

Worcestershire Virtual School News

Issue 8

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End of Term Thank You & Recognition

It has been yet another challenging term for schools and our children/young people, but you have once again risen to that challenge and continue to offer outstanding support and opportunities to all our CLA and PLAC. Thank you. As a Virtual School we have been inspired by the level of commitment shown to our most vulnerable learners, in increasingly difficult circumstances. We hope you have the opportunity over the Easter break to sit still for a moment, put your feet up and reflect on the difference you have made this term, whilst consuming an obscene amount of chocolate of course. As always, the Virtual School will remain open and staffed over the holidays, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Virtual School Conference

A reminder that booking is now open for the Annual Virtual School Conference – ‘The Ripple Effect’. The conference will be taking place virtually on **Wednesday, 28th April 2021** at 9.30am. There will be a mix of live sessions and pre-recorded sessions from a range of speakers, with a focus on social, emotional and mental health support. To register for a FREE place please email the conference team: conferences@worschildrenfirst.org.uk with your **name, school, role** and **email address** by **Thursday 1st April 2021**.

The conferences team will then send you the joining instructions. This will be emailed to the address you have supplied, ONE WEEK prior to the conference. A link to the afternoon sessions will also be provided at this time.

Progress & Attainment Data

As we approach the end of what has been another challenging term, we would like to thank you for the support that you have provided for our children/young people.

Please could you take a moment to review the 'Progress and Attainment' tab on the PEP to ensure it has been updated. The last date for entries is **Friday 23rd of April 2021**. Assessment information may be a 'best fit' judgement, at this stage, following remote learning approaches. However, where there is no data entered for the Spring term, data should be copied from the previous term, in order to avoid blank entries.

Artslink – Poetry Project *DEADLINE EXTENDED*

The Virtual School are really excited to share with you the Artslink Poetry project for all children and young people linked to Worcestershire Virtual School. Artslink have teamed up with Birmingham Poet Laureate Matt Windle to create a piece of work combining all entries, which he will then perform. It is really easy to take part using the online poetry platform and suitable for all ages: primary and secondary. The deadline for entries has now been extended to the **19th of April**, so plenty of time to get those rhyming couplets in! Click on the links for more info: www.artslink.org.uk/hw-poetry

Early Years SEND and Inclusion Team Virtual Workshops

The Early Years SEND and Inclusion Team have recently created a series of free virtual workshops for Early Years providers. These workshops will be 30 mins to an hour and will be bitesize events for you to dip into and are aimed at Key Person, Room Leader and SENCO/DT. Each setting is welcome to attend multiple workshops and can request up to two places (two separate email addresses) per workshop. Please click on the link for a list of webinars and dates/times and how to sign up.

We are here to support you and our children looked after/previously looked after. Please call or email, using the details below or visit our website.

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