

INVESTORS IN FAMILIES NEWS

Welcome back to the start of another wonderful academic school year. We really hope you had the most amazing summer- although we know how quickly it goes!! What were your highlights from the summer? Lynsey went off travelling in a Motorhome, Kate took care of her grandchildren a lot, Kerry spent days out – a couple of them at Thorpe Park with her kids and Gavin ???

It appears as though many schools are relaxing some of the previous restrictions and there is hopefully a sense of normality (or new normality) setting in. We have been in discussions with some settings who are looking at developing a Family Engagement development plan. With this in mind, we will be focusing on Family Engagement activities and reconnecting those ‘in school’ relationships this term.

We would like to invite you to a small workshop hosted by Lynsey which will look at:



- some of the challenges to engagement
- examples of how we can re-engage family learning
- how we can adapt what we did previously
- give you ideas and a plan to move forward with.

It will also be an opportunity for you to share ideas with other settings which may lead to developing a family support working group. This will be hosted via Zoom and should last up to 45 minutes.

Title: Supporting Positive Partnerships - Opening New Doors
Date: Wednesday 13th October 2021
Time: 10-10.45am
Venue: Virtually - Zoom
Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/iif-supporting-positive-partnerships-opening-new-doors-tickets-169613768347>

LOCKDOWN AWARD

We are still receiving Lockdown Awards from some wonderful settings. The standard and quality of support offered during the Pandemic continues to overwhelm us. We have added more to the website and these can be viewed under the Lockdown Award section. Our spotlight this term is Aberbargoed Primary School who demonstrated a real understanding of supporting the whole family and developed their practices to improve outcomes and wellbeing.



Huge congratulations to all that have received the award. We have agreed to keep this open until the end of the year so, if you have not applied - please get in touch with Kate who can send you the details.

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'DIGITAL RESILIENCE' PODCAST

It gives us great pleasure to announce that a brand new 'Digital Resilience' podcast has been launched. To enable us to reach the top of the international charts, please will you raise awareness within your schools and across the region.

The Digital Resilience Podcast covers topics related to digital safety and wellbeing and give you the opportunity to learn more about the topics under discussion in an easy and accessible way - when out on a dog walk, or maybe in the bath!?. Chapters 1 and 2 are now available. Search for 'Digital Resilience' on your usual podcast platforms (Spotify, Google Podcast) or click here:

<https://anchor.fm/gwegogledd>

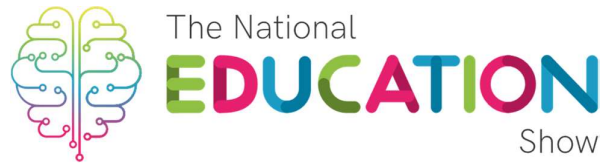
The 'Digital Resilience' podcast aims to raise awareness and provide learners, families, education practitioners, professionals and governors with the latest resources, information and guidance to enhance their digital resilience.

Episode 1 - Misinformation

Online news, social media and digital platforms have given us easy access to information and instant connection to the world. However, it has also provided an unregulated space where false or misleading information can spread quickly and cause great harm. This is called Misinformation.

Episode 2 - Staying true to yourself online

Many of us have embraced the rise of social media platforms and this has provided the opportunity to be more connected than ever before. Over 100 million photos are shared on Instagram every day, but given how easy it is to edit photos, sometimes we can feel under pressure to create the best impression of our lives online.



Incorporating the SEN/ALN Show

Have you accessed your free ticket yet? The National Education Show will be Live and Online

Day 1: ALN / SEN – 6 October 2021

Day 2: Teaching & Learning – 7 October 2021

Day 3: Mental Health & Wellbeing – 8 October 2021

Some of the speakers and seminars include:

Andy Cope: The Art of Being Brilliant

Nina Jackson: Learning Wellness - *Head, Heart and Hope for Wellbeing in Schools*

Sam Garner: Using cognitive behavioural therapy as part of every day practice

Mr P (ICT): Work Smarter Not Harder

Professor Mick Waters: Irresistible learning: How do we lead it, teach it and assist it?

[Download the Show Guide \(English Language\) Here](#)

[Download the Show Guide \(Welsh Language\) Here](#)

[Register for FREE 3 Day Pass Here](#)



Creative Education have a range of free courses/webinars on demand that we hope you may find useful. Link here:

[available-courses](#)

Mightifier <https://mightifier.com/> is a great tool to support Schools with the Social Emotional Skill Development, as well as giving regular Wellbeing data and insights for students and teachers. We have secured a four week free trial for our Investors Schools.

iida@mightifier.com would be the main link.

