



LDBS SCHOOLS BULLETIN FOR HEAD OF RE OR RE CO-ORDINATOR

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This bulletin is aimed specifically at school Heads of RE or RE-Co-ordinators. Any comments or ideas for inclusion in future Bulletins, please email Robert Bullett robert.bullett@london.anglican.org

Diocese of London Christmas Resources Pack

In the last bulletin we mentioned the availability online of the Christmas Resource Pack which had also been sent to all our Primary Schools. One of the team behind the pack, Sam Donoghue the Diocesan Children's Adviser, is keen to know what you thought of the resource, whether you liked it, whether it was useful and how you used it. Please pass your thoughts to Sam by sending him an email to sam.donoghue@london.anglican.org or by phoning 020 7932 1255

Christian Aid

Christian Aid has come up with some exciting ideas to teach children about global issues and active citizenship. It has devised the 'Supercake', a fundraising initiative which looks at how baking has helped children in Tajikistan and Angola.. Just call 08700 787 788, or go to http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/TeachersResources/primary/supercake_pack.aspx to get your free pack.

Other resources that Christian Aid has available from its website are:

- Assembly of the month: http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/News/ournews/assembly_month_2009.aspx
- Unit for yr 5 and 6 on Christian Aid and Islamic Relief:
<http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/TeachersResources/primary/beliefs-and-actions.aspx>
- Chocolate Trade Game online :
http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/TeachersResources/primary/choc_trade.aspx
- Trading Game online:
http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/TeachersResources/secondary/trading_game.aspx
- Paper Bag game online: <http://learn.christianaid.org.uk/TeachersResources/primary/pbag.aspx>
- For anyone working with post 16 age, Platform 2 could be worth promoting (upper 6th really as it's for 18 – 25 year olds.) www.myplatform2.com

Advice on Managing Death and Bereavement

Please find enclosed with this mailing a new set of advice and recourses on managing death and bereavement in schools.

Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, St Edmund's College, Cambridge

The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion are holding a short course on Friday 3 – Sunday 5 April 2009. for teachers of science, philosophy or RE. It will give informed input on some of the latest thinking in the science-religion area and provide information about resources available to teachers, as well as tackling some of the thorny issues arising in the classroom.

For more details including bursaries and discounts, see www.faraday-institute.org or contact Faraday.Administrator@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk

Video & Film Clips to use for Worship, RE, PSHE and SRE

The BBC Learning Zone – www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/ contains 400 short clips to support every possible subject at both primary and secondary level. I found them useful for worship as well as to support classroom teaching. Bookmarked in my computer – add it to yours!

Sex & Relationships Curriculum

Last week the Government Office for London launched a Sex and Relationships Education curriculum for young people in London. The curriculum goes from Foundation Stage to Year 11. You can find it on www.younglondonmatters.org. Once you are on the site you just click on the year group you want and the lesson plans unfold via a hyperlink. There are assessment opportunities in every lesson and at the end of each unit. There is also a professional support programme available to purchase from The Christopher Winter Project (www.tcwp.co.uk).

One of the things I really liked about this programme is that there has been a considerable amount of consultation with faith communities and young people.

LDBS RE Primary Scheme of Work – Getting hold of Resources

It has been brought to our attention that some schools have found difficulties in purchasing the resources *Teaching Christianity at Key Stage 1* and *Teaching Christianity at Key Stage 2*. These resources are currently being advertised in The Stapleford Centre's 'Resources and Courses Spring term 2009' booklet for £11.95 each. For more details please contact The Stapleford centre on 0115 939 6270, email: books@stapleford-centre.org or Fax: 0115 939 2076. Their website address is www.stapleford-centre.org