

Your news round-up – 12th February 2018

Safeguarding and Welfare Newsletter January 2018 – the latest newsletter, including lots of important information and updates can be [viewed here](#)

EYE Funding Rate Consultation - the Schools Forum agreed back in early 2017 that the current rate for Early Years Entitlement for 3-4 year olds would only be set for one year (2017-2018). We are therefore holding a consultation to allow providers to vote for their preferred option of funding rate and deprivation supplement to be introduced in April 2018, preferably for the next two years. The consultation is open until **23rd February**
<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/consultations/early-years-entitlement-eye-3-and-4-year-old-funding-rate-consultation>

Keynsham Childminding Group held Keynsham's Children's Centre on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 9.30 to 11.30am would welcome new faces. We are keen to keep this valuable group going but need to attract more numbers in order to make it financially viable. The cost for each session is £3.00 if paid termly through The Hub, and £3.50 if paid per session. We use the well-resourced playroom at the Children's Centre and you have opportunities for networking, playing, and support from a Childminding Co-ordinator. Please come and join us!

SENCO Network Meeting - the second BATH SENCo Network meeting is being held on Thursday 8th March 4.15 to 5.30pm at Larkhall Reformed Church, Avondale Buildings, Bath BA1 6NO. All Bath based setting SENCos are welcome to come and must email sendit@bathnes.gov.uk to let us know that they are coming. This is NOT a training event but a chance to network and support each other through discussions. It will be facilitated by Melanie Da Costa Area SENCo

Visit a Reception Classroom in Action! - would you, or a member of your staff team like the opportunity to visit a Reception class in Action?

This visit, on **Tuesday 27th February at 8.45 - 11.30am** will be guided by experienced reception teacher and Lead Early years Practitioner Nikki Macbeth from Batheaston Primary school.

The morning's focus will be on the application of literacy/maths skills within linked provision activities. It is an ideal opportunity for teachers/TAs/ Senior Managers new to teaching in Reception, or for experienced staff wishing to reflect on and refresh their own practice. For more information please visit [The Hub](#) Please contact Donna Biddlecombe on 01225 394426 or donna_biddlecombe@bathnes.gov.uk to book your slot

Balance Bikes Workshop - Somerset's very own balance bike company, [Kiddimoto](#), has been inspired by little ones and practitioners like you to provide an educational, active, fun resource designed using our award-winning bikes and the EYFS framework. [Balance Buddies](#) is where balance bikes meet the EYFS. Contact: 01749 871175 for your free demo, info@balance-buddies.com *please note that there is no obligation to buy anything if you attend one of these workshops.

SENDIT Newsletter – the latest January edition of the SENDIT newsletter is available to read on The Hub
<http://thehub.bathnes.gov.uk/Article/53820>

Still wanting to be involved in Higher Level CPD? Are you looking for a flexible MA level programme with various routes for busy education professionals? [Follow the link to find out more...](#)

Schools Spring Outside Learning Challenge - It is well known that learning outside is FUN, CHALLENGING and STIMULATING for children and adults alike. It is also an excellent way to get your children ACTIVE. For more information about signing up to this challenge please [follow the link...](#)

What's on? Upcoming Training Courses

Safer Recruitment - this one-day workshop on **Monday 5th March, 9.00am – 4.30pm at Keynsham Community Centre** considers all aspects of safeguarding through recruitment. The course gives recruiters the essential information and understanding they need to recruit safely and thereby help protect children from harm. It is suitable for all in the wider children's workforce who are involved in staff selection. Please see The Hub for more details and to book a place <http://thehub.bathnes.gov.uk/Event/44011>

Quest Introduction Session - are you looking for a flexible and accessible approach to self-evaluation? This one hour session on **Tuesday 27th February, 4.30 – 5.30pm at Keynsham Civic Centre**, which includes your copy of Quest, is an opportunity to see how Quest works, look through it and ask any questions. To book a place please contact Donna Biddlecombe on 01225 394426 or donna_biddlecombe@bathnes.gov.uk

Annual Diary of Training Events

We have now produced a useful full diary of training events for 2017-18 which can be found [here](#)
This should help to give you an annual overview of the CPD Programme. You can also view any training that we offer on the public page of the Hub <http://thehub.bathnes.gov.uk/Training> - you will however need to login to your account to book training.

What's On in Children Centres – the latest timetables are available on our [website](#)

Don't forget to make use of our two in-house resources: [1BD Bathnes](#) and [Rainbow Resource](#). Both contain a wealth of useful information for children, young people, families, carers and professionals; Rainbow Resource is specifically for families with a child/young person with SEND. Both sites have packed events calendars with activities, baby/toddler groups and much more. Parents/carers of a child or young person with a special educational need and/or disability can apply for a free card which then entitles them to discounted admission or concession and the card can be used at many attractions and venues across the South West. More information can be found at <https://www.rainbowresource.org.uk/pages/home/rainbow-resource-scheme>

In addition to the popular Family Information Online [Facebook](#) page there is an Instagram account - https://www.instagram.com/youth_info_banes/. If you work with young people, please share this with them.

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Training

<http://thehub.bathnes.gov.uk>

Documents

[Safeguarding and Welfare Audits for group-based settings and childminders](#)

Resources

[Quest](#)[Toddler Quality Toolkit](#)[Baby Quality Toolkit](#)

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