



## **NST Newsletter: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- Reminder: Safeguarding Surgery Session for DSLs – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- Forging Ahead Programme for Senior Leaders – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Leading Primary Computing 2-Day Course – 1<sup>st</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (**1 document attached**)
- Free Computing Courses for Schools
- Teaching Mental Health & Wellbeing in the Curriculum Training (**1 document attached**)
- Refresher Training for School Administrators: Using AFT Files and the Common Pastoral Transfer Form
- Information from Schools IT: New MARF Report
- Place2Be Charity – Mental Wellbeing Services
- EAL: Providing Support for Local Schools Through NALDIC RIGs
- Mental Wellbeing Seminars
- Spring Term Subject Leader Network Meetings still to come

### **Reminder: Safeguarding Surgery Session for DSLs – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Our spring term Safeguarding Surgery session is taking place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 4.00pm to 5.30pm at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre.

These meetings are 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.

The focus of this session will be preparing for a safeguarding audit. There will be an opportunity to look at and discuss the safeguarding audit process including completing the NSPCC toolkit.

If you would like to come along please register via our Eventbrite page here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cluster-safeguarding-surgery-session-tickets-163352797615>

### **Forging Ahead Programme for Senior Leaders – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Session 2 of our Forging Ahead programme for Senior Leaders is taking place on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1.30pm to 4.00pm at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre.

Sally Manz will be covering the following aspects at this meeting:

- Effective feedback
- Effective implementation

- Challenging conversations

If you would like to join us for this meeting please register via Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/forging-ahead-nst-programme-for-senior-leaders-session-2-tickets-170275561789>

### **Leading Primary Computing 2-Day Course – 1<sup>st</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

STEM Learning are delivering a 2-day course at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre, aimed at helping new primary computing leaders to clarify their role and develop and implement a broad and balanced curriculum. Participants will learn how best to lead the improvement of computing teaching and learning, and to provide professional support and development to others.

This course will be delivered by John Jefferies (who has delivered CPD at our Subject leader network sessions previously), and John has suggested that those who aren't new to subject leadership would also find the training useful, as he can tailor the content of the session to suit participants.

The course costs £130, but schools would be able to claim back a bursary of £440.

If you would like to attend, we suggest you book early as places are limited.

View the attached flyer for further information, then visit the STEM learning website to book a place and check your availability for a bursary: [Leading primary computing - face to face | STEM](#)

### **Free Computing Courses for Schools**

John Jefferies (Subject Matter Expert from STEM Learning) has informed us of the following free courses that are taking place this month:

**Mixed Age Planning with Teach Computing Curriculum course.** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 4pm - 5.50pm. This remote online event will use the Teach Computing resources as a basis for the lesson plans. The session will provide you with suggestions on managing mixed age classes. There will be opportunities to adapt plans to suit the particular needs of your school.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/509039/mixed-age-planning-teach-computing-curriculum>

**iPads use across the curriculum.** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 4pm - 5.30pm. This remote online workshop will demonstrate the use of the iPad as an effective learning and teaching tool.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/509038/ipads-cross-curricular-use>

**Physical Computing in KS2 with Micro:bit.** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 4pm - 5.30pm. This face to face workshop at Blidworth primary will cover what Physical Computing is, key concepts in the KS2 programming strand, and how to teach these using the Micro:bit.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/509773/physical-computing-ks2-microbit>

**Online Safety through primary computing.** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 4pm - 5.30pm. This remote short course will support the needs of schools in ensuring that they keep children safe whilst teaching computing and using technology to access the full primary curriculum.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/508836/online-safety-through-primary-computing-short-course>

**Preparing for Ofsted.** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 4pm - 5.30pm. This remote short course will support subject leaders for what to expect from an Ofsted visit to your school and how you can prepare for it as a computing subject lead.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/509042/preparing-ofsted-primary-computing-short-course>

### **Teaching Mental Health & Wellbeing in the Curriculum Training** **(1 document attached)**

25 May (Secondary) 26 May (Primary) 3.45pm – 5.30pm.

It is important to make sure that pupils have regular opportunities to talk openly about mental health, and there are many ways that information about mental wellbeing can be integrated across the curriculum. By supporting pupils to better understand their own mental health and how to take care of it, schools can encourage more open discussions and help break down stigma. Within this free virtual twilight, we will look at teaching the RSHE statutory guidance, wider PSHE and beyond.

