

IN THE KNOW!

NEWS & UPDATES FOR SENCOS – DECEMBER 2014

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Hello, and welcome to the December edition of our new 'In The Know!' newsletter. We hope you find the following information useful for your SENCO role in school. It has been a long term, and there's still a very busy month ahead in school. So let's get started before you get too tied up with all the Christmas celebrations and nativity plays.

Best Wishes. Eleanor

SPRING SENCO FORUMS

Our **spring term SENCO Forums** are being held across Lancashire and Cumbria during March.

We've not finalised the agenda yet, but you're guaranteed a very busy event, with lots of very useful advice and information to support your SENCO role. We also have a special guest from IDL (see information over the page).

A place at our Spring Forum costs £80.00. If you've not already reserved your place, I've attached a booking, so please don't delay, get it filled in and return it today!

	<u>SPRING</u>	<u>SUMMER</u>	<u>VENUES</u>
DATES	Tuesday 3 March 2015	Tuesday 16 June 2015	Dunkenhalgh Hotel, Clayton le Moors
	Wednesday 4 March 2015	Wednesday 17 June 2015	Garstang Golf Club, Garstang
	Tuesday 17 March 2015	Tuesday 23 June 2015	Lakeside Hotel, Newby Bridge
	Wednesday 18 March 2015	Wednesday 24 June 2015	Greenhill Hotel, Wigton
	Running time: 1.30 – 4.00 pm		

SPRING MORNING COURSE "All About a Child"

Each term we offer a **morning training course** in coincide with our afternoon SENCO Forums. We cover a different topic each term, on subjects that compliment the role of the SENCO as well as other members of the School Leadership Team and support staff.

Our training for the spring term is called **'All About a Child' - Achieving excellence in person-centred and solution-focused thinking and planning with pupils and parents.**

What will I gain from this course?

- Practical skills needed and strategies used to involve pupils and parents in person-centred and solution-focused thinking
- The next steps to further embed pupil and parental involvement in SEN decision-making.

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Reserve your place, using the attached flier. It's just £80 per place and we also provide a light lunch for those who are also attending the afternoon SENCO Forum.

Check out our website at www.eleanorhick.co.uk/courses for further information on our courses and to download further booking forms as required.

Prize Draw Winners

Thank you so much to everyone who responded to the feedback survey following our autumn term training events.

The winners drawn from the top hat are:

- Dunkenhall Hotel - **Judith Winstanley**
(Balladen Primary)
- Garstang Golf Club – **Judith Pye**
(Bolton le Sands CE Primary)
- Lakeside Hotel – **Louise Mason**
(Yarlside Primary)
- Greenhill Hotel – **Cath Pearson**
(St Mary's Catholic, Salterbeck)

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Independent Supporters

www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk

The Government has provided £30million to enable all parents to access Independent Supporters.



The Council for Disabled Children is responsible for this initiative and many different organisations have tendered to provide the service in different parts of the country.

This link takes you to a presentation that explains the role of Independent Supporters.

[Independent Support – A Quick Parents Guide](#)

COGMED



Those of you, who attended this term's 'Here Today Gone Tomorrow' training on memory, were very impressed by Cogmed. It is an intervention to improve working memory.

For more information contact Alison Winter by email :

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or visit the Pearson [Cogmed](#) website at . <http://www.cogmed.com/>

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MAKING YOUR LIFE EASIER

Many thanks for the great feedback about the policy template we provided at the autumn term SENCO Forums.

Thanks also for the very positive feedback about the SEN Information Report



MENTAL HEALTH



This website is well worth a look - it provides a range of resources including online eLearning modules

<https://www.minded.org.uk/>



Don't Forget the SEND GATEWAY



If you haven't signed up yet, you're missing a great source of information and resources.

www.sendgateway.org.uk



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!!



[NASEN Live](#) at the Macron Stadium (BWFC ex Reebok) at Junction 6 on the M61 on 20th & 21st May 2015

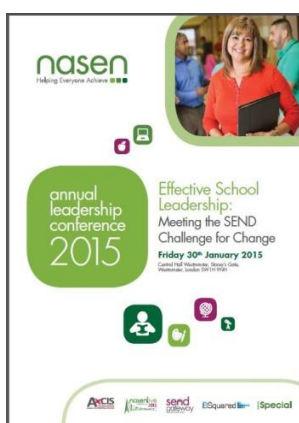
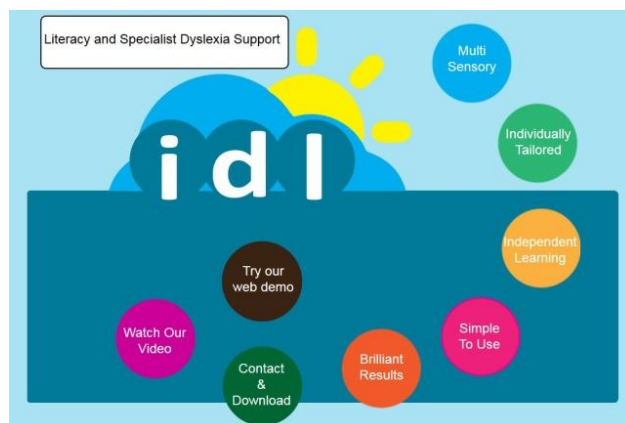
IDEAS AND INTERVENTIONS

IDL

Damian Sharkey will be attending the Spring Term Forums to show you IDL.

IDL is a cloud based literacy intervention that can be accessed at home or at school. It is very easy to use for staff and learners alike. Use of IDL is proven to increase the reading and spelling ages of learners by an average of 10 and 11 months in just 26 hours on the programme.

Go to www.idlcloud.co.uk and have a look for yourself.



NASEN: Annual Leadership Conference 2015

Effective School Leadership: Meeting the SEND Challenge for Change.

Friday 30 January 2015. London.

Click [here](#) to download the program and booking form for this National Conference which aims to “provide positive answers to key questions and offer support for meeting the challenge of change with SEND reform brings to school leaders”.

Or visit the NASEN website at www.nasen.org.uk

FEEDBACK

We received loads of fantastic feedback regarding our Autumn training course ‘Here Today Gone Tomorrow’ and SENCO forums. Thanks to everyone you completed our on-line surveys. Here are a small selection.

Informative course - clearer understanding of strategies to use within a classroom and a clearer understanding of what a child with memory difficulties face in a classroom and how to spot these children
HS @ Ashton

Great to work in a smaller group with plenty of time to meet and chat with other sencos. Useful, clear, easy to implement strategies for working with children with poor memory JW @ Balladen

Excellent as usual. Very relevant and useful information and resources. Love coming to your courses because I always have something I can take away and use. It's real! Also essential for sencos to meet so they can pass on information, share ideas...and moans!
PI @ Ashfield Inf

Very helpful. I like to come away with something structured to help rather than 'airy fairy' ideas. The policy to work on was great and the help with the SEN information which has to be put on website was good.
JC @ St Veronicas

Always very informative and really designed for those present - not a generic briefing.
LH @ Holy Family

I found this course very informative and feel it will help me in my duties in the school environment. SB @ Cartmel CE