

Primary Early Year Career Teacher

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The Primary Team are delighted to hear that so many of you are settling well into your teaching posts.

Please do continue to send in your good news stories, share with us all the exciting activities you have got up to with your class, along with any of your 'top tips' for surviving the first term. We will make sure to include these on the next newsletter.

If there are any questions or concerns that you may have, please don't hesitate to contact any one of us for confidential advice and support. Just because we don't teach you now doesn't mean that you must cut ties with us. We will continue to support you as long as you need.

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you informed of how we can be of continuing service to you by highlighting some of the CPD opportunities that you might be interested in.

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Technology and ECT opportunities



Danesfield Primary School is a showcase Microsoft School, which is affiliated with the EdTech Demonstrator Programme, and is offering 30 of our ECTs the chance to be trained for free in the following areas of computing and digital learning:

- Creative lesson ideas
- Embedding technology across the curriculum
- Supporting children with SEND effectively
- Experience a blended learning approach
- Reducing teacher workload
- How to create a digital display

We are hoping that this initial batch of ECTs, will be able to train at Danesfield Primary School across various computing activities.

An introductory Zoom meeting will be held very shortly in December, followed by six training sessions in Semester 2.

English and ECT opportunities

Do you want to find out more on how to enthuse and engage younger readers? Do you enjoy reading and want to share this passion with others? Then join our ULKA reading group (see details on page 3).

Science and ECT opportunities

Science: We hope many of you were able to attend the South West London Primary Science Conference which was hosted by St Mary's University and Merton. We also highly recommend the wealth of primary science CPD opportunities and bursaries from the National STEM centre (stem.org.uk) and specifically the Early Career Pathway www.stem.org.uk/pathways/early-career-primary which will support



you to develop your expertise in primary science education.

And finally, if your school doesn't already have a Primary Science Quality Mark, do point your science lead to amy.strachan@stmarys.ac.uk and we can provide more information. This will provide you with the opportunity to support the development of science in your school.

Maths and ECT opportunities



The LSW Maths Hub is offering a Specialist Knowledge for Teaching Mathematics for Primary Early Career Teachers. This project is designed to support primary early career teachers (teachers in their first two years of teaching) in developing specialist knowledge for teaching mathematics, thus enabling them to understand, teach and support pupils in maths in the classroom.

Participants will work deeply on one area of maths, drawing in the associated pedagogy, and activities will include lesson analysis and lesson design. This programme will take place across the equivalent of four days. The SKTM Primary Early Career Teachers Programme project is fully funded by the Maths Hubs Programme so is free to state funded participating

schools. This workgroup will be led for the LSW Maths Hub by Nicola Tierney from St Mary's University and Lorraine Hartley from Roehampton University. You can find more information here: london-south-west-maths-hub.co.uk/current-projects/primary-early-career-teachers

[Click here for information sheet](#)

Professional Studies and ECT opportunities

Themed twitter session each month for ECT's. St Mary's PS Team@PS_StMarys



Early career pathway for primary teachers / STEM

The early career pathway is a flexible professional development programme which will give you the knowledge and confidence to teach primary science effectively.

www.stem.org.uk

South West London OU/UKLA Teachers' Reading Group

Professional development informed by
Open University RfP Research

For Primary and Early Years Teachers,
Librarians and Support Staff



**Do you want to develop children's engagement
as readers? Do you enjoy children's literature?**

We are a friendly and supportive group and we offer:

- the opportunity to share knowledge about children's texts and literature in the classroom and beyond;
- a space to reflect on and improve individual and school Reading for Pleasure practice;
- opportunities to explore recent research and look at ways to embed good practice.

Where: A hybrid approach – Zoom / St Mary's University,
Waldegrave Road, Teddington, TW11 8LA


When: Wednesdays at 4.30-6.30pm

Dates: 8th Dec, 26th Jan, 23rd Feb, 23rd March, 27th April
and 22nd June (2021-22)

To book a place, contact: kerry.assemakis@stmarys.ac.uk

To find out more about research informing practice, please browse
researchrichpedagogies.org/research/reading-for-pleasure

Led by St Mary's Primary English Team: Kerry Assemakis,
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