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Spring Term Orienteering Festivals: A Fantastic Opportunity to Take Learning Outside the Classroom!

Orienteering is an important vehicle for delivering Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activities (OAA) within the English National PE Curriculum as well as providing the opportunity for cross-curricular links with Maths, Geography and Citizenship Studies. Orienteering is an activity that challenges pupils' individually whilst they are working as part of a team.

Our festivals are an ideal opportunity for children from KS2 to have an introduction to the sport of orienteering with qualified and experienced instructors. Festivals are suitable for children new to orienteering, as well as those with some experience. For safety reasons the courses will be confined to a small part of the site (Wollaton or Colwick Park in February and March) and children will be able to progress and do a number of courses in their session. Find out more!

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Urgent and important stories...!

Proposed schools funding formula for 2020/21 consultation launch - On Wednesday 4th December 2019 the Local Authority will be launching its consultation on the proposed changes to the local funding formula for schools in the financial year 2020/21. The consultation will close on Friday 20th December 2019 at 5pm.

It is a legal requirement that all local authorities must consult with their Schools Forum's and all schools before making changes to the local funding formula. <u>Consultation & Response Form</u>

If you have any queries regarding the consultation please email: school.funding@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

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Become a Youth Mental Health First Aid Champion - Places still 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. find out more

National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) February 2020 Nottingham Citycare would like to thank all primary schools

for their ongoing support in helping us deliver the NCMP. The 2019/20 NCMP is scheduled to begin after February half term from the 24th February 2020. Your local Community Public Health Nursing team will be making contact with you soon to arrange dates to measure the height and weight of all children in reception and year 6. Details will be sent to headteachers in the new year.

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Parent Programme - SFSC is a 13 week programme in Nottingham City Centre supporting parents/carers who want to develop skills to help raise confident happy children and encourage violence free, healthy lifestyles. CGL Jigsaw support families impacted by someone else's substance misuse. poster more info

SACRE Information November 2019 - Nottingham City SACRE are pleased to share their Annual Report 2018/19 and welcome any feedback, comments or interest in joining the group from school staff. Schools may be aware that we are currently working with County colleagues to revise a locally agreed syllabus for RE which is planned to be launched in the summer term, ready for use from September 2020. Sacre information Sacre Report Inclusive Schools Nominations

Funding for Classical Music Lessons, Instruments and Courses - Individuals of school age, teachers and schools will soon be able to apply for a grant of up to £2,000 towards classical music lessons, instruments and courses throughout the UK. The funding aims to inspire and encourage a new generation of classical musicians and composers, and help children afford a classical music education, no matter what their financial background. Applications for awards will open in the New Year. more info

Primary Cabinet - Congratulations and well done to the 12 children representing Nottingham Schools who took part in Primary Cabinet on Friday, you were a credit to your schools & communities. Thank you to all staff and parents involved. Primary Parliament returns in March 2020. more info

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Nottingham High School Science Collaborative INSET - Nottingham High School worked in partnership with the Rushcliffe Family of Primary Schools, hosting and providing Primary Science INSET for a day for 56 teachers with a focus on ideas and developing opportunities for practical Science at Key Stage 1 and 2. The day was a real success, so we are looking for another local group of Schools who would be keen to work with us. more info

Primary Physics Professional Learning - Join The Ogden Trust for a packed day of professional learning delivered by physics and primary science specialists. Ideal for science coordinators. 27 February 2020, 9.15am—3.15pm. more info

NATRE: Giving primary schools access to high-quality RE resources: We have received funding to support primary schools

with high quality RE resources. Helping to deliver RE in engaging and exciting ways, Primary RE 1000 offers a special two year Bronze membership package. more info

Early years foundation stage profile results: 2018 to 2019 - Early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP) results for the 2018 to 2019 academic year, at national and local authority level. more info

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Get into Drama & Get Outdoors!

It may be chilly but why not get involved with some fantastic local opportunities for Nottingham Schools?

