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Dear Reader

The first half of the spring-term seems to have flown by. I hope that all those working in schools have a good break during the forthcoming half-term holiday. I know that Peterborough schools continue to do great things to ensure that pupils are well cared for and receive the best possible quality of education. This is evident from my own visits to schools, feedback from my team and some recent Ofsted Inspections. We are keen to include news items from schools who have successes to share. Please see the details of how to submit a news item at the end of this newsletter. We'd love to hear from you!

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Evaluations from our CPD events continue to be overwhelmingly positive and I am pleased to know that teachers find the events they attend to be helpful and of high-quality. Please do check our programme of events in the link below. There are still some spaces available on our session with Marc Rowland on the Effective Use of the Pupil Premium on the 7th March at West Homes Stadium from 4:00 PM to 5:45 PM. We expect this to be a useful event for school leaders.

Nick Beech, Head of School Improvement.

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/1c0dcc8c22.html>

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Young people can vote for two new Youth MPs

Peterborough's 11 to 18-year-olds are going to the polls to vote for two new Youth MPs.

From 22 February-29 February, young people who live, work or study in Peterborough can vote for two of nine candidates at school polling stations.

Community polling stations are also at Peterborough Cathedral, Peterborough Town Hall, Bharat Hindu Samaj Temple and the Husaini Islamic Centre for students who can't vote at a school. Winners will be announced at Peterborough Town Hall on 13 March.

Please encourage your young people to vote. If your school is not a polling station students can use community polling stations. Find out more [UK Youth Parliament Peterborough - Peterborough City Council](#)

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Children's Health: A Platform for Families

Cambs and Peterborough children's health



Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust is introducing www.cambspborochildrenshealth.nhs.uk - a new NHS resource for parents/carers. Designed with local families, 0-19 Healthy Child Programme and NHS children's services.

Providing easy access to children and young people's health advice, it supports the needs of our diverse families, offering information, support and links to local information.

It combines all previous online offers on the Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust website.

To find out more about the launch campaign and access template materials visit the [professionals blog post](#).

This is just the launch, there are lots of opportunities to collaborate. Please use the [collaboration form](#) to get in touch.

Legacy of the atomic bomb recognition for atomic test survivors

Operation Grapple

Operation Grapple was a series of four British Nuclear weapons tests carried out in 1957 and 1958 at Malden Island and Kiritimati Island in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands (Kiribati). More than five hundred New Zealanders, who were serving with the Royal New Zealand Navy, were witnesses to nine nuclear explosions known as Operation Grapple.

Peterborough City Council will be marking Operation Grapple on the 3rd October with the Town Hall being lit up that evening. This was the date of the first ever British Atomic test which was Operation Hurricane in the Montebello Islands.

LABRATS represents nuclear veterans, atomic veterans, scientists, civilians, and their families across the world who have been affected by the Atomic / Nuclear Testing program. We are one big family, connected together with one common bond. Our Education, Recognition and Awareness program is a new era for the community.

Please take a look at our websites below for more information about our work and how our free

resources might help to support schools who may cover the history of nuclear testing as part of their curriculum.

<https://www.labrats.international/>

<https://www.labratsacademy.online/>

Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship with QTS - The Cambridge Partnership

Do you currently have a TA/HLTA suitable to train to teach via the Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship route?

Often the main barrier to training is a financial one, where candidates cannot afford to support themselves whilst they train.

Unlike traditional salaried routes, where the school has to pay the tuition fees and a salary, the PGTA tuition fees are funded via the Apprenticeship levy, meaning the only cost to the school is employing them as an unqualified teacher (minimum UQT1) for the duration of the apprenticeship. This makes it an affordable route for both the apprentice and the school.

Many schools are now benefitting from this route, enabling them to 'grow their own teachers' to address the current recruitment crisis in teaching.

