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# Peterborough Schools Newsletter

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## Dear Reader

### Publication of ILACS Ofsted Report

The report following Ofsted's Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services which took place in November and December last year has now been published. Please see the link below which outlines the Council's response to the report and its findings.

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/news/improving-childrens->

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John Gregg has requested that school leaders across phases who are interested in representing their age phase in Peterborough's Improvement Board to please contact him. The Board will benefit from school involvement. John's email address is [John.Gregg@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:John.Gregg@peterborough.gov.uk).

Chris Baird, Interim Director of Education

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#### Evidence Bites #4



An informal networking opportunity with guest speaker Emma Turner - an experienced former Senior Leader and Head Teacher with wide Curriculum, Leadership and Cognitive Science expertise. Held on Wednesday 13 March, 5 - 7 pm, Neale-Wade Academy, March. Find out more here: [Evidence Bites #4 flyer.](#)

#### **Growing Towers now available to reserve for Summer Term!**

Having been fully booked out for the last 2 years, we are excited to inform schools that PECT's Growing Towers are now available to reserve for summer term and beyond!

Many students have already enjoyed growing their own food in their school, including lettuce, basil and rocket, using our hydroponic growing towers. It is a great opportunity to not only take part in growing but also to introduce new and innovative ways of food production to your DT and science curriculums. These towers come with everything you need to get started, as well as access to supporting resources and lesson plans. And the best part of it is that they are totally free, but they are limited as we only have 4 available!

To make a request to host a growing tower at your school, simply click the link and enter your details - [Growing Towers - Projects - PECT](#). Here you will also be able to find out more about what a hydroponic growing tower is and view some testimonies from previous schools. Applications are processed on a first come first served basis. So, once you have completed the application you will be contacted by a member of the education team to arrange delivery once a tower is available for you.

Please register your interest to [education@pect.org.uk](mailto:education@pect.org.uk) inbox - we look forward to hearing from you!

#### **CYP Community Asthma Team: Introducing the Asthma Friendly Schools Programme**

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asthma friendly schools

This is an exciting programme that is new to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area.

The Asthma Friendly Schools programme enables a clear framework between Schools, Public Health and Primary/Secondary Healthcare to ensure children and young people living with Asthma have safe and effective management across settings.

It is hoped that many schools will want to partner to improve care for children and young people and ultimately save lives. The programme has run successfully over several years in London, helping to reduce the unnecessary and distressing hospital admissions as well as reduce school absences.

For more information or if you would like to start your schools Asthma Friendly School journey, then click on the link below. The team looks forward to hearing from you!

[Asthma Friendly Schools](#)

### **CYP Community Asthma Team events for parents/carers and school staff**

Exciting events coming up for parents/carers. Could you kindly promote these in your newsletters for parents.

[Asthma Focus Group information](#)

We are looking to deliver an interactive focus group for the use of spacer devices and are looking for young people and parent/carers to participate. For more information, click on the above link.

Join us for an informative free online event where we'll discuss everything you need to know about managing your child's asthma. Don't miss out on this invaluable opportunity to learn and connect with other parents/carers facing similar challenges. This will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. Sign up now!

[Asthma and your child - Breathe Easy Together Tickets, Mon 4 Mar 2024 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### **FREE Training for school staff:**

[CYP Asthma Training Tier 1](#)

For **all** school staff. This is a free online training endorsed by NHS England. Tier 1 is for all staff and Tier 2 would provide staff with a deeper knowledge and understanding. This training will help towards Asthma Friendly School accreditation.

**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](#)

## Trans/Gender Questioning Children Guidance

The government's draft guidance on [Gender Questioning Children](#) was published on 19<sup>th</sup> December and is open for consultation until 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The aim of this document is to provide guidance and practical support for schools and colleges, including supporting children who are questioning their gender, protecting children from bullying or abuse and maintaining child safety and wellbeing. The PSHE Service are running an [online course on Exploring Gender](#) on the 27<sup>th</sup> February, which will cover awareness raising, whole school approaches to challenging stereotypes and supporting trans children. Aspects of the draft Gender Questioning Guidance will be explored.

