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Get Ready for Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity! 12-19th February 2020

A week-long festival which takes Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths out of the lab and into our everyday lives. The festival is about inviting the people of Nottingham to share not only what they know, but also what they would like to know; it's about celebrating curiosity, asking questions and taking a leading role in finding out the answers.

In the lead up to the festival and during the first three days, the festival delivers projects with local primary and secondary schools. <u>Find out more & Get Involved!</u>



Spring into Science on 29th April 2020!

Year 8 pupils are invited to University of Nottingham for an engaging lecture on sound and resonance. The University has generously offered to put on this one-hour science presentation for free. It will be in the style of the Royal Institute Christmas Lectures and is intended to ignite and excite the audience, encouraging pupils to opt for GCSE science subjects. Find out more

To express an interest or ask questions please <u>Email Frances</u> <u>Rowland</u> or call 876 4601

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QUEST Civil Engineering Taster Day Wednesday 1st April 2020 - Year 8 Students are invited to a Civil Engineering event looking at truss design and testing. The students will study some truss design theory, before putting their practical skills into play, building and testing a truss to destruction with materials provided. The day will also involve the chance to talk to academics with tours and demonstrations in the laboratories. For further details or to reserve a place, please contact Engineering Outreach

Funding for Cultural and Educational Links with Japan -

Grants are available to schools, cultural organisations and universities; to develop a greater understanding of Japanese culture take part in Education and Youth exchanges. The next closing date for applications is the 31st March 2020. <u>more info</u> **Teaching Assistant Conference 2020 with Robert Coe -**"Feeling valued... confident... motivated... enthusiastic!" These are some of the comments from teaching assistants after last year's conference. This year's theme is *What Makes Great Teaching Assistant Support?* with Professor Robert Coe, author of <u>What</u> <u>makes great teaching?</u> and <u>Teaching and Learning</u> <u>Toolkit</u>. Delegates will also take part in useful practical workshops. The EEF will be running a stall on a range of subjects to support TA practice and Futures will be offering advice on training and qualification opportunities. <u>Tickets Find Out More</u>

Two Unique EAL and IT Workshops with Specialist Chris Pim Wednesday 26th February - Organised by the IDEAL team, these workshops will support delegates use of technology to make their EAL provision more engaging and exciting. They can be booked together (£150 for both) or individually (£100 for one). more info

EAL Conference 2020: Scaffolding Language, Scaffolding Learning Friday 27th March - Nottingham EAL Conference 2020 is Nottingham's leading event in supporting schools to maximise the potential of EAL children. Featuring international EAL specialists Pauline Gibbons & Andy Harvey. <u>tickets & info</u>

Become a Youth Mental Health First Aid Champion - Places are available for this nationally recognised course running at Loxley House on Friday 17th January 2020. For staff working with children and young people between 8-16. Build you knowledge about the signs and symptoms of Mental Health conditions and boost your confidence of how to support young people with Mental Health issues. <u>find out more</u>

DfE Update: Pupil premium: effective use and accountability -How school leaders can manage their pupil premium funding, including reporting procedures and online statements. <u>Pupil premium: effective use and accountability</u>

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Stories you might find interesting...

Book your curriculum linked RSPB Schools Outreach sessions for 2020 - Subsidised by the RSPB and rated as 'Excellent Value for Money' by teachers, The RSPB's Schools Outreach Project has now been running for over four years, facilitating 500,000 'connection to nature experiences' for pupils in 16 cities across the UK. The RSPB is now able to offer the sessions at subsidised rates. <u>more info</u>

Nottingham Citycare 0-19 Health Improvement Support: RSE for Primary and Secondary Schools - A reminder of the ongoing offer of RSE support. This support will continue in 2020and is free for all Nottingham City schools, Primary and Secondary. Citycare have delivered a variety of sessions with City schools over the past few months and it has been great to have engagement with schools on the issue of RSE. more info **School visits at Baitul Hafeez Mosque** - The Baitul Hafeez Mosque is located in Sneinton, Nottingham. They are offering free visits for schools. <u>more info</u>

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Join Robin Hood in establishing The People's Forest!

As part of the celebration of the redevelopments of Nottingham Castle, The Castle Trust are delighted to offer every primary school in Nottingham city a Quercus Robus (Sherwood) oak tree (for free!) to become part of the spiral of oaks running from Nottingham Castle all the way to the oaken heart of Sherwood Forest, The Major Oak.

The People's Forest project has been launched by Nottingham Open Spaces Forum, who bring together all of the 'friends' groups of all of our city's parks and open spaces. The project will reconnect the city with Sherwood Forest through the planting of trees in schools, community gardens and other open spaces and to create a network of 'forest school' activities, embedding an enthusiasm for caring for our environment in all of the city's young people and for future generations.

