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NEWS UPDATE

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E-News from CEES

CEES' E-newsletter is available at www.cees.org.uk/news/newsletters



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FOR SCIENCE WEEK, March 2015:

PRIMARY SCIENCE CPD OPPORTUNITIES at Stibbington Centre

PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN SCIENCE at KS1 and 2: a workshop for the non-ecologist: led by CEES teacher and ecologist, Richard Green. Tuesday 10 March, 1.30 to 4.30

STORIES OUT OF SCIENCE: using science outdoors to inspire literacy at KS1 and 2: led by well-known, inspirational environmental educator, Gordon MacLellan, otherwise known as Creeping Toad. Weds 18 March, 9.30 to 3.30



PRIMARY SCIENCE WORKSHOPS IN SCHOOLS

These specialist sessions for KS1 and 2 classes are led by CEES teachers, with all equipment and materials supplied.

Key stage 1

Bagder's day out: Needs of living things

Marvellous mnibeasts: Collecting, observing, identifying

Key Stage 2

Power to the people: Investigating energy

Rock of ages: Investigating rocks and soils

Home, sweet home: Investigating habitats

Food, glorious food: Food chains & feeding relationships



WILDLIFE ON OUR DOORSTEP: an open event for all the family

at Stibbington Centre, Saturday 14 March, 10am to 4pm

Stibbington Centre's wildlife garden was created 30 years ago and since then it has been a source of inspirational learning and enjoyment for more than 100,000 children. The garden is currently having a make-over, thanks to funding from Heritage Lottery. On Saturday 14 March the gates will be open for visitors to explore the garden and enjoy pond dipping, bug hunting, bird watching, treasure hunts and more.

Environmental art activities will also be on offer, and there will be an opportunity to walk to the nearby Stibbington Lakes Nature Reserve too, to explore this beautiful wetland site. This learning opportunity is registered with the Children's University.



LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM A 24-hour course for NQTs and trainee teachers 5pm Friday 19 June to 5pm Saturday 20

NQTs and trainee teachers are invited to spend 24 hours at Stibbington Centre on a course designed to inspire confidence to take lessons outside the classroom into the school grounds and beyond. The programme will enhance experience, provide information and share ideas and techniques for learning outdoors across the curriculum. Bookings are now being taken at cees.stibbington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.



RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE

Bookings to July 16

Stibbington Centre's residential courses diary is now filling up for September 2015 to July 2016. Residential programmes are designed jointly by Centre teachers with school teachers to support classroom work. Schools interested in making a booking should contact the Centre as soon as possible.



CPD for PRIMARY GEOGRAPHY and HISTORY

with subject advisers, Helen Johnston and Andrew Wrenn

CEES' programme of training events and meetings designed to support geography and history in Primary Schools continues in the Spring Term with:

A rough guide to Physical Geography 1.30 - 4.30
Thursday 5 March at St Anne's Primary, Godmanchester

Teaching History at KS1 1.30 - 4.30
Thursday 12 March at Spinney Primary School
In addition to the above courses, twilight meetings:

Geography and History Network
It's not too late to subscribe to the Primary Geography and History Network to benefit from a termly newsletter, subject leader meetings and access to advice. Places at Network meetings are free of charge to schools that have signed up. The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 26 February at Hampton Hargate Primary School, Peterborough.

Geography & History

CPD courses and Subject Leader Network meetings

Details may be found on the Stop Press page at www.cees.org.uk and at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/learntogether.

NEW DAY COURSES for KS1 & 2

CEES has developed its range of Day Courses at Stibbington Centre, Burwell House, Wisbech Castle and Vine House Farm to complement the requirements of the new National Curriculum at key stages 1 and 2. Day Course themes include:



Science Exploring the environment; Rocks and soils; Energy and renewables; Habitats and food chains; Plants and minibeasts; Crime Scene Investigation.

Geography Map skills and location; Weather and climate; Exploring a locality; Rivers and water.

History Romans; Vikings; Victorians; WW1; WW2 Evacuation.

Art & design Eco Art & the environment;

English & maths outdoors.

Bookings are being taken to the end of the Summer Term.



BURWELL HOUSE
Open afternoon for teachers on Thursday 19 March 2.30pm - 6pm

On the afternoon of Thursday 19 March, teachers are invited to visit Burwell House to see the wide range of learning activities that are offered.

There will be opportunities to tour the house and its beautiful grounds, and to look at the activities that are available for residential visitors, as well as day course programmes which are led by CEES teachers. For further details visit www.burwellhouse.com

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