## Empowering Schools for Environmental Action: Local Charity PECT Introduces New Climate Education Platform

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Introducing our new Climate Education platform, assisting schools with an interactive action plan (in line with the Department of Education requirements), a bank of resources and lesson plans, and current news and funding opportunities. Aligned with the global Sustainable Development Goals, schools can choose topics from Zero Waste, Carbon Reduction, Natural Environment, Travel, and Food Sustainability to work on as a whole school approach. Memberships begin at £149 annually per school site, with a special £99 offer for 2023/24. Join us at [www.climateeducation.co.uk](http://www.climateeducation.co.uk) to start your school's journey to sustainability today.

## Measles Outbreak - Important Guidance for Headteachers and Parents and Guardians

The UKHSA has declared the outbreak of measles in the West Midlands a national incident. Whilst this has not yet reached Peterborough, we need to be prepared in case it does affect our city. Measles is highly infectious and those who are unvaccinated are at a high level of risk of catching the disease. Please find below a letter for Headteachers with more details, including links to information we encourage you to share with parents / guardians and guidance regarding the actions to take if a parent reports that a pupil has measles. There is a separate letter for parents / guardians and we would be extremely grateful if you could share this via your usual communications with them.

Chris Baird, Interim Director of Education and Joyti Atri, Executive Director of Public Health PCC and CCC.

[Letter to Headteachers](#)

[Letter to Parents / Guardians](#)

## Specialist Qualification for Primary PE Subject Leaders

The recent Ofsted Physical Education '[Levelling the Playing Field](#)' document identified the need for greater rigour in the leadership of Primary School PE.

For over a decade now, Cambridgeshire's PE Advisory Service has delivered the Level 6 Primary PE Subject leadership award. This professionally recognised qualification helps develop a deeper understanding of teachers' role as a physical education (PE) leader, and enhances the ability to design, lead and evaluate a targeted strategy for primary school PE. This qualification has been identified as best practice by DfE, and is regarded as a good use of the PE Premium funding. Details can be found on our [AfPE/Sports Leaders Primary PE Subject Leaders Award page on Learn Together](#). Contact [Ian Roberts](#) for more details.

## Grafham Water Centre wins Adventures Away from Home Funding

archery at Grafham



The funding, courtesy of UK Youth, is enabling disadvantaged young people aged between 11 and 18 to visit the centre for either a day visit or 2-night residential. This means the centre can open up to schools, colleges and youth groups who never get this opportunity.

The centre has been overwhelmed with the response and they have already filled their places quota; however, they still welcome any interested groups to make an enquiry as this may help

inform future requirements for funding.

This is a great start to 2024 for Grafham Water Centre who very much wish to welcome you to visit this year with new improved activity sessions, new equipment and new staff full of energy!

If this sounds of interest please contact [grafham.water@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:grafham.water@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## NSPCC Kids Safety Net Online Workshops for Parents/Carers

Kids safety net



This is just to make all schools aware that the remaining parent/carer online safety workshops delivered by the NSPCC are taking place on the 5<sup>th</sup> February and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

These 45 minute workshops are FREE and can be accessed by Zoom and are designed to help parents/carers to:

- Understand how children and young people access the online world
- Explore a range of resources and tools that can be used to help keep children and young people safe online
- Have informed, constructive and positive conversations about online safety

If there are any opportunities to promote these workshops or to share the details via the School's Parent Hub or social media, this would be most appreciated.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 6pm to 7pm.**

[Kids Safety Net Workshop Tickets, Mon, Feb 5, 2024, at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 6pm to 7pm**

[Kids Safety Net Workshop Tickets, Wed, Mar 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Further details about the Kids Safety Net Campaign across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can be found here: [NSPCC Kids Safety Net Campaign 2024 - Healthy Schools \(healthyschoolscp.org.uk\)](https://healthyschoolscp.org.uk)

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## Invitation to join the ARU Initial Teacher Training Partnership

Anglia Ruskin University is excited to launch a brand new [BEd \(Hons\) Primary Education with QTS](#) in September 2024, and we are looking for primary schools to join our Partnership and help develop ambitious future teachers for the region. This is a unique opportunity to work with a university ranked seventh for Education in the Guardian League Tables and recently named [University of the Year 2023](#).