To find out more visit the TCP website <https://campartnership.org/which-route/> or email info@campartnership.org Tel: 01223 491630

Evidence Bites #4 : How children and young people learn

Evidence Bites #4



[How children and young people learn: using what we know about cognitive science to inform practice across the key stages, with Emma Turner](#)

[Wednesday 13th March 5 - 7 pm](#)

Target Audience: All primary and secondary teachers, HoDs, SLT, middle & subject leaders, governors

Venue: Neale-Wade Academy, Wimblington Road, March, PE15 9PX

The East Cambs & Fenland Evidence Network invite you to join us for Evidence Bites #4 - an informal, professionally energising event to meet colleagues, enjoy a bite to eat and hear an inspiring speaker!

£16 a ticket or use the code MULTI for discount on extra tickets.

For more information, please contact: blayfield@robertarkenstall.co.uk

Sibling Toolkit launched by Tom's Trust

Tom's Trust - the UK's **only** charity dedicated to providing mental health support to children with brain tumours and their families to improve their quality of life and wellbeing is launching its Sibling Toolkit.

Childhood cancer affects many families in the UK, with **1,800 children newly diagnosed every year**. Despite this, there is often a lack of support available for the brothers and sisters of the children diagnosed. This toolkit aims to empower adults in those sibling's lives – such as teachers, TA's, school counsellors, and Heads of Year, to be ready to support them effectively and confidently. The toolkit was developed by Tom's Trust clinical psychologists who specialise in working with children with brain tumours but is available to use for siblings of children with all cancers. You can download the free sibling toolkit here: [Tom's Trust Sibling Toolkit](#). Tom's Trust is a Cambridge-based charity which provides mental health support and practical help to children and young people with brain tumours, as well as their families - we currently work across East Anglia, the North East and the North West but have ambitions to be UK wide by 2030.

Join PECT Junior Foresters this Spring/Summer

Junior foresters around fire pit



Free Junior Foresters Award courses for year 6 students!

This summer term PECT are offering a limited number of schools the opportunity to get their year 6 students ready for the transition to secondary school.

The course has been specifically designed to support those students who are struggling with transition from primary to secondary and need that additional support in areas such as – teamwork, confidence, communication, problem solving and self-awareness. This fully outdoor 6-week course takes learners on a journey using the natural environment to develop skills and understanding through the RFS accredited Junior Foresters course, as well as learning about themselves.

Here's what one of our previous schools had to say about Junior Foresters –

“As a school, we were blown away when we found out that our children had been selected to take part. The award enabled our children to learn about the outdoors as well as finding out how to take care of the environment. The activities supported our children to develop a wide range of skills including teamwork and communication. They also grew in confidence and independence. It was brilliant listening to the children talk with enthusiasm about all of their forest experiences. They took pride in their forest journals and have been teaching and influencing others following their experiences.”

If your school is interested in taking part, please email education@pect.org.uk. A member of the education team will contact you to discuss the details of delivery and content.

Schools who are not successful will be added to a waiting list, and will be contacted when further places/funding becomes available.

Family Fun for a Purpose: Mission Mud

ARHC mission mud



Gather your friends and family for a day of laughter, camaraderie, and unforgettable moments.

Mission Mud isn't just about conquering obstacles; it's about creating lasting memories while supporting adults in Cambridgeshire who are living with advanced serious illnesses or other life-limiting conditions.

Whether you're a seasoned mud runner or a first timer, this event is designed for everyone. Join us at The Playground Waterbeach on March 23 to turn mud into a mission of help and hope for the families supported by Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

Sign up via [Mission Mud - Arthur Rank Hospice Charity](#) or call 01223 675888

Swimming Pool Carers and Qualifications

Schools are reminded that they should not operate their pool unless the plant is serviceable and is operated by a qualified and trained, nominated Pool Carer. All staff managing school pools, the operation and upkeep of water treatment plant, chemicals, equipment and water hygiene chemicals **must** be trained on the LA approved course of instruction covering the full scope of their duties.

All Pool managers must obtain the CCC or equivalent Small Pool Operator's Certificate and **must** re-validate this training every 3 years by attending an update seminar.

Full details of the CC Swimming Pool Guidance are available at [Swimming and Water Safety](#) and upcoming courses are available at [Physical Education courses](#).

