

Timetabling for Second Level Schools

This workshop will cover principles of timetabling, managing subjects and short courses at Junior Cycle and subject options, addressing the 'Effectiveness of Leadership for Learning' in WSE and an effective planning timetable.

Date: Monday 5th February 2018
Time: 7.00 - 9.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Leo Hogan

Suitable for Post Primary Teachers.

Mental Health Awareness Initiative (MHAI) for Post Primary Teachers

This workshop offers Post Primary teachers an opportunity to learn how to promote and support mental health and wellbeing within the classroom whether they are a Business, Science or Mathematics teacher. This workshop aims to increase your knowledge and awareness of how teachers can play an active part in supporting and promoting mental health and wellbeing in school and why teacher self-care is fundamental to support students mental health and wellbeing.

Date: Tuesday 6th February 2018
Time: 5.00 - 7.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Brigid Hennessy

Suitable for all Post Primary School Staff.

Internet Safety

This course, taking place during Internet Safety Week, will allow you to explore what is meant by being a digital citizen. It will provide an understanding of the importance of managing yourself in an online world. The course will examine safe, reliable and suitable sources of information online for teachers and look at ways in which we can encourage students to be responsible online. Privacy issues, cyber bullying, online etiquette and digital footprints will be explored.

Date: Tuesday 6th February 2018
Time: 7.00 - 9.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Maureen O' Donnell

Suitable for Primary and Post Primary Teachers.

Supporting Students with Dyslexia

This workshop will help teachers fully understand the concept of Dyslexia and how to recognise the signs of Dyslexia and their impact on the students in school. This course will examine how to respond to the challenges of Dyslexia and highlight examples of how to differentiate for students with Dyslexia. It will also examine classroom strategies to support teaching and learning of students with Dyslexia which will work within the mainstream classroom and with support teachers.

Date: Wednesday 7th February 2018
Time: 7.00 - 9.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Annette Ormond

Suitable for Primary Classroom Teachers and Special Education Teachers.

Aistear Workshop 1: An Introduction to Aistear

This workshop will introduce the content of *Aistear*, the handbook and the toolkit and will highlight the relevance of the *Aistear* methodology in implementing the new Primary Language Curriculum. It will also focus on a Pedagogy of Play, that is, playful approaches throughout the day in addition to the hour of play, and will look at the teacher's role in play and how a teacher may start implementing the *Guidelines for Good Practice*.

Date: Monday 19th February 2018
Time: 4.30 - 6.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Joan Carroll and Louise Jordan

Suitable for Primary Teachers.

No Pen Day

Put down your pen and pick up your oral language. Imagine a full day of teaching without using pens? Get ideas and resources on how to conduct a day solely focused on improving oral language in your school. This course is designed to be practical and evidence based.

Date: Wednesday 21st February 2018
Time: 7.00 - 9.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Annmarie Bergin

Suitable for Primary and Post Primary Teachers.

Save the Date!

Mindfulness/Meditation Drop-In Sessions for Primary and Post Primary Teachers, every Thursday from 7.00 - 8.30p.m.

SEAI Workshop for Schools on Monitoring and Reporting Energy Use, Tuesday 20th February 2018, 10 - 12p.m. Booking via the Monitoring and Reporting Helpdesk by phone 01-8082012 or email mandr@seai.ie or

So You Want to Read a Story? Improving the Skills of Reading Aloud and Changing Storytime Forever with Neil Griffiths, Workshops for Parents, Tuesday 27th February 2018, Loughboy Library 10.30a.m. - 12p.m. **or** Fr. McGrath Resource Centre, 1.30 - 3.00p.m.

Primary Team Teaching for Literacy, PDST Advisor: Michelle Phelan and **Running Records**, PDST Advisor: Ellen Quaid, two-hour seminars, Dates to be advised

Changing Dynamics - Working as a Leadership Team, Wednesdays 11th **and** 18th April 2018, 5.00 - 7.00p.m.

Primary CLIL: Integrating PE agus Gaeilge, PDST Advisors: Patricia O' Dea and Máirtín Ó Riordáin, Monday 16th April **and** Thursday 17th May 2018, 4.00 - 6.00p.m.

Primary Language Curriculum and Oral Language

This workshop series offers practical insights into the methodologies, strategies and approaches teachers can use in supporting students to achieve the Oral Language Learning outcomes of the Primary Language Curriculum. **Workshop 1** will explore how to deliver the Oral Language Learning outcomes of the Primary Language Curriculum through the lens of Spoken Text Types. **Workshop 2** will look at how teachers can use *Aistear* and playful learning approaches to achieve the Oral Language outcomes of the Curriculum.

Date: Tuesdays 27th February **and** 6th March 2018
Time: 4.00 - 6.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Céire Devey, PDST Advisor

Suitable for Primary Teachers.

Infant Teacher Resource Group

This group meets informally once a month, and over a cup of tea or coffee teachers share resources, ideas, websites and methodologies. On occasion, speakers on areas of common interest or identified need are invited to facilitate. This is a very valuable resource and support network for Infant teachers as the exchange of ideas and tips provide a wealth of practical resources and knowledge which can be used in classrooms.

Date: Monday 5th March **and** Wednesday 11th April 2018
Time: 2.45 - 3.45p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Margaret Maxwell

Suitable for Primary Teachers.

