

THE EDUCATION **PEOPLE**

Newsletter

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Introduction

As we head towards the end of another somewhat different and challenging academic year, it is a good time for us all to reflect on the very many achievements and successes that have taken place over the past 12 months. Who would have known a year ago that we would have had an (almost) complete academic year on-site and a resumption of (almost) normal activity in schools, early years settings and elsewhere. If you could have predicted that then please pass on your lottery numbers for this weekend!

At The Education People we might not have returned back to the previous way of working in terms of office spaces, but there has most definitely been a resumption of visits to our colleagues in educational settings across the country. We were also delighted to once again stage The Education People Show in November 2021, and I would like to take this opportunity to direct you to the exciting information about our 2022 show later in this newsletter.

Over the past two years it has been necessary to deliver many of our services using a remote/virtual platform and this has enabled us to develop a range of online products that have proven to be very popular with education professionals across the country. In addition to our highly successful Primary School Improvement Training Package and Safeguarding Support Package for Schools, the following pages contain a number of exciting new E-learning packages that I am sure you will find interesting and useful for your staff.

On the theme of online content, we start this newsletter with some excellent advice, guidance and support from our Education Safeguarding Service ahead of the summer holidays. With the huge increase in online learning for children over the past two years, there has also been an increase in children socialising online and it is vital that this is managed and supported by parents, carers and schools. Please feel free to use the handy tips and links from the Education Safeguarding Team in your own newsletters, and also feel free to engage with our experts if you have any concerns about this area.

That's all for this term. I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays and look forward to more of your feedback on how we can further support you and your colleagues in the future.

Kind regards

James Roberts

James Roberts
CEO



Safeguarding: Online Safety

As the school holidays approach, many children may be looking forward to spending more free time socialising or playing with their friends online, so we feel that this is an appropriate time to highlight some simple online safety tips to help parents/carers engage with and support their children when they are online at home. Feel free to share this newsletter with your parents/carers.



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Safeguarding: Online Safety

Getting a Healthy Balance

Some young people can feel pressured to be 'available' online all the time, whilst parents may feel guilty about the amount of time their children spend looking at a screen, but you can help your child maintain a healthy balance between online and offline activities.

- Set boundaries online, the same way you do in the 'real world'. Don't try to ban social media or screen-time but consider nominating 'tech-free' areas or times, such as bedrooms or overnight; poor sleep habits can have a significant impact on children's mental wellbeing.
- Consider turning notifications off on some apps, to reduce the pressure to respond immediately. Help your child recognise the symptoms of online fatigue and develop coping strategies to enable them to 'walk away' when they feel like they've had enough.
- Make the most of parental controls on your home devices, particularly with younger children. See [Internet Matters](#) and [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) for more information.

Gaming Together

Whilst for many children and adults gaming can be a healthy and enjoyable activity, it is essential that parents discuss safe behaviour online and know what to do if things don't feel right.

- Talk with your child about the types of games they like to play online. Playing games together can often open opportunities to discuss safe behaviour online.
- Agree the expectations for safe behaviour and establish clear ground rules, such as spending limits (many games allow online purchases). Discuss what it means to be a good online friend and encourage children to behave online, the same way they would offline.
- Be mindful that many online games allow chat by video, voice and text which can increase children's risk of experiencing bullying, harassment and grooming. Show your child how to block and report people in their game and remind them that they can tell you if something happens that makes them feel scared, worried or uncomfortable.

For more advice about online gaming, see our [video](#) from the Education Safeguarding Service.



Likes and Shares

Some children love to create content and share online, but it can be difficult to monitor exactly what they're posting and who can see it. However, there are some simple steps to help minimise the risks.

- Make sure they understand how their privacy settings work; explore these together as you discuss what information is ok to share with friends online and what should be kept private.
- Be a good role-model; how often do you share photos or stories of your children on social media without their knowledge or permission? Be open with them and see whether there are things you should change about your online habits too.
- Have age-appropriate discussions around the consequences of sharing sexualised videos or 'nudes' online; be clear that it is never acceptable for someone to ask them for these and they should tell you straight away. For more support around sexual abuse and exploitation online, see [CEOP](#).

