France! Thanks to this first experience, our school is hoping to create a permanent link with a school in Dijon, France for our pupils to work on a common project and to exchange views and ideas via video-conferencing. They are very excited at the prospect!

Vive les langues et la technologie!!

Stephanie Ellis- Williams , Head of MFL, Ysgol Friars.

Some ideas from schools

We have heard so many good ideas from schools that we have decided to list a few here. We know there are lots, lots more so please send us *your* successful stories for the next newsletter!

Ysgol Sant Elfod: farmers market on site to link with work in the school's garden

Ysgol Goronwy Owen and Ysgol y Gorlan: regular feedback from pupils on current items in

newspapers, linked with whiteboard e.g. the jungle in Calais linked to learning about Afghanistan.

Ysgol Maesincla babanod: infants learning about climate change by taking a toy polar bear home and doing one thing to help lessen climate change, like switching a light off.

Ysgol Machreth: Man cychwyn ein prosiect oedd y stori 'Salamatu and Kandori go missing'. Stori am blentyn oedd yn byw mewn pentref yn Ghana oedd hon, a'i gafr oedd Kandoni. Wrth ddilyn hynt a helynt yr arf, dysgwyd llawer iawn am fywyd pob dydd yn Ghana, eu gwaith, a'u' crefydd. Dysgwyd am bwysigrwydd gafr, am gynnyrch y wlad, y ffrwythau a'r llysiau, a'r siocled, a hefyd am faterion masnach deg yn Ghana

Ysgol y Traeth: finding resources for a wind turbine - lots of other schools are looking into this too.

Ysgol Llandrygarn ac Ysgol Llanllechid - Ysgolion Masnach Deg gyntaf yn Ynys Mon a Gywnedd.

RESOURCES

Christian Aid

Our September Assembly of the Month takes pupils to Tamil Nadu in India. Here a Christian Aid partner organisation has worked with young people to help set up Eco-clubs in their schools to tackle the threat of climate change. Take a look at what they do and see what they'd like pupils here to do too!

http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/TeachersResources/primary/primaryassembly_sept09.aspx

http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/TeachersResources/secondary/secondaryassembly_sept09.aspx

Also go to Global Explorers/Antur Byd-eang for class materials to go with the primary assembly.

<http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/TeachersResources/primary/global-explorers.aspx>

Global Dimension Newsletter

"The Globe", a free, termly email to update you about new features and resources on the Global Dimension Website

<http://www.globaldimension.org.uk/Newsletter/?id=522>

The Global Rich List website

<http://www.globalrichlist.com/>

Climate Change

There is a new resource on

www.climatechangewales.org.uk for our youngest pupils, an animation featuring two elephants Elgan and Eva and their enormous footprints.

http://www.climatechangewales.org.uk/public/primary_school/key_stage_1/ Click on their picture on the wall!