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EXCELLENCE AND DIVERSITY

Second national primary conference

Learn 2 play, play 2 learn

Following the success of our first primary national conference in March 2006, we are delighted to announce Learn 2 play, play 2 learn.

The conference explores the role of play in learning and the curriculum; highlighting the importance of play from 0–19 years old.

Best and next practice from around the world will be showcased; inspiring creativity, innovation and motivated learning in children.

'When the fun goes out of play, most often so does the learning.'

Joanne E. Oppenheim

'We don't stop playing because we turn old, but turn old because we stop playing.'

attributed to Satchel Paige

'If you want creative workers, give them enough time to play.'

John Cleese

'Take time every day to do something silly.'

Philips Walker



'If play was banned from the workplace there would be no design industry. Many of the principles and activities of play are central to the process of invention, problem-solving and change-management.'

Sean McDougall



Sean McDougall – internationally respected educational designer, will demonstrate examples of the most innovative and compelling learning through play.

Sean highlights new ways of learning and different approaches to risk management from across the globe. He shows how the skills developed through play – overcoming obstacles, implementing ideas, working with others – can be used to prepare students for life in the 21st century.

Gaming technologies, a live link up with an Australian school – demonstrating how play is embedded in the curriculum, and school children presenting their own work on self-assessment and levelling writing will also feature.

Booking information

To book your place please visit www.schoolsnetwork.org.uk/community/familyofschools/default.aspx and complete the online booking form. Cost is **£100** per delegate for affiliated schools, and **£150** per delegate for non-affiliated schools.

To find out more please contact **Melanie Goinden** of the Conference team at melanie.goinden@ssatrust.org.uk or on **020 7802 0857**.

Breakout sessions

Four breakout sessions will feature:

Michelle Lewis, Alexandra Infant School, Kent

Learning from experimenting with digital movie cameras at key stage 1

Focusing on low cost technology with big ideas – how one school took staff and pupils on a learning journey to develop speaking and listening skills. Includes animation and film clips produced by children.

Bettina Zeidler, Education Consultant

Pedagogy can be fun

Bettina is flying in from Germany to ask 'What is fun?' Along the way she will be considering various methods for making teaching and learning fun.

Michelle Holliday and Lindsey Milligan, Cooper Perry Primary School, Staffordshire

International play

These early years practitioners will present what they and the children have gained from an exchange project involving schools from across Europe sharing good practice, ideas and teaching resources.

David Barnard, Education Consultant

Proven primary partnerships

David runs practical and fun programmes linking curriculum transition to design and technology. Joined by staff and pupils from a secondary and primary, he will discuss the impact this collaborative programme has had on their experiences of transition.