ICT for Primary School Leaders: An Interactive Workshop

This workshop will answer any questions about ICT in Primary schools. Participants can submit questions in advance to Simon by emailing simon@carloweducatetogether.ie The idea of the workshop is that not only will participants get answers to their questions, but leaders will also learn about the issues happening in other schools in their area. Simon will also provide tips from his own practice as to how he has saved time through technology. By the end of the workshop, leaders will be equipped with new ideas about how technology can help.

Date: Monday 5th March 2018
Time: 3.30 - 5.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Simon Lewis, Principal

Suitable for Primary Principals.

iPads in the Classroom

This course will allow participants to further explore the use of tablet/PCs, iPads in this instance, especially in the creation of multimedia teaching and learning content, including stories. Participants will also explore how tablets can be used as a teaching and learning tool, as well as the potential to collaborate in learning. This course also covers the range of accessibility functions available to facilitate inclusion of all students in classroom activity.

We have recently purchased a class set of iPads which can be loaned out to schools. Those attending can express interest and be placed on a rota.

Date: Monday 5th March 2018
Time: 7.00 - 9.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Shane Egan

Suitable for Primary Teachers.

Speech, Language and Communication Seminar for Teachers

Speech, language and communication skills are essential for the development of a child's learning and their social and emotional wellbeing. **Session one** will focus on general speech, language and communication issues that may present in Primary School classrooms. Teachers will be supported to identify possible indicators of concern and referral pathways will be explored. **Session two** will focus on vocabulary. This will include the importance of vocabulary learning and issues that children with language difficulties may have when learning new vocabulary.

Dates: Tuesdays 6th March **and** 10th April 2018
Time: 3.00 - 5.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Maeve Cleary, Speech and Language Therapist

Suitable for Primary Teachers and Special Education Teachers.

Managing Aggressive and Violent Behaviour in Primary Schools

This legal seminar will deal with many controversial school issues such as; what is the Law that relates to aggressive and violent behaviour and what do the Courts say about suspension and expulsion, Physical interventions - what can school staff do?, what not to do during aggressive or violent incidents and the importance of recording, reporting and reviewing incidents.

Date: Wednesdays 7th **and** 14th March 2018
Time: 7.00 - 9.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Mark Dermody, Cara Training Consultancy

Suitable for Primary Principals and Teachers. Board of Management (BOM) members are also invited to attend.

A Balanced Approach to Literacy Development in the Early Years

This course will introduce *A Balanced Approach to Literacy Development in the Early Years*, a Good Practice Guide developed by the Literacy Working Group from the National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS). It is aligned with the NCCA Primary Language Curriculum and will support the teaching of literacy to children in the early years. This course will share information about evidence-based approaches and best practices in teaching reading and writing in early years.

Date: Thursday 8th March 2018
Time: 4.30 - 6.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Joan Carroll and Fiona Corr

Suitable for Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class Teachers.

Kilkenny Education Centre AGM

The Kilkenny Education Centre AGM is open to all members of the local education community. Come along to meet our Director, Margaret Maxwell, the Centre staff and current Management Committee, learn about our work and the opportunities and supports we provide to all involved in education and consider putting your name forward to work on our Management Committee (*optional*). Looking forward to meeting you!

Date: Thursday 8th March 2018
Time: 8 p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre

Aistear Workshop 2 - Planning and Organising for Play and Playful Activities

This workshop will explore what *Aistear* says about play, including the different types of play. It will explore how the teacher plans for learning outcomes by providing appropriate resources and will equip participants to work towards creating a playful classroom by exploring space, resources, time (timetable) and planning. Once again it will look at the teacher's role in play and assessment.

Date: Monday 12th March 2018
Time: 4.30 - 6.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Fiona Corr and Deirdre Morris

Suitable for Primary Teachers.

Learner Autonomy, Self-Direction and Independence

The first workshop will explore what learner autonomy is and why you would promote it, self-directed and independent learning in context and plenaries and issues. The second workshop will explore learner profiling, 'My Learning Agenda' Learner Reflection, decision-making and goal setting, learning to learn strategy training and providing a Choice Rich Learning Environment.

Dates: Mondays 12th March **and** 16th April 2018
Time: 5.00 - 7.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Jim Ahern

Suitable for Post Primary Teachers.

Guided Reading

This course will look at how to assess, plan for, organise and implement guided reading in the Primary classroom. Guided reading is 'small-group reading instruction designed to provide differentiated teaching that supports students in developing reading proficiency'. The small group model allows children to be taught in a way that is intended to be more focused on their specific needs, accelerating learning.

Date: Thursday 22nd March 2018
Time: 5.00 - 7.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Rosie Hogan, Reading Recovery Associate

Suitable for Primary Teachers.

Beyond Test Scores: Developing Learners for Life

Nurturing What Matters: Learner Voice, Learner Independence and Learner Responsibility

Would you like to know more about supporting students to reflect on, be responsible for and assess their own learning? Suzanne Parkinson, author of *My Learning Identity*, a new programme, currently ready for students from 3rd - 6th Class, will present this workshop. She will present a framework for teaching children the tools of learning, key learning strategies that can be used to nurture learner dispositions i.e. attention, memory, organisation, mindset and self-awareness.

Date: Wednesday 18th April 2018
Time: 7.00 - 9.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Suzanne Parkinson

Suitable for Third to Sixth Class Teachers.