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Pathways

Meet and Magpie Event

On Wednesday 17th January at Oakfield Primary School, the Island Teaching Alliance held its first Meet and Magpie, which was a success thanks to six courageous teachers from the Isle of Wight who put themselves forward (or were *put* forward) to share practice and helpful hints for others to magpie. First up was Graham Andre, who opened the Meet and Magpie talking about gender neutral schools, explaining the use of a self-evaluation template and the latest research currently being explored nationally. Next up, came Lisa Needs from Medina House, who did a whistle stop tour of the outreach provision offered by Medina House. Karen Ainley, from Gurnard Primary, talked about 'in the moment planning' in EYFS and how this has transformed their practice and outcomes for their children. Dave Cooper has been researching the link between Maths and Music and shared a link for Maths challenges through music. Lynn Torrence then gave some helpful non-negotiables from children with SEN in the mainstream classroom and the evening was concluded with our key note speaker, Mike Fleetham, who talked through his Challenge 10 Toolkit and how to get children thinking critically. Please see the box below for a few of the links from the presentations.

The Meet and Magpie took place at Oakfield Primary School and we were very lucky to have a tour of their new premises and the exciting opportunities it will offer. Our thanks to Laura and her team who were great hosts, providing tea and coffee and lots of cake. Our next Meet and Magpie will be held at Medina House on Monday 26th March 2018 after the school's open afternoon. The focus of the Meet and Magpie will be supporting SEN children in mainstream settings. Please do come along.



"A great event sharing information and ideas and offering networking opportunities."

"Thank you to all speakers. Great tips on how to get children to make choices and

<http://www.thirteen.org/get-the-math/the-challenges/math-in-music/introduction/20/>
<https://padlet.com/grahamandre07/gnresources>
<http://www.thinkingclassroom.co.uk>

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Meet and Magpie

Our first share with over 65 Island teachers.

Key Dates

8th March 2018

26th March 2018

23rd May 2018

29th June 2018

4th July 2018

7th November 2018

Sub-Group Updates *Read*

about the current developments and exciting upcoming events.

Open Schools - *Sharing practice across the Island for the Island.*

Medina House

St Georges

St Blasius

NEW NQT Programme 2018-18

Full details of what's on offer.

"Ask not what your Island can do for you, but what you can do for your Island."

Inclusion and Behaviour Conference

8th March 2018

Keynote Speaker:

Paul Dix

Paul Dix is a speaker, author and notorious teacher wrangler in huge demand. As a teacher, leader and teacher trainer Paul has been working with the most difficult behaviour in the most challenging schools, referral units and colleges for the last 25 years. Paul co-hosts the Pivotal Podcast providing free training to over 100,000 teachers worldwide every week.



Leadership Conference

29th June 2018

Inspiring Island Leaders

Keynote Speaker:

Damian Hughes

Professor Damian Hughes is an international speaker and best selling author who combines his practical and academic background within sport, organisational development and change psychology, to help organisations and teams to create a high performing culture.

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The Forest Learning Alliance.



Early Years Conference

7th November 2018

Keynote Speaker:

Alistair Bryce-Clegg

Alistair was head teacher of a very successful three-form entry infant school and Early Years Unit for 10 years. Alongside his headship he worked an EYFS consultant working with a diverse range of settings to help them to enhance their EYFS practice. In 2009 Alistair left headship and went into full time consultancy. He is now the proud owner of ABC Does.





What we can you do for you...

The Island Teaching Alliance would like to know what you would like from us. We currently have a live Survey Monkey for all teachers to complete. It is a quick survey as we know how busy you all are. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TD638LL>



The Island Teaching Alliance will be working alongside Portsmouth Teaching School Alliance in 2018-19 to develop an exciting, bespoke NQT Programme and offer Appropriate Body services. We will be fully accredited to provide service to Isle of Wight Schools as the Appropriate Body for the NQT year. Benefits of this will include:

- Free** mentor training and providing ongoing advice and guidance on the NQT Induction Year for the mentor.
- Registering NQTs with the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL).
- Supporting schools in the successful completion of the induction period for NQTs, including two visits during the year to your school and personalised support when needed.
- Providing an NQT handbook.
- Making you aware of changes to regulations.
- Supporting you with concerns over NQTs.
- Taking responsibility for receiving and registering assessment forms and quality assuring these against the Teacher's Standards.
- Both Island and mainland based events, including three conferences, a range of twilights, school visits and networking opportunities.
- Training Programme and Appropriate Body Cost for 2018-19 is £650 per NQT.

To register your interest email:
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Open Schools and Meet and magpie

We have a series of specialist Meet and Magpie events planned for the coming months. On 26th March, Medina House is opening up its doors for the afternoon, which will be followed by an Autism course. On 23rd May, St Georges will open its doors followed by a Meet and Magpie with an SEN focus. On 4th July, Broadlea are the hosts for an Early Years Meet and Magpie with a range of table top presentations, not to be missed. A Leadership Meet and Magpie is being planned for the Autumn Term. Look out for detailed information via email. If you would like to present at any of these events, please contact on admin@islandteachingalliance.co.uk

Sub Group Updates

Inclusion and Behaviour Group

Alex Augustus - Medina House



The Inclusion and Behaviour group consists of several schools who are always looking for new members. As a collective we are looking to, 'promote best practice and CPD opportunities to improve inclusivity and outcomes for pupils with SEND across the Island.' In our opening gambit to achieve this bold statement we have organised the Inclusion and Behaviour Conference which will feature some of the Island's leading practitioners and concludes with Paul Dix as the key note speaker. We have also organised a number of subsequent events that include twilight and open days at our schools which aim to offer CPD opportunities for practitioners on the Island that wish to learn more about this field of education. Over the coming months we will look to extend this offer by using outstanding practitioners to offer in school support across the Island with the aim of improving opportunities for all children; raising their achievement and being able to access outstanding education.

Leadership Group - Kay Wood - Summerfields



The Leadership Group are responsible for planning and organising Meet and Magpies, School to School Support, Leadership conferences, NQTs and any other training and development that comes our way. We do hope to have more volunteers for our next Meet and Magpie now you know that it is not too nerve wracking. We are waiting for responses to what you feel your training needs are before we confirm the focus. We are very pleased to give further information on the Leadership Conference on 29th June 2018 with Damian Hughes. This is a conference to come and listen to some inspirational speakers and have time to catch up with colleagues – we promise there will not be a mention of SATs, performance tables or even the National Curriculum – now who can resist that! Spaces are going quickly so make sure you book your place via admin@islandteachingalliance.co.uk

Early Years Group

Vanessa Hicks - Gurnard



The Early Years Group is thriving. We have a strong representation from twelve schools and pre-schools across the Island with a range of experience in Early Years. We have organised an Early Years conference with Alistair Bryce Clegg for November 2018 and we have been overwhelmed by the response with spaces nearly full! If you have not booked your place, please email

Headteacher@gurnardprimarieschool.co.uk as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out. We are also holding an Early Years Meet and Magpie at Broadlea Primary School on 4th July from 4-6pm. This is free to attend and will include table top presentations on transition, maths mastery in EYFS, Songs of Sounds Phonics and Identiplay to name but a few. Please do come along and bring your Early Years team with you.