For more information on online safety please visit [our website](#).



Launch of Our New Outdoor Learning Website Hub

We believe that outdoor learning should be an integral part of every child's learning experience. We offer opportunities to deliver a vast number of outcomes across multiple outdoor learning elements including the natural environment, whilst ensuring the positive impact of outdoor learning is always at the heart of our service.

To support schools, youth and community groups, families and individuals to access information about our services more easily, we have recently launched new outdoor learning content on The Education People's website. You may have previously been accessing information about the Outdoor Learning Service via Adventure Kent. For up-to-date content, please [access our new outdoor learning content here](#).

As a school you can use this new website to find:

Information about our outdoor learning centres and services:

- [Bewl Water Outdoor Centre](#)
- [Horton Kirby Environmental Centre](#)
- [Kearsney Campsite](#)
- [Mountain Centre, North Wales](#)
- [Outdoor Learning Advisory Service](#)
- [Make Your Own History](#)
- [Kent Children's University](#)

Details for:

- [residential packages](#)
- [courses](#)
- [regular activity sessions](#)
- [activity days](#)
- [outreach](#)

The web pages also contain FAQs and up-to-date contact information for each site so we would recommend you bookmarking it so it is easy for you to access, as and when you need it.



Introducing...



Here at The Education People, we're constantly looking for new ways to support our customers and share our knowledge.

This term, the Primary School Improvement Team have launched [TEP Thoughts](#), a series of thought-provoking weekly blog posts sharing tips, knowledge and time saving ideas written by our very own in-house experts.

With years of experience as headteachers, senior leaders, subject leaders and improvement advisers, our School Improvement Team have a wealth of tips, stories and 'how to's' to share with you.

If you would like to receive notifications when new TEP Thoughts blog posts are published, please follow the instructions [here](#).



Susie Dent at
THE EDUCATION
PEOPLE
SHOW



The Education People Show is back for 2022 and the workshop line up is better than ever!

We're very excited to welcome Countdown's very own **Susie Dent**.

The celebrity lexicographer will share all sorts of oddities from the English language filling delegates with knowledge and inspiration to find out more to share with pupils, friends, and family.

Alongside Susie's keynote session, she will join Sir Linkalot to host a workshop focussing on the importance of exploring difficult words from early years right through to adulthood.

Also at our show, Kent Police will be joining our in-house expert, Rebecca Avery, delivering a workshop on cybercrime from both a policing

and safeguarding perspective. And of course, alongside thought-provoking workshops and motivational keynotes, the floor exhibition will be full, once again, with education suppliers to support your establishments across the board.

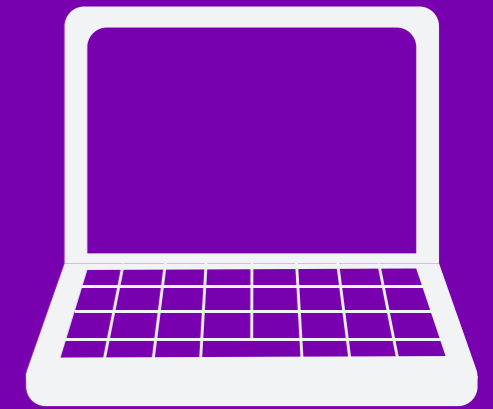
Join us on Thursday 10 November 2022 at Detling Showground, Kent for The Education People Show 2022.

Click here to
register your
FREE
place today

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E-learning

Our Primary School Improvement Team have developed two new online training packages. These comprehensive suites of E-learning are specifically for teaching assistants, early career teachers and those returning to teaching.



Teaching Assistant Training Package

As an integral part of a school's running, ensuring teaching assistants are successfully trained to support learning confidently and effectively is essential. These courses have been carefully designed to cover the broad range of skills required from, an introduction to basic pedagogy and behaviour management strategies to more focussed learning in specific curriculum areas (such as building the subject knowledge required to teach phonics well or to support learners in mathematics).

