

NST Newsletter: Monday 11th October 2021

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- NST Phonics and Reading Training Programme
- New Event for DSLs – Termly Safeguarding Surgery Sessions
- Autumn Term Network Meetings
- ChalleNGe Parents Newsletter: Half-Term and Term-Time Out of School Activities
- ChalleNGe Arts Partnership Lab (**1 document attached**)
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- Tom Dale FREE Dance CPD – 13th October
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- National Centre for Computing Education Newsletter
- New Pilot Programme from the Arts Council
- The Bell Foundation - Guidance for Teachers Supporting Afghan Refugees (**1 email attached**)

NST Phonics and Reading Training Programme

Jess Steele and Janet Thompson will be delivering a number of online phonics and reading training sessions for us, which are now available to book. Click on the hyperlinks below to read more about what each session entails and to book your places.

- [Letters and Sounds Interventions and Strategies for Maximising Progress for the Lowest 20% - Monday 15th November, 3.30pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [Spelling in Key Stage 2 – Tuesday 16th November, 3.30pm to 5.30pm](#)
- ['Spellonics' - Phonics into Spelling for Phase 6 \(Yrs 2 & 3\) – Wednesday 8th December, 3.30pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Developing a sequence of teaching based on a quality text \(focus on the reading phase\) – Thursday 9th December, 3.30pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Shared and Guided Reading – Wednesday 12th January, 3.30pm to 5.30pm](#)

New Event for DSLs – Termly Safeguarding Surgery Sessions

Kim Wenyon, accompanied by the team of NST ADSLs, will be hosting termly Safeguarding Surgery sessions this year, the first of which will take place on **Tuesday 16th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm, at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre.**

These meetings will be an opportunity for DSL's to have some group supervision and be able to share concerns and raise any issues. Each cluster group will be supported by their named ADSL.

Visit our Eventbrite page to book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cluster-safeguarding-surgery-session-tickets-163351896921>

Autumn Term Network Meetings

The following autumn term Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book (the Geography Network date has been newly added this week). Click on the links below to visit our Eventbrite page:

- [RE Network – Monday 11th October, 1.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Diversity Network – Tuesday 12th October, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [English Network – Wednesday 3rd November, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Performing Arts Network – Monday 1st November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Phonics Network – Thursday 4th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Assessment Leads Network – Friday 5th November, 1.30pm to 3.30pm](#)
- [Design and Technology Network – Friday 5th November, 2.30pm to 4.30pm](#)
- [Geography Network – Monday 8th November, 3.45pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [ICT Network – Wednesday 10th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [MFL Network – Thursday 11th November, 3.45pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [Early Years Network – Thursday 18th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- PE Network – PE leaders will be able to sign up for the Active Notts Conference on 24/11/2021 – booking details to follow shortly.
- [Maths Network – Friday 3rd December, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Inclusion Network – Wednesday 1st December, 3.30pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [Science Network – Monday 13th December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)

Email [Emily](#) if you have any queries.

ChalleNGe Parents Newsletter: Half-Term and Term-Time Out of School Activities

The latest ChalleNGe newsletter is now available, which informs parents and carers about various events that are taking place during the school holidays and outside of school hours: [Summer Holiday Activities - ChalleNGe Parents Newsletter \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

ChalleNGe Arts Partnership Lab

See the attached flyer for details two events that are taking place on Thursday 14th October. Both events are free and open to all to attend.

Dates for LA Headteacher Briefing and NST Members Meeting

Just to remind you of the dates for these meetings so that you can put them in your diaries:

- **LA Headteacher Briefing** – Wednesday 3rd November, 8.30am to 9.45am. the LA will be circulating further information about this meeting shortly; we believe it will be held online via Teams.

- **NST Members Meeting** – Wednesday 10th November, 9.30am to 10.30am. This meeting will take place in-person, at the Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre.

Tom Dale FREE Dance CPD – 13th October

The Mighty Creatives are holding a free physical movement CPD session with Tom Dale, on 13th October, 1.00pm to 4.00pm, at Snape Wood Primary School.

A small number of places are still available – the link to sign up is:

<https://themightycreatives.com/events/dance-cpd-with-tom-dale-company/>

The creative schools network is relevant to all teachers of the arts in primary education, and we welcome PE teachers especially. This session is focused upon **dance** and will share techniques to support you to develop and refresh your skills in contemporary movement. You will be able to explore choreographic techniques, games and exercises used by the company which can translate to the classroom.

Accessing the NST Portal

We have heard from colleagues in some schools that they are having problems logging in to the NST Portal on our website. We have raised this with Schools IT and they have told us that it's all to do with cookies (not the delicious kind, sadly!).

If you experience any difficulties in logging into the portal School's IT have suggested that you 'clear your cookies', and this should resolve the issue.

Please find below instructions of how to do this in both Microsoft Edge and Google Chrome:

- [Delete cookies in Microsoft Edge](#)
- <https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/32050?hl=en&co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop>

We hope this is helpful to you. If you continue to have difficulties in logging into the Portal after clearing your cookies, please let [Emily](#) know and she will investigate further.

National Centre for Computing Education Newsletter

The National Centre for Computing Education Newsletter is available [here](#).

New Pilot Programme from the Arts Council

Martha Toogood has sent us a link to the following article on the Arts Council website, regarding a pilot programme that is being launched, to build a network of schools that will test a range of innovative approaches to teaching for creativity:

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/news/introducing-our-new-creativity-collaboratives>

The Bell Foundation - Guidance for Teachers Supporting Afghan Refugees

Please find attached an email forwarded to us by Mary Prest from The Bell Foundation, which contains resources and guidance documents for schools who are welcoming refugees or asylum seekers as new pupils, particularly those from Afghanistan.