

## **National Parent Forum of Scotland Annual Conference 5 October 2013**

### **Seminar 1**

**Title:** National Qualifications Update

This seminar is designed to give parents the latest information on the new National Qualifications which have been developed to support Curriculum for Excellence.

Presenter: Dr John Allan: Policy Manager, Scottish Qualifications Authority

### **Seminar 2**

**Title 1:** Health and wellbeing and Outdoor Learning

**Descriptor 1:** This seminar will lay out the entitlements for Children and Young People in Health and Wellbeing as a curriculum area within Curriculum for Excellence. One such entitlement is experiences in physical activity and sport. The seminar will go on to explore how the design and management of school playgrounds can support children's health and wellbeing. It will share inspiring examples from across the UK and beyond, give you ideas that you can adapt and use in your own school and point you to useful resources for parents and teachers. There will be opportunity for discussions and questions and a bit of practical design fun. This short film give you a glimpse of the kind of practice we'll be exploring.

Presenters: Suzanne Hargreaves, Senior Education Officer from Education Scotland and Alastair Seaman, Programme Manager from Grounds for Learning.

### **Seminar 3**

**Title:** The learning ladders

The learning ladders are an innovative approach to mapping the curriculum. They are a visual resource in a school where most of our young people are visual learners. The ladders can be used by the whole school community: pupils, staff, parents and partners agencies. The innovative and creative use of the learning ladders has deepened the whole school community's understanding of curriculum for excellence. In addition they have facilitated the development of staff's approaches to assessment and moderation and generate an increased consistency and confidence in understanding the standards and expectations of learning within their own and across learning area.

Presenter: Ellen Muir, Head Teacher from Pilrig Park School

### **Workshop 4**

**Title:** A Whole School Approach to Promoting Health and Wellbeing (Secondary)

This seminar will outline Larbert High's holistic approach to the promotion of health & well-being, physical education, physical activity and sport. In December 2012 the school won the coveted School Sport Award at the Scottish Sports Award and was short-listed for the Active Nation Award at the Scottish Education Awards in June. An official Community Sport Hub, School of Rugby, Football, Dance and Basketball,

there's a lot going on! But there's more to health & wellbeing than just sport and this seminar will also outline how Health and Wellbeing is being promoted and developed right across the curriculum.

### **Workshop 5**

**Title:** Literacy and technology

An active seminar demonstrating how using easy to access technology can enhance the learning experience for children of all ages in a relevant and exciting way. We will look at:

1. QR Codes in literacy,
2. Quad Blogging,
3. Computer programming for 7-11 year olds,
4. Projector cameras and homework
5. Waypointing/Geocaching for children

And you will get the chance to meet St Bride's first ever 'Scannable Scarecrow!

Presenter: Dave Adams, Principal Teacher from St Bride's Primary School

### **Workshop 6**

**Title:** Supporting transitions.....a parent's view

Explore a practical example of how a community nursery supported parents with transition with a focus on Health and Wellbeing.

Presenters: Tina Pollock, Family Development Worker and Kirsty Brunton, Early Years Manager from First Step Community Project

### **Workshop 7**

**Title:** Eastbank Primary School – Our Nurturing Approach to Strong Emotional, Mental and Social Health and Wellbeing for all Children

- We will describe the school's journey to creating a personalised culture of values and citizenship using a shared set of values, which now underpins school ethos and expectations for all children.
- Share pathways to fostering positive working partnerships with a range of partner agencies and the wider community.
- Discuss systems for building strong, supportive relationships with parents and carers.
- Outline a planned and pro-active approach to the emotional and social health and wellbeing curriculum and developing resilience in all children

Presenters: Gayle Minnis, Head Teacher and Fiona Haggarty from Eastbank Primary School