Free 4 Week Trial for liF schools

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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Creative Education have a free booklet which you can download which gives some great ideas to reduce anxiety in returning to school for those who maybe struggling. They also have some other great booklets

[anxiety-school-return-10-ideas](#)



Parentkind

Bringing together home & school

Parentkind have developed a Blueprint for Parent Friendly Schools which we really like. It gives an overview and 5 key areas to consider. You can view the Blueprint here:

[HR.Blueprint for Parent Friendly Schools spreads.pdf](#)

or you can read more about Parentkind, tools, resources and further support here:

[Blueprint-for-Parent-Friendly-Schools](#)

We absolutely love 52 Lives School of Kindness, they have some brilliant resources, links and information that we think you may like. This would be a great activity to share with your pupils from Year 3 to 6th Form.

The Kindness Fund provides small grants to children with amazing ideas for spreading kindness.

[kindness-fund](#)



They also have some spaces left for World Kindness Day Assemblies being held on 12th December, you can book your free place here:

[world-kindness-day-assembly-2021](#)

You can also book free Kindness Workshops which can be held virtually or face to face.

[school-kindness-workshops](#)



School-Home Support

IIF have been a member of School Home Support for some time. It is free to join and they have a wealth of information that maybe useful in supporting pupils and families tackle the underlying barriers to a successful education to improve the life chances of children. Sign up here:

<https://www.schoolhomesupport.org.uk/our-services/shs-membership/>

Coming back to School in September can be a challenge for some pupils and families after the summer holidays. Family Lives have created some useful guidance for families which you may be able to share on Social Media or your website. Here is the link:

[establishing-a-school-routine](#)



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Giving hope to grieving children

Winston's Wish have launched online Grief Support Groups for children and young people. You could share this information with families via social media or it may be useful to keep and pass on the information if needed.

Grief Support Groups for 8-25 year olds

We're excited to launch two new online Grief Support Groups in September and October. Offering the chance to connect with other bereaved young people, our groups are split into age groups: 8-12, 13-17 and 18-25 year olds. Spaces are limited and need to be booked in advance via our website. Please do share this with any young people you feel would benefit.

GRANTS & FUNDING

Funding for School Science Projects (UK)

Primary and secondary schools in the UK can apply for funding to purchase equipment so that students can enjoy practical science, to run science enrichment projects in schools, or to enable students to participate in science events and competitions.

- Primary schools can apply for grants of up to £600.
- Secondary schools up to £1,000.

The funding is being made available through the Worshipful Company of Armourers and Brasiers, which is one of the leading charities in the UK supporting metallurgy and materials science education from primary school to postgraduate levels.

For example, St Paul's School organised the Magic of Materials Summer School sponsored by Armourers & Brasiers.

Funds are finite and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis ending on the 31st March 2022 or until all the funds are exhausted.



Useful Links:

[Primary Schools Science Grants Application Form.](#)
[Secondary Schools Science Grants Application Form.](#)

<https://www.armourershall.co.uk/funding-grants/support-science-schools>

Grant Programme to Empower Young People to Create a More Resilient & Mentally Healthy Future (Wales)



The National Lottery Community Fund has launched a new programme to improve Young People's mental health and resilience, with a focus on collaborative, innovative youth work where the young people being affected are at the forefront of decision making.

The Mind Our Future grant programme will award a share of £10 million in grant funding to up to ten third sector and public sector organisations in Wales, working in partnerships for initiatives that will empower young people to create a more resilient and mentally healthy future. Partnerships must consist of not-for-profit and public sector organisations such as a local authority, school or police force, etc.

This might involve working with a specific age range, young people who are in a specific location, or those who share a specific characteristic such as sexual orientation, ethnic background, or experience of the care system.

There is no maximum grant amount. The deadline for applications is the 29th November 2021.

Applicants should contact the National Lottery Community Fund no later than 30th September 2021 to discuss their proposal and request an application form.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/mind-our-future#section-4>

Funding for Schools Science Projects (UK)



The Royal Society has announced that its Partnership grant scheme has re-opened for applications. The aim of the fund is to make the teaching of science more interesting within primary and secondary schools.

Through the scheme, grants of up to £3,000 are available for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) projects run at a primary or secondary school or college in partnership with a professional scientist or engineer. Any UK primary or secondary school teacher or practising scientist/engineer can apply as long as the students involved in the project are between 5 and 18.

A partnership needs to be established before starting the application and the initial application must be started by the school partner as the primary applicant. The second partner should be an individual currently working in a STEM-related profession, such as a researcher or analyst.

Specific enquiries can be made by emailing the Education Outreach team directly on education@royalsociety.org or by calling 020 7451 2531.

