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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Cambridgeshire Advisory Service

Special points of interest:

- International School Award
- Development Education

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To: International Education Coordinator

Introduction

This is the first International Education newsletter for schools from the Advisory Service. It is planned to be a source of information and support for developing the international dimension in your school.

Developing Support for the International Dimension

This newsletter is currently planned to be in schools just after half term in each of the school terms. This edition is being written during International Education Week, which seemed to be a good time to write the first one.

International Education Week is also a good time to plan further activities for a later date. The next step for the Advisory Service is to develop a tabbed Home Page for International Education on the Portal similar to the Advisory Service subject home pages. Effectively this will bring

together information that has in the past been advertised through different channels.

To support schools further with the international dimension two other developments would make a difference.

Firstly building up an email list of International Education coordinators so that we can contact you directly about new opportunities.

Secondly establishing a list of school partnerships to give a complete picture of school links locally. This list could help us to identify support for schools new to school linking.

If you are an International Education Coordinator and/or if your school has one or more links with schools abroad, please email Peter Nelson with your name, school and countries in which you have partnerships.
peter.nelson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

International School Award Ceremony

The International School Award Ceremony took place at the start of International Education Week, on Monday 12th November. The ceremony was an opportunity to recognise the commitment of schools to developing the international dimension and the opportunities this provides to children and young people in Cambridgeshire.

The successful schools this year are listed below.

Foundation International School Award

Burrowmoor Primary School
Sawtry Junior School
St Peter's CofE Aided Junior School

Intermediate International School Award

All Saints Interchurch VA Primary School
Babraham CofE Primary School
St Helen's Primary School
St Peter's CofE Aided Junior School
The Spinney Primary School

International School Award

Fourfields Primary School
Great Paxton CofE Primary School
Park Street CoE Primary School
St Philips' CoE Aided Primary School
Steeple Morden CofE Primary School
Thorndown Junior School
Cottenham Village College
The Parkside Federation

International School Award for the 2nd time

Benwick Primary School
Comberton Village College

International School Award for the 3rd time

Bar Hill Primary School
Impington Village College

Some comments made by schools at the ceremony on the value of the International School Award to their school are below.

“An awareness of ‘how other children’ live and actually travel to school.”

“An awareness of the wider world, the fact that there is life beyond Cambridge and positive things we can learn from other countries.”

“Moves staff/students’ perspectives from a tolerance of cultural differences to a celebration of cultural differences.”

“To celebrate together and enable students to feel a sense of purpose and a sense of real achievement in their International projects.”

“School has enjoyed a richer curriculum with more opportunities for cross-curricular links.”

“Helped establish my vision for the school as a new headteacher.”

“Staff cohesiveness (brings the school together).”

If you want to find out more about the International School Award you could:

- Visit the International School Award pages on the globalgateway web site at <http://www.globalgateway.org.uk>
- Attend the International School Award Seminar on Thursday 7th February 2008 at Grafham Water Centre.

To book a place on this session, contact the programme administrator on 01480 375634 and quote the course code 17954.

Development Education

Harambee Centre

The Harambee Centre is a Development Education Centre which promotes understanding and action on global issues to people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. They want to equip local people with the skills to examine global issues, rethink values and assumptions, and take responsibility for their choices and actions.

For schools they can offer interactive workshops exploring global issues that affect us. Some of these use art, music and games to help children and young people understand global, environmental and development issues.

'Global Voices' draws on a pool of volunteers to teach children about cultural similarities and differences.

The centre also has a wide range of resources on global issues, including artefacts, photo packs, games, music, maps and books. Some are for sale, some are for loan. There are also resource bags and artefacts for loan. Resource bags include Fairtrade and Water issues in Ghana.

The centre is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 14:00—17:00 (at other times please ring in advance or make an appointment).

Contact details below.

Harambee Centre for Development and Environment Education,
Emmanuel URC,
Trumpington Street,
Cambridge,
CB2 1RR

Tel: 01223 358 116

Web site: <http://www.harambeecentre.org.uk/>

East of England Development Education Network (EEDEN)

EEDEN is a strategic partnership between 4 Local Education Advisory Services, 3 Teacher Training Institutions and 3 Development Education Centres. The network is supported by funding from the Department for International development.

EEDEN's aim is 'to build capacity within the education system to ensure that teachers are equipped and motivated to educate young people for the global dimension.'

EEDEN supports the 'Global Dimensions in Education Fund' to enable activities within the region that meet their objectives. Educational institutions and NGOs are eligible to apply for small amounts of project funding that support pilot activities within the Eastern Region.

Project grants of £50 to £3000 may be applied for to fund activities ranging from one-off events to longer-term developments. These activities might be focussed on developing processes, practice, policy or partnerships. Recipients may apply for additional funding in subsequent years.

Do you have an idea for a project that can be supported by EEDEN that fits in with their aims?

For further information or to find out what your colleagues are doing around the region, share your own approaches, or discuss your ideas for a project in partnership with one of the EEDEN organisations, please contact the EEDEN Coordinators, contact details below.

Sheila Tucker or Claire Bennett on

Tel: 01223 358116

email: EADEN@harambeecentre.org.uk

Opportunities and Resources

Opportunities for Pupils and Students

Students aged 16-18 can carry out an individual research “fellowship” project at a school in France, Spain or Germany. Students are assigned a mentor teacher in the school and are hosted by a family for two weeks. Participants must be in school year 12 or 13 at the time of their visit. The topic of their project could tie in with their A/S or A2 coursework to give it an authentic edge.

For further information visit the School Partnerships pages on the British Council web site at:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships.htm>

and then select Student Fellowships.

Opportunities for Teachers

Are you interested in sharing and experiencing best educational practice in different countries around the world?

Visit the globalgateway web site to find out about opportunities for teachers,

<http://www.globalgateway.org.uk>

On the Home Page, from the drop down menu headed Information for ... select Teachers > Professional Development. Information includes events and workshops, teacher exchanges, opportunities in specific countries

and other exciting activities.

Resources on the globalgateway site
<http://www.globalgateway.org.uk>

Games for pupils and students

The web site includes information aimed at children and young people. This section also includes a Game Zone.

On the Home Page, from the drop down menu headed Information for ... select Young People > Gamezone.

Try [Go Goat Go](#) and [Landmine Challenge](#) for yourself and consider which is appropriate for the children and young people you teach.

A Calendar across the world

This calendar provides information on special events across the globe for every week of the school year. There are ideas and resources linked to these special days for use in assemblies, circle time, in class or after school.

From the Home Page select Schools > Resources and case studies > Festivals and special days

The 2nd December is the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. Follow the link above for ideas and resources.

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