



Eastbourne Hub for Early Excellence

September 2021-22

Despite another pandemic riddled year, Eastbourne Hub for Early Excellence had another busy successful year. All sessions remained remote throughout 2020-21 but this not deter our amazing early years practitioners. Attendance was incredible, with over 100 delegates attending Neil Farmer training.

We would like to thank you for your continuing support and your dedication to quality early years provision.

Safeguarding was incredibly well attended with news and updates shared. Further free safeguarding sessions are planned for this academic year, with the first taking place on 14th October 4-5pm. These sessions will now be led Giovanna Simpson.

We wish Lynn Grinsell all the best in her retirement and thank her for all the support she has offered the hub over the last 4 years.

Transition

395 Colour Monster books and resources were given to all Early years settings supporting a consistent approach to transition across the Eastbourne and Seaford area. If you did not receive your copy of the Colour Monster or the supporting materials, please contact your local Hub.

We hope to return to face to face transition events later this academic year. We all agree this time is invaluable providing a strong understanding of the needs of new cohorts of children.

Neil Farmer led six inspirational sessions across a range of early years topics last academic year including the New Early Years Reforms. These sessions were recorded and shared across the East Sussex region ensuring consistency of practice as we move into the new curriculum.

EYFS Math Mastery

Debbie Streatfield hosted 2 incredibly informative math sessions, again well attended.

We will be offering further math training this year including an exciting opportunity to work with Andrew Jeffrey and Karen Wilding as well as access free online resources- [Karen Wilding Education | Inspirational Primary Maths Training](#)

Elizabeth Jarman shared an incredible amount of communication friendly development ideas with 40 delegates! Feedback was incredibly positive with many settings sharing hugely positive impact in their setting.

Makaton– Remote training

Again we hosted Makaton training sessions. Attendees fully enjoyed these sessions and providing very positive feedback . If you would like to participate in Makaton training please contact Rachel at Polegate coursebookings@polegate.e-sussex.sch.uk

CPD offer 2021-22

We are incredibly excited to be able to continue to offer a wealth of CPD and networking opportunities again this year. Please see a timetable of planned events at the end of this newsletter.

Talk for Writing

This year we will host a series of 5 Talk for Writing sessions, led by Jane Ralph. These sessions will be open to all early years practitioners-

Developing storytelling and story invention

Taking the story (and language) into experiential play

Developing oral comprehension using fiction and non-fiction

Imitation and Innovation in EYFS

Moving into the writing

Early Excellence

We are delighted to offer an exciting free training opportunity across the Early Years sector including senior leadership

Early Excellence will be offering

Full day Face to Face training – 3 sessions across the academic year (Term 2, Term 4, Term 6)

Morning: For School Leaders and EYFS Leads Heads and EYFS Leads briefing
Session focused on updates of government strategy policy, news of policy developments, key messages from Ofsted, practice and key improvement issues.

Afternoon: EYFS Teachers and Leaders

Session to focus on key development issues that underpin quality practice with expert training, advice and support to inspire practice – Theme to be agreed by Hub

Twilight: Wider Early Years Teams

Session 1 to focus on key development issues that underpin quality practice with expert training, advice and support to inspire practice.

Dates for sessions will be shared as soon as we have them.

EYFS Maths

The first few years of a child's life are especially important for mathematics development. Research shows that early mathematical knowledge predicts later reading ability and general education and social progress⁽ⁱ⁾. Conversely, children who start behind in mathematics tend to stay behind throughout their whole educational journey⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾. (NCETM)

Please follow the links below for a wealth of math resources and articles.

<https://nrich.maths.org/early-years>

The Erikson Institute in USA has an early mathematics collaboration website and includes some Big Ideas in mathematics:

<http://earlymath.erikson.edu/big-ideas/page/3/>

The STEM website includes many links to mathematical materials for the early years

https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/search?=Search&resource_query=Early+Year+mathematics

The National Numeracy Family Maths Toolkit is full of ideas and free activities for children and families:

<http://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/advice-for-families>

Find out more about the NDNA Maths Champions Programme (which includes online audit tools, online training, resource bank with over 700 resources including over 350 activity ideas to support maths through play with materials already in your setting) here:

https://www.ndna.org.uk/NDNA/Training/Champions_projects/Maths/maths_champions.aspx

This material from New Zealand is intended to support practitioners to use opportunities that arise in everyday interactions with children to foster the development of mathematical thinking:

<http://nzmaths.co.nz/supporting-rich-mathematical-interactions-ec>

The Children's Mathematics Network has many examples of children's mathematical mark making and also the taxonomy of children's mathematical graphics

<http://www.childrens-mathematics.net>

Pupil Premium

Last year our term 3 hub meetings focused on pupil premium provision and best practice. 10 settings participated in the project sharing their findings as a group. All reported hugely successful projects impacting positively on their pupils academically and socially.

Ideas included-

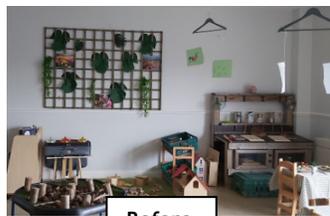
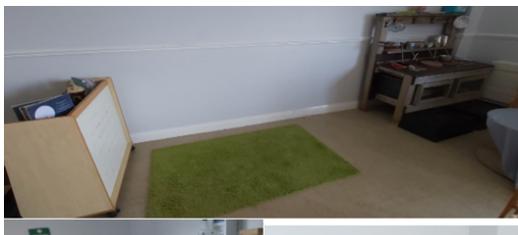
- Music bug sessions
- Drumming sessions
- Family days' out
- Scrap books and cameras
- All About Me photograph book
- Transient art materials
- Development of 2-year-old provision
- Little kicker session



And-

Chickens and rabbits!

Thank you so much to all settings that participated in this project. We will be sharing the EYPP projects this year during a Hub network meeting.



Before

After

Network meetings and moderation

As always we will be hosting a series of networking and moderation sessions throughout the academic year. These sessions are invaluable and maintain consistency across the Eastbourne and EYFS settings. We will endeavor to have a focus for each session, provide time to network discussing best practice as well as opportunities to moderate together. Dates are advertised below.

The first session- 12th October is an introductory online session where we will be sharing all the exciting EYFS opportunities and CPD planned for this year. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions.

Please follow this link to join the introductory session-

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

It would be lovely to host these events around our community and see all the wonderful settings. If you would like to host a session please let us know.

CPD Offer

	Date	Time	Venue	Price
Andrew Jeffrey Maths Magic	14 th October		Seaford Primary	£10
Safeguarding	14 th October	4-5	Polegate School	Free session
Talk for Writing	17 th November, 31 st January 29 th March 4 th May 9 th June	3.30- 4.30	Remote	£30 for all 5 sessions
Early Excellence	6 th December 17 th March 26 th May	TBC	TBC	Free
Write Dance	24 th February	4-5.30	Remote	£10
Early Years Dance with Zara Breeze	4 th November	3.30-5.30	Polegate School	Free session
Early Number with Karen Wilding	9 th November		Remote	Free
Geography and History in the Early Years with David Weatherly	24 th March 2022		Remote	£10
Network Meetings				
Online meeting- Overview of the year	12 th October	4-4.30	Online	Free
Networking and moderation	2 nd December	4-5.30	Polegate School	Free
Networking and a session with Nevada Smith	Date TBC	4-5.30	Venue TBC	Free
Networking focus to be agreed	19 th May	4-5.30	Venue TBC	Free

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