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NEWS UPDATE

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SUCCESS FOR FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT



Park Lane's year 5s are immersed in their river study!

Thanks to support from Fenland District Council through the Glassmoor Local Environment Fund, Year 5 and 6 classes from Park Lane Primary school were amongst the 23 classes to benefit from an environmental education project led by CEES teachers. The project offered schools in the Glassmoor wind farm area workshops in schools or site visits to CEES Centres on themes such as renewable energy, habitats, minibeasts, rocks and rivers. The sessions proved very popular, attracting feedback such as: *"It was a great starter to engage the children in our science topic. They thoroughly enjoyed it"* Alderman Jacobs Primary School *"Super to be able to use equipment that we do not have in school. Fits in really well with our electricity topic."* Ramsey Junior School



Course leader, Richard Green

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM for NQTs and PGCE

**5pm Friday
17 June to
5pm Saturday
18 June**

For details visit
[www.cees.org.uk/
news](http://www.cees.org.uk/news)

This short residential course aims to help new teachers to realise the potential of the environment outside the classroom as a rich educational resource, and to gain increased confidence for leading and managing learning experiences outdoors. The course will involve a wide range of practical learning activities in the environment and will also provide an opportunity to appreciate the value of learning in a residential setting.



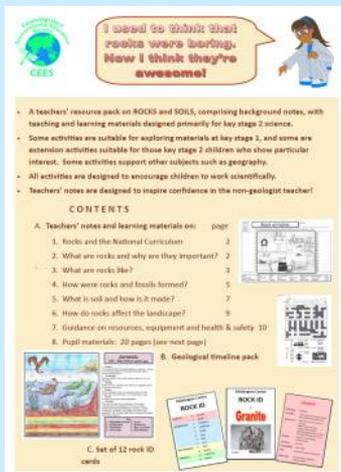
RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE FOR CONCENTRATED LEARNING

Total concentration on dissecting owl pellets during their recent residential experience at Stibbington meant that these year 3 children from Eyrescroft Primary School now have a very good understanding of food chains. Their visit to a nearby woodland also contributed to giving their study of habitats and food chains a learning experience with a highly memorable **WOW** factor. With its improved facilities and high quality learning programmes, Stibbington Centre's residential visit calendar for September 2016 to July 2017 is filling rapidly. For information on programme options including science, geography and history topics, visit www.cees.org.uk/stibbington_residential.htm or contact the Centre, see details above, for availability.

CEES Support for PRIMARY SCIENCE



Above, Science through Art course leader, Deb Laurie and a box lid bug. Right, teachers' resource pack on Rocks and Soils, including: teachers' notes, pupil materials, rock ID cards and a geological timeline.



With Ofsted reports regularly highlighting the need for improvement in subjects **other than** English and maths, CEES is now offering a broader range of support for science to complement its well established support for Geography and History in primary schools.

In response to feedback from Spring Term briefings, a Subject Leader Briefing focussing on assessment will be held at Stibbington Centre on Tuesday 3 May, led by CEES teachers, Nicky Ayscough and Richard Green, with guest speaker, Dr Craig Early, Assistant Head at Tower Road Academy, Lincolnshire.

Also during the Summer Term are two afternoon CPD courses: Plants & Animals for ks1 and 2 science on Tuesday 19 April and Science through Art in the environment on Thursday 7 July.

Science-themed workshops in schools and day courses at CEES Centres for Science Week and beyond are offered, with a limited number of dates remaining available to July at Stibbington Centre, Burwell House, Wisbech Castle and Coldam Wind Farm.

A new teachers' resource pack on rocks and soils has been produced by CEES and is available for sale. Details on this and all aspects of CEES support for science are available at www.cees.org.uk or by contacting the Centre.



Some of the participants in December's Re-purposed Paper class proudly display their handiwork.

WILLOW WEAVING, FELTING, PRINT MAKING AND UKELELES: Stibbington's Community Classes go from strength to strength

Following its first very successful term in Autumn 2015, Stibbington Centre's 2016 programme of Community Craft classes is well under way with just a few spaces remaining on the March and April workshops:

Print making on Saturday 12 March and Willow weaving on Sunday 17 April. For the Summer term an extended range of innovative options is currently being finalised. Details are on Facebook at the [Stibbington Community Classes page](#).



LOOKING FOR AN OVERNIGHT VENUE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT?

Stibbington's residential centre is available for private hire for groups of up to 40 at weekends and school holidays. So if you're planning a family gathering or special event during the coming year — we would be delighted to hear from you.

Visit www.groupaccommodation.com/properties/stibbington-centre-peterborough-cambridgeshire

CEES' Annual Conference, 2016: Raising standards Improving lives OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Annual Conference held on 29 January. With over 80 attendees, it was a very successful day with positive feedback from all delegates. Click the logos to find out more about our supporters.



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