



NST Newsletter: Monday 29th November 2021

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- Autumn Term Network Meetings
- DSL Parts 1 & 2 Training in January
- Template Curriculum Documents (**2 documents attached**)
- Extra Work Available for TAs During the Holidays
- Flying High ECF Update for Mentors (**1 document attached**)
- 'The Red Tree' Theatre Production (**1 document attached**)
- STEM Learning Primary Science Newsletter
- Problems Accessing the NST Portal?

Autumn Term Network Meetings

The following autumn term Subject Leader Network meetings are yet to take place this term. Click on the links below to visit our Eventbrite page:

- [Inclusion Network – Wednesday 1st December, 3.30pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [Maths Network – Friday 3rd December, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [History network – Thursday 9th December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Science Network – Monday 13th December, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)

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

DSL Parts 1 & 2 Training in January

Two places are still available on each of the following DSL training sessions in January – click the hyperlinks below to book:

- [DSL Part 1: Wednesday 12th January, 9.00am to 3.30pm](#)
- [DSL Part 2: Thursday 20th January, 9.00am to 3.30pm](#)

Template Curriculum Documents

Emma Hollis (School Improvement Advisor) has shared with us two template curriculum documents which have been developed by colleagues in London, in case any NST schools would find them useful. Please find these documents attached.

Extra Work Available for TAs During the Holidays

Jen Hardy at the Local Authority has been in touch regarding some extra work that is available for TAs this Christmas, supporting the Holiday Activity Fund project. Do you have any TA's who might be interested? See the message below from Jen for further details:

Hello all,

This Christmas holidays we are once again working with Nottingham Forest Community Trust to deliver free school holiday activities and food at 7 locations around the city, from 20th – 23rd December. In order to make sure children with additional needs are fully supported during the sessions, we would like to recruit a pool of staff who can be an extra pair of hands on the day and we would be very grateful if you could pass this offer on to your school staff please.

If you are available on some or all of the days between 20th and 23rd December and you would like to earn some extra money supporting holiday club activities, please contact Graham Moran, CEO of Nottingham Forest Community Trust - graham.moran@nottinghamforest.co.uk – with your details. The rate of pay will be c. £30.00 an hour and staff will need an enhanced DBS.

We are looking to recruit a combination of staff who can be an extra pair of hands on the day, working with small groups of children as well as staff who already work with children with SEND specifically.

We delivered this programme in the summer and it was a truly rewarding experience. This Christmas we hope to bring the same level of joy to some of our most vulnerable families.

Jen

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Flying High ECF Update for Mentors

Please find attached a copy of the email that went out to ECF mentors from Flying High, which includes a link to the next ECF mentor drop in session.

'The Red Tree' Theatre Production

Martha Toogood has sent details to us about a production called The Red Tree by Red Earth Theatre Company, who have been producing storytelling theatre for children and families accessible of people who are deaf for years. Here are the details (please also see the attached flyer):

Red Earth Theatre and Arena Theatre present

The Red Tree by Shaun Tan A Live Streamed Theatre Production

A heart-warming story about feelings, hopes and dreams.

Suitable for KS2 pupils

The Red Tree

*A stand-out, online production by Red Earth Theatre, **The Red Tree** blends live music and song, puppets and dance.*

*Adapted from the book by award-winning writer Shaun Tan, **The Red Tree** is a journey of discovery for one girl. We follow her on a journey from sadness to happiness as she discovers the playfulness, laughter and joys of the world around her.*

The show is live-streamed into your school hall or classrooms. It will zing with Red Earth's trademark artistic quality. Our creative access (integrated sign language and songs, captioning and projections) means the story is more accessible to a broad range of children in your school.

The online experience will be made more immersive by having four cameras filming the show live. One of the cameras will be operated by a roving camera director and will follow the action throughout. We want the children to feel immersed in the action of the play. The cameras will allow us to film the live action from different angles and perspectives, zooming in and out to give the audience the feeling that they are in the performance space with the actors.

“A fabulous excursion into the boundless imagination and indomitable spirit of children”

A precious opportunity for schools to access the highest quality arts experience directly, with live-streamed performances in halls/classrooms, together with an online arts-based health and wellbeing activities pack.

Dates of Live Streamed Performances:

Tuesday 25 – Friday 28 January 2022

Cost: £200 per performance, per school – no limit to numbers of classes or pupils who can access the performance.

Please see attached pdf for more information.

STEM Learning Primary Science Newsletter

You can find the latest STEM Learning newsletter for Primary Science online here:
[Teaching ideas and strategies to inspire young people in STEM](#)

Problems Accessing the NST Portal?

If you have any difficulties accessing the NST Portal this is likely to be a cookie issue. Schools IT have advised us that 'clearing your cookies' should resolve the problem. Here are some instructions on how you can do this on Microsoft Edge or on Chrome (Internet Explorer is no longer being supported, so remember to use Edge or Chrome as your browser):

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

If clearing your cookies does not help and you are still unable to access the Portal please let [Emily](#) know and she will look into this for you.