

NST Newsletter: Monday 14th October 2024

This week's newsletter features the following items:

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Reminder: Autumn Term ABLE Conference – Tuesday 19th November

Conference booking for our autumn conference on Tuesday 19 November is now open. Use this discount code **ABLEMEMBER1911** to make your place free (for schools that opted out of ABLE membership, places are available at £75 + VAT).

You can book your place on the ABLE website: [Conferences - Able | Association of Business Leaders in Education \(ablepro.info\)](https://www.ablepro.info/conferences)

[Click here to view the workshop and speaker details](#)

[Click here to view the conference agenda.](#)

University of Nottingham Primary Education Network (PEN) Invitation – Thursday 7th November

Dear Colleagues,

Free online professional development events: The University of Nottingham's Primary Education Network for 2024-25

For some years, our partnership work has included the Primary Education Network (PEN). This is an opportunity for school colleagues to come together for free events that offer both professional development and local networking. In the past, meetings have focused on topics such as memory, refugee education and developing science capital.

We recognise that attending in-person events at the university can present challenges to busy school staff, so we have decided this year to continue to offer our termly events online. The format will be an hour's session featuring some expert input and the opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards.

The first event of this year will focus on **using technology to enhance children's writing** and will be presented by Phil Herd and Helen Fordham from the Transform Trust. Join us for an engaging gathering focused on the trust's writing process and how schools are enhancing learning by incorporating iPads into their curriculum. Discover innovative ways that technology is transforming writing instruction and explore the exciting potential of AI to support and elevate pupils' writing skills.

This event will take place online, through MS Teams on **Thursday 7th November from 4.00-5.00**. If you would like to come, please click the link below and we will send you an invitation and joining link:

[YES I will be attending the PEN event on Thursday 07.11.24](#)

Feel free to forward this to any other colleagues who you think may be interested.

So that you can hold the dates, please note that our spring and summer term events will be at the same times on **6th March** and **5th June**, respectively. We hope to see you there!

Finally, you may also be aware that another aspect of the PEN is our primary blog, which has covered a multitude of primary-related themes with over 80 posts. All of the posts are available to read here: <https://blogs.nottingham.ac.uk/primaryeducationnetwork/>. If you are interested in discussing a contribution, please contact Rupert.knight@nottingham.ac.uk

Best wishes,

The University of Nottingham Primary Education Team

Take part in the Family Numeracy trial – £500 to spend on maths equipment if 8 Year 2 parents sign up!

The Family Numeracy trial will test the impact of delivering maths to parents/carers of children in year 2 or year 3 to build their confidence and support their child's learning.

This [randomised control trial](#) is being delivered fully funded as part of Multiply, the government's adult numeracy programme.

We are looking for primary schools to sign up parents and host the intervention during school hours. Schools will receive £500 to spend on maths equipment if at least 8 parents or carers from their current, academic year 2024 to 2025, year 2 cohort sign up. The trial will begin after the February half term 2025.

We are also looking for adult education providers to deliver the programme in schools through family learning tutors.

The deadline to apply is Thursday 31 October 2024. [Find out more and apply today.](#)

Kick Start Grants - British Science Week

Grant for £500 worth of funding are available to support science activities during British Science Week – find out more here:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/grants/kick-start-grant-scheme/>

Autumn Term Subject Leader Network Meetings

The following Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book via our new booking platform, Universe (we have moved away from Eventbrite due to their introduction of fees). Click on the hyperlinks below for further details/to book in:

- **PSHE Network** – [Monday 14th October, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- **PE, School Sport and Physical Activity Network** – [Monday 4th November, 1.15pm to 3.15pm](#)
- **Design and Technology Network** – [Monday 11th November, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- **English Network** – [Thursday 14th November, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- **Assessment Leads Network** – [Friday 15th November, 1.00pm to 3.30pm](#)
- **Inclusion Network** – [Tuesday 19th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- **Diversity Network** – [Thursday 21st November, 1.00pm to 3.00pm](#)
- **Phonics Network** – [Monday 25th November, 1.30pm to 3.00pm](#)
- **Science Network** – [Thursday 28th November, 1.00pm to 4.00pm](#)

If you experience any issues with using these booking links then please let [Emily](#) know.