Nottingham City Schools (including Special schools) have received an email from the Education Directors inviting them to take part.

Watch Robin Hood's Call to Action

Email Nottingham Open Spaces Forum to take part

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Important but not urgent stories...!

Headteacher Briefing 5th February 2020 - Please note the next headteacher Briefing session, originally planned for Thursday 6th February, will now take place on Wednesday 5th February. The Venue (Nottingham Racecourse) is unchanged. Apologies for any inconvenience, we look forward to seeing you. <u>more info</u>

Attention School Business Managers and Administrators -

The ABLE (Association of Business Leaders in Education) Conference takes place on Wednesday 12th February 2020 and is now open for registration. This conference is free for members and includes 2 keynote speakers, a choice of six workshops, lunch and refreshments. <u>more info and booking</u> or for membership info <u>email</u> <u>Frances Rowland</u>

NQT Training Day: Inclusion: Meeting Individual Needs

Thursday 30th January - This one-day course supports NQTs to meet the needs of their pupils with 4 unique workshops; The Education of Children in Care, Securing progress for EAL learners, Introduction to Behaviour Management, and Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs in School. <u>more info and</u> <u>booking</u>

Be Mighty Be Creative Awards 2020 - Do you know an individual, school or organisation working hard to bring creativity and culture to the lives of children and young people? Nominations are now open for the Be Mighty Be Creative awards 2020. Nominations and more info

Grant Oppurtunity: Connecting Classrooms Through Global Learning Programme - The British Council in partnership with the Department for International Development is inviting schools to apply for a new funding programme to enable UK schools to work with partner schools overseas. The Connecting Classrooms through Global learning programme provides grants of up to £35,000 to clusters of schools or grants of up to £3,000 for a oneto-one school partnership. The next closing date for applications is Monday 27th January 2020. more info

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Young Diverse Achievers 2019 Recap - Nottingham's 4th Annual Young Diverse Achievers Awards took place at the Council House on 2nd November 2019. Schools and community groups nominated the finest young achievers between the ages of 5 -18 who had excelled at school or in their communities to highlight the talents of all our diverse young people. <u>more info</u>

Breakfast Club Grants Programme to Re-open for

Applications - The Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme will re-open for applications in early 2020. Through the programme grants of up to £1,000 are available to schools in the UK to set up Breakfast clubs for schools that have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding and / or eligible for free school meals. <u>more info</u>

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5th Hangzhou-Nottingham Chinese New Year Temple Fair Saturday 18th January - From 11am -5pm At the Old Market Square, Nottingham. Come and experience the spirit of Chinense New Year this Saturday at the Hangzhou-Nottingham temple fair in the city centre. This free event, suitable for all the family, presents a variety of activities and performances that showcase the best of Chinese culture. <u>more info</u>

Holocaust Educational Trust Webcast Friday 24th January -It's now less than a month until Susan Pollack MBE will share her incredible testimony in a live webcast. Join thousands of people across the UK and take part in a truly unique event to mark 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. more info

OWN Art Club: 8 January 2020 - 1 April 2020, 5pm-7pm (term time) Wednesdays at New Art Exchange - Calling all 12—16 year olds! This new art club is for your OWN art, your OWN style, your OWN ideas! Led by artist Shamila Chady you will be learning art and design skills and taking inspiration from the amazing exhibitions. You will also have the chance to work towards the Bronze Arts Award and display your OWN artwork... OWN it! more info

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Children's Mental Health Week 2020: Find your Brave! at Nottingham Central Library

The next Children's Mental Health Week will take place 3-9 February 2020. Set up by children's mental health charity Place2Be, the week shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is Find your Brave.

Get involved with resources and more

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, Nottingham Central Library are hosting an inspirational day of fun activity on Tuesday 4th February for Year 4 children where we can also start to think and talk about the importance of looking after our wellbeing.

Find out more and take part

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Pupil Premium Plus funding deadline - This term's application round for Pupil Premium Plus funding is from Monday 13 January until Friday 31 January 2020 to cover interventions being delivered between January and 3 April 2020 (end of spring term). <u>more info</u>

Emotional Health and Resilience Network Thursday 30th Jan 4-5.30pm The College Street Centre - School colleagues are welcome to come along to share their practice on developing a whole school approach to promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in their setting. Find out about the local Partnership Charter and how schools are progressing with their action plans. <u>more info</u>

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Headteacher Briefing Wednesday 5th February: Agenda - The agenda for the next headteacher briefing is now available. <u>more info</u> Please confirm attendance by <u>email here</u>

Do you employ members of staff who you wish to support in gaining Qualified Teacher Status? Wednesday 5th February - Aimed at MATs, schools, special schools and any other institution that employs teachers, we'll be explaining how teacher apprenticeships work, and how we can help you to deliver them. Our Teacher Apprenticeship Programme is a one-year, postgraduate, employment-based route into teaching. more info

DSL Network Tuesday 11th February - Tickets for the next DSL network meeting are now available. <u>more info</u>

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Rethink Periods free training and resource opportunity Wednesday 25th March - We have secured some free training for

Nottingham teachers focused on how to teach about periods. The training, aimed at PSHE coordinators in primary and secondary, KS2 and KS3 teachers, covers: menstruation and period products, periods and the environment, myths and taboos and period poverty. Each school attending the training will receive a product demonstration box worth £110 to support their delivery of learning

in this area. This is a fantastic opportunity to get resources for a vital area. The training will take place at the College Street Centre. <u>Book here</u> Rethink Periods project <u>info</u>.