Residential Adventure Camps are a great chance for children to get adventurous and active in a safe environment (Wollaton Park Camp for KS1, Colwick Park Adventure Centre Camp for KS2) email Helena

Megan and Tinks are located in the City Centre on the Nottingham Canal offering children a chance to experience their local waterway environment from two 70ft narrowboats, each staffed by our highly experienced and qualified skippers. find out more

Nottingham Community Wardrobe has an incredible selection of costumes and props which schools can hire; from panto to animals, magicians to mermaids, they have pretty much anything you can think of to enhance Drama at your school. <a href="mailto:emailto

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City Centre Pupil Safety and Engagement - Nottingham City Council Community Protection would like to extend a free offer to all City Primary Schools. When classes are visiting the City centre on walk arounds, trails, events, trips or visits to City attractions we will offer a uniformed Community Protection Officer (CPO) to accompany the class on all or part of their visit. CPOs are fully qualified first aiders and FPOS First Person On Scene trained. The CPO will help with road and personal safety, as well has being a support to the adults and children. Any schools wanting this city centre provision can email: Alex or Ben

Free Holiday Activities and Food for Disadvantaged Pupils - Nottingham City Council is submitting a grant bid to the DfE to fund holiday activities and healthy food for disadvantaged children during the 2020 Summer holidays. As part of the preparation for this bid we are undertaking a mapping exercise to ascertain what activities are currently held in all Nottingham City schools and academies; we would be grateful for your feedback, more info

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Teaching Assistant Conference Thursday 6th February 2020 - "Feeling valued... confident... motivated... enthusiastic!" These are some of the comments from TAs after last year's event. This year's theme is What Makes Great Teaching Assistant Support? with Professor Robert Coe, author of What makes great teaching? and Teaching and Learning Toolkit. 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. Includes

lunch, refreshments, parking and Wi-Fi for all delegates. <u>more inforegister here</u>

Grant Writing Service - School Business Partner can provide:

- -Research to identify charities, foundations and governmental sources of grants to support your specific projects/needs
- -Offer professional bid writing, with associated research and user focus groups
- -Completion of monitoring returns (where bids are successful) where required.

more info or email School Business Partner

Safeguarding in Education Training Spring 2020 - Next term's Safeguarding in Education training dates are now available to view and book online. more info

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DfE Collection: International comparisons of education - International comparison studies of education including reports of England's results in OECD PISA, and IEA TIMSS and PIRLS studies. more info

Get Festive with Nottingham Contemporary Saturday 14th December 2019 - Come and bring the family along to Nottingham Contemporary art gallery as we celebrate the upcoming festive season by playing with colour, pattern and print! Create your own brightly-coloured patterns on fabric using shapes as inspiration. Take your artwork home or display it on the wall in the room. Great for families and under 12's but suitable for all ages, 11am-3pm.

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Choices and Consequences Workshop - Choices and Consequences Exhibition and Workshop enables children to understand the dangers of carrying a knife and how to make positive choices to stay safe. Suitable for primary years 5 & 6 and secondary pupils up to year 9. more info

Grants Available for Environmental Projects - Schools can apply for grants of between £500 and £5,000 for environmental projects covering renewable energy, conservation, recycling, sustainable communities, science & education and community energy. Recently funded projects include Pilling St John's Primary School which received funding towards the installation of a wind turbine at the school. Applications can be submitted at any time. more info

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Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for 2020 from Nottingham City LA by John Dexter, Director of Education

A highlight for me this term was the opportunity to see the work of the RSC (Royal Shakespeare Company) with our schools, and enjoy a shortened version of the 'Merchant of Venice'. A genuinely inspiring evening, in particular the positive reaction of the children of Aspley and Bilborough and from some of their parents who watched. But it was also a phrase that came back to me in a piece I read about the season of advent, which suggested the world needed more 'Merchants of Hope'. As I reflected on this I thought of so many teachers, support staff and governors who do exactly

that in Nottingham schools every day but perhaps especially so this time of year. Read On

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Empowering the Workforce to deliver Excellence in Safeguarding Practice: No 4 - The next Every Colleague Matters Event is being delivered between the 10th to 14th February 2020. This free week-long event is open to everyone who works within the Children's and Adults Workforce in the City of Nottingham, including Local Authority, Health, Schools, Police, Private, Voluntary and Community Agencies. more info

Book your curriculum linked RSPB Schools Outreach sessions for the new year - 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. more info

Nottingham Citycare 0-19 Health Improvement Support: RSE for Primary and Secondary Schools - As you get ready for the Christmas break, a reminder of the ongoing offer of RSE support. This support will continue next year and 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

Read on Nottingham Newsletter -There are some great things happening and some wonderful opportunities out there for schools and young people; check out My Voices competition for aspiring young writers and the Dream Big campaign for primary schools from Nottingham Forest. more info

DfE Collection: Statistics performance tables - Statistics on the attainment of primary, secondary and post-16 pupils. <u>more info</u>

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Funding for Research and Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities - Schools can apply for grants to help children with severe learning difficulties. The grants can be used to purchase capital equipment, support capital works as well as covering project and core costs such as staff costs, general running and office costs. The next deadline for applications seeking funding in excess of £10,000 is Sunday1st March 2020. Applications for £10,000 and below can be submitted at any time. more info

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