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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

If you have received this newsletter in an email please forward to colleagues who may be interested. To add new addresses to our mailing please use our on-line enquiry form or email cees.



LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

a 2-day course for NQTs and trainees

at Stibbington Centre, on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 July

"I have really enjoyed this course - I have come away feeling confident taking children outside for all subjects."
Olinda Liddiard, NQT, 2013

The aim of this short residential course is 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 also provide an opportunity to appreciate the value of learning in a residential setting.

Further details are available at www.cees.org.uk/news/images/Eng_Maths_2014.pdf



KENSUKE'S KINGDOM

Literacy project at Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School

A grant award from the Ernest Cook Trust is enabling CEES to develop literacy sessions in the outdoors based on Michael Morpurgo's book Kensuke's Kingdom.

During the summer term Year 5 & 6 children from Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School will be trialling the activities, which range from sensory experiences to team building, with the aim of increasing attainment in literacy. Outcomes will be published later in the year and the programme will then be made available to other schools.



BRINGING ENGLISH and MATHS TO LIFE IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

ENGLISH:

Mon 28 April at Stibbington
Tues 20 May at Burwell

MATHEMATICS:

Mon 28 April at Burwell
Tues 13 May at Stibbington

"Great ideas for making maths more practical and relating learning to real life."

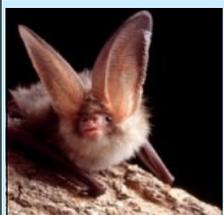
"Very useful activities for engaging boys with literacy."

CEES' professional development workshops for the Summer Term aim to inspire participants to use their school grounds to bring English and maths to life.

The emphasis will be on practical, "hands-on" learning activities to support the new National Curriculum in any school grounds.

Workshops will run from 1.30 to 4.30 pm.

Details at www.cees.org.uk/news/images/Eng_Maths_2014.pdf

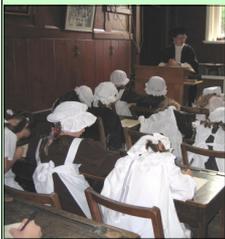


AN INTRODUCTION TO BATS

at Stibbington Centre on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 June

Did you know that almost a quarter of British mammal species are bats and that they are all endangered? Bats are known to roost in Stibbington Church, Stibbington Hall and under the A1 bridge at Wansford and several species have been heard over Stibbington Lakes Nature Reserve. For those who would like to find out more about these fascinating creatures CEES is offering a residential course for adults on 7th & 8th June (with an option for 6th June as well) . For more details [click here](#).

HISTORY AND THE NEW NATIONAL CURRICULUM AT KS1 AND 2



Romans, Vikings, Victorians and Evacuees

For the many teachers who recognise the value of studying Victorian times and World War II at key stage 2, the new National Curriculum for history was initially a cause for concern. On closer inspection, many have been pleased to find that both topics could be covered as part of “a local history study” or “a significant turning point in British history”.

The very popular Evacuation and Victorian role play days offered by CEES at Stibbington Centre and Wisbech Castle offer high quality enrichment for those topics, with the added bonus of providing a memorable stimulus and inspiration for quality writing.

In addition to its Evacuation and Victorian days, CEES now also offers “in-role” experiences for Romans and Vikings too. To find out more about these click on the links.



[Evacuation Day](#)
[Victorians\(KS1\)](#)
[Victorians\(KS2\)](#)
[Romans](#)
[Vikings](#)

ARTS AWARD DISCOVER AND EXPLORE



at Stibbington Centre and Burwell House

Six teachers and tutors from CEES and Burwell House recently completed training as assessors for Arts Award Discover and Explore.

Watch out for new developments coming soon for pupils wishing to undertake Arts Awards at Stibbington Centre or Burwell House. This will also be of benefit to schools working towards Arts Mark status.

RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE, 2014 — 15



“Facilities were welcoming and homely, the programme was well organised, varied and very well led. Excellent food and service - always smiling!”

Stibbington Centre’s BSG is one of a growing number of inspirational artworks waiting to greet visitors to the Residential Centre. The newly refurbished bedrooms have certainly scored a hit with children this term, and adults have appreciated the much improved facilities too. The comment on the left was made on her Evaluation form by a teacher who brought a class to the Centre for the first time in February.

Bookings are now being taken for residential courses next academic year. For more information visit www.cees.org.uk/stibbington_residential or contact the Centre.

WEATHER, CLIMATE and SEASONS — DAY COURSES OLD AND NEW



CEES is currently in the process of reviewing all its Day Courses and where appropriate revising them to support the new National Curriculum. For some subjects, brand new courses are being developed, for example **Weather and Seasons** for key stage 1 and **Weather and climate** for key stage 2 will support the geography curriculum. Details are at www.cees.org.uk/keystage1_courses or contact the Centre.

IPADS OUTDOORS



Tuesday 20 May at Stibbington Centre

Tuesday 10 June at Wisbech Castle

Thursday 3 July at Burwell House

In conjunction with The ICT Service, CEES is pleased to invite interested teachers to attend an Apple Road Show to view the possibilities of using Ipads in both the indoor and outdoor classroom. During this twilight session participants will be able to explore the way in which some of the standard functions of an Ipad can be used outdoors, as well as being introduced to a range of apps that can be used to support learning outside the classroom. Road Shows will run from 4 to 5.30pm. For more details and to reserve places contact courses@theictservice.org.uk

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