Additionally, in 2020 there was a new extension to the scheme called **Tomorrow's climate scientists**. This extension is funding schools to research specifically into climate change and biodiversity issues. The application process for tomorrow's climate scientists is the same as for the main scheme. For further information about this extension, please contact the Schools Engagement team via education@royalsociety.org

The next closing date for applications is the 30th November 2021.

Projects previously funded:

What's the Weather Like? - a Partnership Grants project between Mead Community Primary School and Black and Veatch that has enabled pupils to begin predicting their local weather.

Shooting stars on camera: Colour composition and contrasts: A project between William Perkin C of E High School and the Open University. Students have been determining the origin and elemental structure of meteors under the guidance of academic professional, Professor Monica Grady.

Useful Links:

Eligibility and judging criteria

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/partnership-grants/>

Grants for Children to Connect with Nature and Learn Outdoors (England, Scotland & Wales)

Schools in England, Scotland and Wales are being invited to apply for up to £500 worth of free outdoor equipment and two hours of professional outdoor training to help children connect with nature, become more active, and learn outdoors. Schools can choose from hundreds of different products to deliver outdoor learning and play.



The funding is being made available through phase five of the charity Learning through Landscapes' Local School Nature Grant scheme, and is funded by the players of People's Postcode Lottery.

This year, funding will also be open to Early Year's settings which have their own building and more than five staff. There will be four funding rounds throughout the year. The closing date for applications for Round 4 of the scheme is the 12th November 2021.

<https://www.ltl.org.uk/nature-grant/>



The Foyle Foundation has announced that in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, it has made changes to its Schools Library Programme.

Through the Schools Library Programme, state-funded schools and sixth form colleges across the UK that do not have or want to improve their libraries are able to apply for funding of between £1,000 and £10,000. Although secondary schools are eligible to apply, priority is given to primary schools and the majority of funds will continue to be awarded for physical library/reading books.

In light of the current situation, the Foundation will, however, be more flexible when considering requests for e-readers and electronic reading resources. However, a strong case for support and explanation of need will have to be made within the application. The Foundation will also consider contributions towards library software, necessary IT equipment and furniture etc. in order to create a suitable library space.

Local deprivation levels, the Ofsted report and current literacy levels at the school will be taken into account when assessing applications.

Applications can be submitted at any time, although it can take up to four months to receive a decision.

Useful Links: [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
[Application Guidelines](#)
<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

Funding for Rural Community and Education Projects (UK)



The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust, which supports charities in the UK working in agriculture, rural development and insurance has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 29th October 2021. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives in young people's education in rural areas and the relief of poverty within rural areas.

Trustees are particularly interested in funding larger initiatives, which would significantly impact the rural community.

Grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 are available. The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust has donated almost £3m to fund education and social welfare projects in towns and villages across the UK in the last ten years.

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust also provides small grants of up to £1,000 through the **NFU Mutual's Community Giving Fund** which supports worthwhile community events, charities, schools and community group activities that are local to their operations. In 2019, it helped 88 community groups and charities across the UK.

Useful Links:

[Recent Initiatives Frequently Asked Questions](#)
<https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/charitable-trust/>

Grants to Enable Disabled People to Play Tennis (UK)

The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 12th October 2021.

Individuals can apply for grants of up to £500 for support for sports wheelchairs, tennis rackets, coaching lessons with a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) licensed coach or course fees for official LTA development/coaching courses. Groups can apply for a maximum of £1,500.



Groups can apply for: Wheelchairs; Court hire; Coaching fees; and equipment packages which will include:

- Rackets
- Balls Mini net
- Coaching aids such as cones and throw down marker lines.

In the case of wheelchairs, a deposit will be required; for individuals, the amount of deposit required will depend on the wheelchair type requested, clubs will need to raise a deposit of £200.

Useful Links:

Application Guidelines <http://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant.html>

The Hargreaves Foundation

The Hargreaves Foundation is a grant-making charitable foundation set up in 2020 by Peter Hargreaves and his family. Applications are open for charities and educational institutions seeking funding to support those under the age of 18, and living with a mental health problem, physical disability or growing up in poverty through the mediums of sport and education.

Funding Details

- The Foundation, likely to be in the region of £2,000,000 per annum.
- Grants will only be allocated to fund defined projects, initiatives or the purchase of specific items and wherever possible payments will be made directly to suppliers.
- No minimum or maximum grant level is indicated

Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from:

Registered Charities or Charitable Incorporated Organisations.
Schools and Further Education Colleges (usually exempt charities).
NHS Trusts.

How to apply

Applicants are encouraged to read the Foundation's [Further Information for Applicants](#) document prior to applying.

Provided the project, initiative or purchase aligns with at least one of the Foundation's objectives, applicants are encouraged to complete the:

[Online Application Form](#).

Contact Details

Website: <https://www.thehargreavesfoundation.org/>