Additionally, there are several modules to raise awareness when supporting pupils with specific needs (such as pupils with English as an Additional Language) and explore effective intervention approaches.

This suite of E-learning courses would be suitable for both teaching assistants at the start of their career but also those wishing to consolidate learning and gain additional skills.

Here is some feedback from schools who have already completed the modules:

“

Some brilliant concepts that I hadn't even thought about. I hadn't thought about questioning as a game as such, but totally see how our children would view that. I also loved the 'finishing is not the goal, learning is'.

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Class Teacher, John Wesley School

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A great mix of information and questions to test understanding. It was an easy to follow format and visually pleasing too. The timed section kept me on my toes!

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Sussex Road Primary School

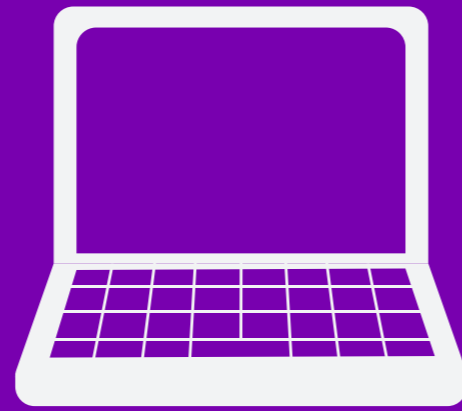
“

It was very interesting. It broke down the terminology very well and accurately which made it very understandable from the off.

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Fleetdown Primary School

For more information on the Teaching Assistant Training Package including pricing and further learning opportunities, please visit [our website](#).



Early Careers Teachers and Return to Teaching Package

Both teachers at an early stage of their career and those returning after a career break will find these eight carefully chosen E-learning modules useful. Based on the latest, evidence-based practice, they concentrate on the **key areas of teaching which have the greatest impact on pupil outcomes.**

This package includes courses designed to build knowledge and confidence in establishing a positive culture and classroom climate, modules designed to support effective classroom formative assessment as well as more curriculum-focussed courses, for example refreshing the knowledge, terminology and skills to support the teaching of phonics throughout the school.

Teachers have found the courses both very informative and highly practical:

“

Really useful to explain how manipulatives can support deeper learning.

”

School Leader,
Westmeads Primary

“

Informative and has made me remember how to ensure inclusivity and deeper thought in questioning.

”

Class Teacher,
Elmhurst Junior School

For more information on the Early Career Teachers and Return to Teaching Training package including pricing and further learning opportunities, please visit [our website](#).



Update from Kent Children's University and Kent Libraries, Registration and Archives

The Reading Agency's [Summer Reading Challenge](#) is funded by Arts Council England and delivered in partnership with public libraries.

The Challenge encourages children aged between four and eleven years old to enjoy reading for pleasure during the summer holiday. As well as providing fun and encouragement for children, the benefits of the Challenge include helping to prevent the 'dip' in reading during the summer holiday, whilst building confidence and increasing skills.

Kent Children's University has been working with the Kent Libraries, Registration and Archives team for the last 10 years to ensure that Children's University members can earn Learning Credits for participating in the Summer Reading Challenge. Members of Children's University can earn one Learning Credit per book they read (maximum of six) plus one Learning Credit for every additional-associated activity they participate in at their local library. This would see Children's University learners earning up to 10 Credits for engaging with reading through the Summer Reading Challenge.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is **Gadgeteers** and has been created in partnership with the Science Museum Group. The Challenge has been illustrated by Julian Beresford; a top children's writer and illustrator. Gadgeteers has been designed to spark children's curiosity and enthusiasm for the world around them; with activities and resources available to inspire children to see the science and innovation behind the objects we use every day. One of the aims is to show that science and reading are for everyone.

When a child participates in the Challenge, they receive a free pack from their local library or via the Summer Reading Challenge website. Children will then be able to link with six fictional Gadgeteers. These Gadgeteers use their curiosity and wonder to make sense of the science behind a whole host of interests from technology to music and cooking to fashion. There are also additional resources to inspire children to read online, via the official Challenge website.