For further information please contact Ian Roberts ian.roberts@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Mental Health and Relationships Programme - Event 5 - Network and Good Practice Sharing

As part of a fully funded, year-long Mental Health and Relationships Programme, we would like to invite primary schools in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to attend Networking and Good Practice sharing session focusing on one or both of the main resources provided. These sessions are for colleagues who are leading the programme or delivering the Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Pack or the Promotion Healthy Friendship Pack.

The networking sessions will be held online:

| Focus | Date | Time |
|--|----------|----------------|
| Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Pack | 12 March | 3.45 - 4.45 pm |
| Promoting Healthy Friendships Pack | 13 March | 3.45 - 4.45 pm |

Sign up for these events and access resources using [this form](#)

For more information contact [PSHE Service](#) or access our [course brochure](#)

Education Leadership Team and School Improvement Team Structure Chart and Contact Details

The link below contains the current structure chart for the Education Leadership Team and School Improvement Team along with contact details. Please note that this is an updated version.

[Education Leadership Team and School Improvement Team Structure Chart and Contact details](#)

Training / Events

[Writing Moderation for Year groups with no Statutory Assessment of Writing Year 1](#)

For all Year 1 class teachers, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Assessment Leaders - Wednesday 28th February 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 14:00 -16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[Developing Teachers' Knowledge of Grammar: the Importance of Talking about Writing](#)

For all KS2 & KS3 Teachers, ECTS and also Key Stage 2 Leaders, also useful for TAs with some basic knowledge but needing to develop further – Tuesday 5th March 2024 – Virtual via Zoom – 13:15 – 16:00 - £79 per person - LA maintained schools / £89 per person – academies.

[Writing Moderation for Year groups with no Statutory Assessment of Writing Year 3/4](#)

For all Year 3 and Year 4 class teachers, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Assessment Leaders -

Wednesday 6th March 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 14:00 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[Making Effective Use of Pupil Premium with Marc Rowland \(Cross Phase\)](#)

For all Headteachers, Deputy Headteachers, Pupil Premium Leaders, Link Governors for the Pupil Premium and any other person interested in improving educational outcomes for the disadvantaged. The session is relevant to Nursery, Primary and Special Schools – Thursday 7th March 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 16:00 - 17:30 - £20 for one delegate and £15 for each additional delegate from the same school - LA maintained schools. £25 for one delegate and £20 for each additional delegate from the same school – academies.

[EYFS Phase Leader Meetings - Spring Term](#)

For all Early Years Foundation Stage Leaders and Senior Leaders/Head Teachers in Schools - Tuesday 12th March 2024 - The Fleet Community Centre - 13:30 - 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

[Hello Big School](#)

This session is aimed at School SENCOs, Reception class teachers in Peterborough.

The session will offer ideas to support successful SEND transitions into your school from an Early Years setting.

Tuesday 19th March 2024; 3.30 – 4.30pm

On Microsoft Teams. FREE.

[Exploring Gender](#)

27th February 2024, 2pm-3.30pm. Online. £40 subscribing schools, £50 for non-subscribing schools.

Audience: Teachers in primary, special and secondary schools.

[Safe Practice in PE](#)

27th February 2024, 1.30pm-3.30pm. Online. £49

Audience: Any teacher, coach or assistance in primary, special and secondary phase.

[Practical Approaches to Teaching PSHE](#)

19th March 2024, 9.30am-12.30pm. Armstrong House, Huntingdon. £70 for subscribing schools, £80 for non-subscribing schools.

Audience: ECT's, or primary teachers looking for practical ways of teaching PSHE & Citizenship.

[Peterborough Primary Headteachers' Days](#)

For Primary School Headteachers in the Peterborough area:

Dates - 14th March 2024 and 6th June 2024

Location - Allia Future Business Centre, Peterborough United, Football Club, London Road, Peterborough, PE2 8AN

Cost - £100 to attend 1 PPH Day on the 14th of March only or pay £170 to attend 2 PPH Days on March 14th and June 6th (that's £85 per day if you book both remaining days).

Each place includes:

- refreshments and lunch
- keynote speakers
- relevant updates
- the option to let another staff member take your place for the afternoon session

Please click the heading to book your place.

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