



Newsletter September 2024

Welcome back for a fun filled Autumn term.

Firstly, we are delighted that the Department of Education (DfE) has announced that the Stronger Practice Hub (SPH) Programme has been extended until the end of March 2025. This will give us more time to support everyone in working in the Early Years Sector in Kent, East Sussex, West Sussex, The Isle of Wight, Medway, Surrey, Brighton and Hove.

SENCO Virtual Network Meeting

If you are a SENCO and would like to talk to other SENCO's about this important role, please join us.

17 September 7pm

NEW - Childminder WhatsApp Network

If you are a childminder and would like to share information on best practice with other childminders like you, please **email us.**

Monthly Prize Draw

If you work in an area of deprivation and haven't yet attended one of our webinars or watched one of our recorded webinars, please contact us to sign up to our mailing list and ask to be entered into our Prize Draw to win a goody bag of resources..

Webinars

All our online webinars are provided free to everyone working in the early years sector in Kent, East Sussex, West Sussex, The Isle of Wight, Medway, Surrey, Brighton and Hove.

‘What’s in the store?’ Webinar

If you would like to find out more about evidence informed practice and what research has shown has the biggest impact on young children’s learning, then join us for this bitesize webinar exploring The Evidence Store produced by Education Endowment Foundation (EEF).

19 September 7pm

Two Communication and Language webinars

These webinars were so successful that we are repeating them. They are presented by the Evelina Team from Guys and St Thomas’s Speech and Language Team and will focus on supporting practitioners in their day-to-day practice by thinking about their ‘Enabling Environments and In-Tune Interactions’ and each will be presented twice. They are perfect for staff development/CPD.

Enabling Environments

24 September at 4pm

26 September at 7pm

In Tune Interactions

14 October at 7pm

16 October at 4pm

Wellbeing Virtual Webinar

During this webinar Nicky will discuss what we mean by wellbeing and what does it look like? We all have different levels of wellbeing depending on the type of person we are and our personal circumstances. She will look at what you can put into place to support the wellbeing of your staff team.

1 October at 7pm

How to Improve Outdoor Learning in Your Own Settings

A series of four bitesize virtual webinars giving you lots of different ideas and suggestions to improve your own practice. These are delivered by our hub partner Gem who has recently completed the Natural Thinkers Accreditation. It would be best to attend all four webinars as they are a series. These webinars are being held on:

11 September at 7pm (now closed)

24 September at 7pm

08 October at 7pm

22 October at 7pm

NEW – Online Webinar ‘Time to Get Active’

An opportunity to find out more about supporting children’s physical development with inspirational speaker Helen Battelley and information from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) Evidence Store

Helen is an internationally renowned consultant, trainer, author and speaker in Physical activity/movement in Early Education with an MA in Early Childhood Studies (Physical Activity and Movement). Her training style is energetic, passionate and highly motivational. Helen is respected globally for her valued contribution to raising the profile of early years physical activity and reducing sedentary behaviours.

3 October at 7pm

Recording of Early Years Heroes Presentation

We are pleased to be able to share a limited number of recordings of a presentation from Ben Kingston Hughes, which he delivered at our ‘Shine a Light’ event in the Spring. The presentation is called Early Years Heroes and provides an uplifting look at staff wellbeing and how proud practitioners should be of their roles in supporting children’s development. We only have a limited number of licenses for this presentation, and they will be shared on a first come first served basis. We will ask you to limit the number of times you use the link to two. Once for managers to view it themselves and once to share it with the team. This will enable it to be more widely shared. Please contact your local authority to request a link, or settings in Kent please **contact us**.

Natural Thinkers Programme

We have been informed that there is another opportunity for 20 more settings to take part in this FREE face to face training, the aim of which is to support in connecting children to nature. Wednesday 18 September is provisionally booked, venue is near Faversham, Kent. If you are interested to reserve a place, please **email us** and we will pass your details onto the venue.

Early Years Online Child Development Training

This training course will give you a thorough understanding of the most important aspects of child development in the early years, including the Reception year.

Follow the link

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