There are a number of ways in which schools and individuals can engage with us, including hosting a trainee on placement, guest lecturing and contributing to the student interview process. Please visit our [partnership webpage](#) for further information and to express your interest.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch via [traintoteach@aru.ac.uk](mailto:traintoteach@aru.ac.uk)

Dr Rachel Minett | Lead for Initial Teacher Training | [Rachel.minett@aru.ac.uk](mailto:Rachel.minett@aru.ac.uk)

## TSH Appropriate Body Panel

Are you a dedicated and experienced Senior Leader with a passion for shaping the future of education? The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Teaching School Appropriate Body (AB) Service is seeking individuals to join our panel as representatives of Peterborough schools within the Early Years, Primary, Secondary, and Special sectors.

The Panel meets 4 times a year (three online and one in person) with the purpose of overseeing the quality assurance of induction processes in schools with registered Early Career Teachers (ECTs).

Specifically, the AB panel will help to:

- Ensure that monitoring, support, assessment, and guidance procedures in place are fair and appropriate.
- Moderate samples of ECT progress reports and formal assessments.
- Make decisions about reductions or extensions to the ECT induction period.

To express your interest or learn more about this opportunity, you can contact us at [AB@cptshn.co.uk](mailto:AB@cptshn.co.uk) or call 01223 491639.

Helen Thatcher, CPTSH AB Lead



## Training / Events

### [Literacy Subject Leader Meeting - Spring Term](#)

For all Literacy/English Subject Leaders and/or Senior Leaders – Thursday 8th February 2024 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 – 16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

### [Maths Subject Leader Meeting - Spring Term](#)

For all Maths Subject Leaders and/or Senior Leaders – Tuesday 13th February 2024 - The Fleet Community Centre - 13:30 – 16:30 - £79 per person - LA maintained schools / £89 per person – academies.

### [Leading end of KS2 Writing in-school or cross-school moderation](#)

For all Phase Leaders, subject leaders or those leading KS2 writing moderation in or between schools – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:15 - 16:15 - £79 per person - LA maintained schools / £89 per person – academies.

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

For all Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 class teachers, ECTs, Subject Leaders and Assessment Leaders – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 14:00 -16:00 - £79 per person per session - LA maintained schools / £89 per person per session – academies.

### [Leading end of KS1 In school or cross school moderation in Reading, Writing and Maths](#)

For all Phase Leaders, subject leaders or those leading moderation in or between schools who are continuing to assess at the end of KS1 – **Session 1** – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 09:30 - 15:30 **Session 2** - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Weston Homes Stadium (PUFC) - 13:30 – 16:00 - £199 per person for both sessions - LA maintained schools / £219 per person for both sessions – 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.

### [Fuel Poverty Frontline Worker Training](#)

For frontline staff providing support to others. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 12:00-13:00. Online Webinar. Free.

### [England Table Tennis – Teachers' Award](#)

28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 1.30pm-4.30pm. St Neots Table Tennis Club, £85

Audience: This award is relevant to both primary and secondary school settings.

### [Assessment of Primary Computing](#)

For Computing Subject Leaders, Assessment Leads Friday 9 February 10:00 – 16:00 Peterborough Free

### [Leading Primary Computing – Module 1](#)

For Computing Subject Leaders Friday 16 February 10:00 – 16:00 Huntingdon Free

[Teaching Programming Using Scratch and ScratchJr](#)

For Teachers of Computing (KS1 and 2) Wednesday 14 February 09:30 – 15:30 Remote Free (other dates are available)

[Collaborative network meeting for PSHE and Computing Leads](#)

For Primary PSHE and Computing Leads to collaborate on crossover curriculum content.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024, 2.30-4.30pm at Cambs FA, Histon, OR Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30-4.30pm at Hunts FA, Huntingdon. Free for Cambridgeshire PSHE Service subscribing schools, £45 for non-subscribing schools, based on 2 attendees per school.

[Practical Approaches to Teaching PSHE](#)

19<sup>th</sup> 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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