Please see the attached flyer for further information and booking details.

### **Refresher Training for School Administrators: Using AFT Files and the Common Pastoral Transfer Form**

Schools IT are running some online refresher training sessions on using AFT Files and the Common Pastoral Transfer Form. Visit their website here to book in:

<https://bookwhen.com/schoolsit#focus=ev-s7sz-20220315093000>

### **Information from Schools IT: New MARF Report**

Schools IT have created and rolled out a new MARF report.

It is named MARF - 2022, and can be found in **Report | Run Report |** under the student focus

If you need further assistance, please contact Sarah M, Sarah-Joe, Sharon S and Sue on 0115 9150900, or email [schoolsit@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsit@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

### **Place2Be Charity – Mental Wellbeing Services**

Place2Be have asked us to share with you details of their services:

- Our free online Mental Health Champions – Foundation programme for teachers and school staff. You can book here <https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/services-for-schools/mental-health-champions-foundation-programme/>
- Senior Leadership may also be interested in our quality assured Senior Mental Health Leads training programme (DfE grants available for eligible schools in England)

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/services-for-schools/place2be-s-senior-mental-health-leads-training-programme/>

- Parenting SMART – this is a free digital resource available for all parents [Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#) to help them with the journey of parenting. If you look at the website on your phone and then click the square button at the bottom with the arrow you can scroll down and select save to home screen so you can keep referring back to this brilliant resource (Year 7 & 8 parents).

Further information can be found online here <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

### **EAL: Providing Support for Local Schools Through NALDIC RIGs**

[NALDIC](#) (National Association for Language Development in the Curriculum) hosts a number of Regional Interest Groups around the country, and we run the East Midlands group.

We're both EAL specialists with extensive experience in local schools. Annie Kershaw is an advisor on Nottinghamshire's Achievement and Equality Team, and I'm Training Manager for The Bell Foundation. We were both fortunate enough to train as Advanced Practitioners in EAL through Nottingham City's IDEAL team, and with the reduction in services now available to schools, we're keen to offer support to practitioners and develop a local network of expertise. With multilingualism being the norm in the majority of classrooms (almost 20% of learners in England are identified as using EAL, and that number is higher in our area), it's important to ensure that teachers are confident in meeting the needs of those learners, especially those who are new arrivals to the UK, or are in the early stages of developing their English language proficiency.

The RIGs run termly and are currently online. We share recent research, national and local developments and discuss good practice. Recent themes have included supporting learners who are refugees. Our next meeting is on 24th March at 4.30, and the theme is EAL and SEND. You can sign up to the East Midlands RIG mailing list by filling out this form <https://forms.gle/M7QLpW5y6qdTURh19> - and then we will be in touch with the link to join the meeting.

### **Mental Wellbeing Seminars**

The Association of Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) has recently launched an initiative for teachers to provide information and resources that can make a real difference to understanding and supporting mental wellbeing.

In a pilot series known as 'Ask the Expert', three webinars focus on timely issues that link to RSHE curriculum. Click on the links below to watch the recordings:

- [Anxiety](#)
- [Sleep](#)
- [Screen time](#)

### **Spring Term Subject Leader Network Meetings**

The following Subject Leader Networks are available to book on Eventbrite:

- [Diversity Network \(Spring 2\)](#) – Tuesday 15th March, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- [Inclusion Network](#) – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- [Science Network](#) – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 4.00pm to 5.30pm.
- [Forest Schools & Outdoor Learning Network](#) – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Our **Early Years Network** meeting that was due to take place on 10<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed to the summer term, due to a delay in the release of the EYFS Profile Exemplification materials by the DfE.

This meeting will now take place on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 4.00pm to 5.30pm at Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre**. Book a place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/early-years-network-meeting-tickets-211097176337>