The Summer Reading Challenge will launch in libraries on Saturday 9 July 2022.

Schools are encouraged to look out for the information being sent to them by the Kent Libraries, Registration and Archives service during Term 6 and share it with children, parents/carers and staff.

For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge please visit: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/about-the-challenge>



Change of Our Telephone Numbers

Here at The Education People our telephone numbers changed in March 2022. If you would like to get in touch with us please use the numbers below.

Finance and Billing | 03301 651 444

CPD Online | 03301 651 000

Early Career Teachers Induction Team | 03301 651 300

Early Years and Childcare | 03301 651 111

Emporium | 03301 651 160

Governor Services | 03301 651 100

Outdoor Learning Central | 03301 651 333

Bowl Water Centre | 03301 651 050

Horton Kirby Environmental Centre | 03301 651 070

Swattenden Centre | 03301 651 060

Outdoor Learning Advisory Service | 03301 651 040

Kent Mountain Centre | 03301 651 080

Kent Children's University | 03301 651 180

Kent Choices | 03301 651 120

Secondary School Improvement | 03301 651 090

NEET Support Services | 03301 651 230

Education Safeguarding | 03301 651 200

Online Safety | 03301 651 500

Education Safeguarding Team Principal Officer | 03301 651 200

Education Area Safeguarding Adviser - North Kent | 03301 651 240

Education Area Safeguarding Adviser - East Kent | 03301 651 140

Education Area Safeguarding Adviser - South Kent | 03301 651 340

Education Area Safeguarding Adviser - West Kent | 03301 651 440

Schools Financial Services | 03301 651 001

If you experience any problems, you can contact us using the forms under the [contact us page](#) on this website, or by calling 0345 604 1699 where the central team can direct your call to the right service. Head over to our [services page](#) for more information on what each service offers.

News In Brief



Discounted CLEAPSS Membership

Did you know we offer CLEAPSS (Consortium of Local Education Authorities for the Provision of Science Services) membership at a discounted price? Save up to 10p per pupil! Take a look at what is included in the [CLEAPSS membership](#).

Please contact our dedicated team at cleapss@theeducationpeople.org for a tailored quote.

We also offer Radio Protection Audits for our Kent schools: [Click here to find out more](#)

CPD Leaders Training Updates

Have a look at our latest primary and secondary [CDP Leaders Training Updates](#). These regular updates give you details about our conferences, TEP Talks, E-learning, webinars, training packages and our Event Catalogue which lists our many training courses.

For information on our extensive offer please [visit our website](#).

Clerking Service Recruitment

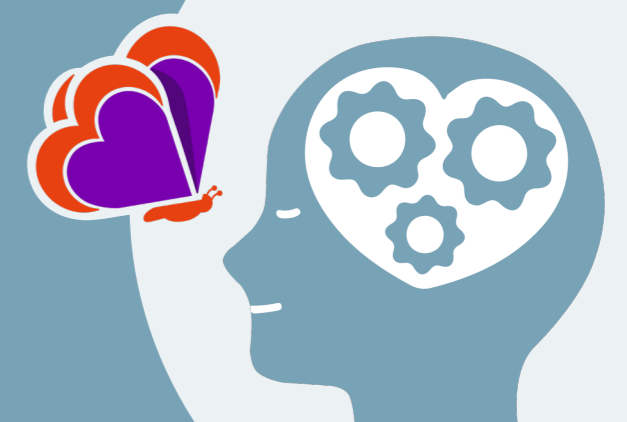
We are looking for individuals with great organisational skills and proven administrative experience to join our Clerking Service as a governance professional. Benefits include a competitive salary, mentoring, mileage allowance and paid training. Contact us for more information at clerkingservice@theeducationpeople.org or call us on 03301 651 062.

Wellbeing Training Package for Primary Schools

Launching in September 2022

All the training and resources you require to support your students, staff and parents' wellbeing needs on an annual basis.

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