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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the March 2023 Information Flyer. We hope you'll find the following items of interest to you and your school. **Please circulate to all staff and particularly subject leaders.**

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. **Psalm 72:1-4**

In this period known as Lent in the Christian calendar we take time to reflect on life. The busyness of living in today's world can let us forget the need to stop, reflect and help others. As the passage says we are judged by our actions towards other people; to how we hold the care of those less fortunate in our hearts and strive for justice to those in places of pain or anguish. Prosperity is not really about the material things in life- that we often judge our success against. It is about enabling everyone to live well together, to be happy, to be free to think and express our beliefs. To be kind and caring humans as God created.

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1. Royal Norfolk Show – 28/29 June 2023

Bring your school to the Royal Norfolk Show to give your students the opportunity to learn more about food, farming and the countryside in Norfolk!

School bookings for The Royal Norfolk Show are now open! This year the show is set to be held on **Wednesday 28**th **and Thursday 29**th **June 2023**. We provide free tickets for children who attend in school groups and for accompanying adults, within allowed ratios. Advance booking is necessary. Please click the link to find out more and to book your tickets: https://www.royalnorfolkshow.co.uk/tickets/schools/

There is lots to see and do. Visit the <u>Discovery Zone</u>, the hub of interactive learning for young people, that combines food, farming and the countryside with STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths). Call in at the Rare Breeds Animal Farm to learn more about native breeds and conservation. Stop by the Woodland Area to take part in engaging activities and learn more about our countryside and don't forget to visit the <u>Broads Village</u> to learn more about the Broads National Park and the unique ecology of this exciting habitat.

For older students make sure to visit the Ag Demo area to see the latest agricultural machinery in action and learn more about careers in the sector. Make sure to stop by at the new Innovation Zone to discover more about exciting tech. All educational activities are organised in partnership with the <u>Food and Farming Discovery Trust</u>.

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2. Year 6 Transition Day 3rd July – Norwich Cathedral

On the Move Day... A Year 6 Transition Day at Norwich Cathedral



A day at Norwich Cathedral for Yr6 pupils who are 'moving on' to secondary school. This popular and successful day will happen on **3 July 2023**. It will allow your pupils to take a pause in the busy build up to leaving primary school, reflect and celebrate their journey so far and consider the opportunities ahead.

For more information or to book your pupils a place please contact: schoolsadmin@cathedral.org.uk

If you would like to explore a version of this day for Yr2 children moving from key stage one to key stage two, then please feel free to contact: HeadofSchools@cathedral.org.uk who will be happy to develop a bespoke day for you!

3. Learning with Parents

Learning with Parents is an award-winning charity providing an online reading log and parental engagement programme for pupils, parents, and teachers. They support all families to have positive learning interactions together, with the vision that one day all children can be supported at home to fulfil their potential. They lay the foundations to parental engagement with their digital reading log building on this through their full English and maths programme. Some of our church schools are positively engaging with their offer.

You can read more about their work <u>here</u>, or read their 2021 impact report <u>here</u>.



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4. Wellbeing Matters – YMCA Norfolk

Wellbeing Matters: YMCA offers vital mental health support to Norfolk schools





YMCA Norfolk's Wellbeing Matters team is made up of experienced and passionate therapeutic engagement workers, counsellors and therapists who have worked with over 230 students in the last year - supporting young people in schools, at home and in the community.

Available to all schools across Norfolk, the team works with students from as young as 5-years-old up to 25-years-old, delivering much-needed support work around mental health and wellbeing. Sessions focus on the individual student and their needs, with much of the delivery centred around anxiety, depression, anger management, emotional regulation, self-esteem issues, trauma, and overcoming eating disorders.

Over the last year, more than 98% of the students they have worked with have not needed further support from resources such as the NHS, meaning hundreds of young people are able to stay in school and thrive in education.

The team understands the pressures that schools are under and have therefore built competitive wellbeing packages that consist of tailored 1-to-1 sessions delivered both on-site in school and in the community.

For further information including packages and prices, please click here.

If you would like to purchase Wellbeing or Counselling sessions, please contact the team on wellbeingmatters@ymcanorfolk.org

5. Exclusive Author Webcasts for A Day of Welcome 2023 – understanding refugees





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Last June, we had over 11,000 Key Stage 2 pupils join us for A Day of Welcome's live webcasts with Michael Rosen and Miriam Halahmy. Due to their resounding success, we've decided to work with some exciting authors to deliver two new webcasts for 2023. The authors will be drawing on their lived experience and inspirational creative work to help your pupils better understand the experiences of refugees.

The Waiting Place by Dina Nayeri

for pupils aged 7-9 (Year 3&4) - Friday 16 June 2023, 10-11am > Register here

When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed

for pupils aged 9-11 (Year 5&6) - Friday 16 June 2023, 1:30-2:20pm > Register here

The live webcasts will take place on **A Day of Welcome**, Friday 16th June 2023, and are free for all schools to attend. They are just a small part of the resources that are on offer for primary and secondary schools that educators can use to mark this special day of learning, as well as Refugee Week (19-25 June).

We are delighted to announce that registration is now open and what's more...



The first 75 schools to register for the webcast with Dina Nayeri will receive 40 FREE hardback copies of *The Waiting Place!*

This is a great chance to win your class a set of books and to embed the study of The Waiting Place in your curriculum as part of your Schools of Sanctuary work!

6. Free eco learning kit for schools

Earth Day is fast approaching on 22 April 2023 - and with that in mind, Bin Twinning has just created a brand-new kit to help schools learn about how protecting the planet from the urgent issue of plastic pollution.

Why Earth Day is so important?



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In December 2022, more than 100 people were killed in landslides and floods in DRC's capital city of Kinshasa. They were the worst floods in years, and evidence of why Kinshasa's plastic problem is deadly.

Bin Twinning's DRC partner runs a hub where waste pickers are paid by the kilo for plastic bags and bottles. This plastic is then melted down and mixed with sand to become eco paving bricks.

In the FREE school's kit, your schools will find:

- An interactive lesson plan full of facts and stories to help primary and secondary students learn about the human and environmental impact of plastic pollution
- Quizzes and activities to make the learning fun and memorable
- A junk-modelling competition with the chance to win a Bin Twinning litter picking kit for your school!

Download your 'free' schools kit here today!

If you have any questions, email <u>sarah.suddrey@bintwinning.org</u> or call on 0300 321 3217

7. The Coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III

Bring alive this historic occasion with a workshop in your school.









Great links with your RE Christianity units and PSHE.

- · Explore the symbols associated with this historic, religious ceremony
- Unpack the symbol of 'Jesus the king' for Christians and the promises of service, and faith in Christ to be made by King Charles at his coronation
- Delve into the meaning of kingship & what will happen in the service at Westminster Abbey
- Enquiry: are vows, promises, commitment important?
- Snippets of History: how many kings & queens have ruled our country?
- Sing, dance and celebrate!

You can book this <u>any day</u> in the Spring before, or after, the Coronation date 6th May.

It can be delivered to several classes across KS1-2 in a day.

My usual half day (£150) or full day (£250) fees apply. Content will be adapted according to age groups.

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