Outdoor First Aid Training at Colwick Park Adventure Centre 7th/8th April 2020 - This Level 3 Qualification is a comprehensive two-day course and covers a wide range of Outdoor First Aid emergencies, enabling participants to deal with emergency situations with confidence in a prompt, safe and effective way. This course is ideal for Educational Visit Leaders, Teachers, and DofE Participants and Leaders. <u>more info</u>

Read when you get a moment! **New Art Exchange Visits** - If you are wondering whether New Art Exchange's new exhibitions are suitable for a class visit, or just fancy an enlightening gallery experience on a gloomy January evening, please join our Learning Producer Ruth for a relaxed viewing of the art on show, with plenty of opportunity for discussion. <u>more info</u>

Nottingham Contemporary Spring Exhibitions - Spring brings a vibrant new season of exhibition and events. We are pleased to present three solo-exhibitions spanning painting, sculpture, installation and more. <u>more info</u>

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National Safer Internet Day Tuesday 11th February 2020

Safer Internet Day is designed to empower young people to take control of their digital lives. For 2020 the UK Safer Internet Centre are putting the focus on online identity and asking young people to consider whether they and their peers are truly free to be themselves online. To help schools deliver practical and impactful activities for Safer Internet Day they have created a range of free resources, including films, lesson plans, assemblies and more! Get involved with <u>Resources for schools</u>!

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Teaching Assistant Conference Workshop Choices - We hope you are looking forward to an inspiring and uplifting day on Thursday 6th February valuing the work of TAs in Nottingham and beyond. Please use the link below to select which workshops you would like to take part in. <u>workshop choices register</u>

Upcoming SOLAR Training - There are some fantastic upcoming training opportunities for Sport, Outdoor Learning, Life Skills, Adventure and Risk Management. <u>find out more</u>

Moderation Events Reminder - These events use the up-to-date materials from the STA to support teachers with making accurate writing judgments as well as providing an early moderation opportunity. Delegates will need to bring a range of their children's writing books (below, at and above the expected standard). KS1 Event Thursday 30th January KS2 Event Friday 31st January **Rescheduled NQT Training: Problem Solving across the Mathematics Curriculum on Monday 3rd February** - This course will now take place at The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, NG8 6AZ on Monday 3rd February. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. <u>more info</u>

Mental Health First Aid Youth Aware Training - This three hour course is an introductory session to raise awareness of young people's mental health. The next session takes place on Wednesday 29th April from 1pm to 4pm. <u>more info</u>

Spring term RE Network Meeting Wednesday 5th **February** -The meeting will take place at Sneinton St Stephens Primary School with Sarah Peek from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. For schools who aren't members of the Nottingham Schools Trust, a £50 fee may be payable per place. Please <u>email Emily Humphreys</u> for further details or to book.

DAISI New Articles - A new blog from DAISI discussing Ofsted Inpection Judgements and IDACI is available to <u>read here</u> Some helpful Articles regarding Ofsted Inspections: A whole range of questions posed on recent Primary inspections can be <u>read here</u>. A Primary Headteacher's experience with EIF 2019 can be <u>read</u> <u>here</u>.

DfE Update: School governance - Important news and communications from the Department for Education (DfE) relating to governance in maintained schools and academy trusts in England. <u>more info</u>

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Small Steps Big Changes Newsletter - Over the last few months the SSBC partnership has been busy working tirelessly together to improve the lives of children and their families in Nottingham. Here is a roundup of just some of the great work happening. <u>more info</u>

Skate With Team GB - The National Ice Centre have partnered with Ice Hockey UK to provide a unique and exciting opportunity for school children, giving them the opportunity to observe, meet and skate with Team GB on Friday 7th February. The ice will be used exclusively for school groups with National Ice Centre coaches on hand to assist the children. <u>more info</u>

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Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged or Disabled Children -Schools can apply for grants of £500 to £2,500 to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of disabled or disadvantaged children aged 13 or under. Priority will be given to applications coming from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK. The grants can cover up to two-thirds of the cost of a holiday or trip lasting one to seven days. The deadline is Saturday 29th February. more info

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