

Primary Teachers Conference 2011

Doha British Montessori School, Qatar

Thursday 17th – Saturday 19th November

“Raising Standards in the Primary Classroom”

Dear members,

Introducing our Speakers

It is with great pleasure that I introduce our conference speakers for the BSME Primary Teachers Conference 2011. Based on the very positive feedback from those in the region who have experienced this provider first hand, we have chosen this year to work with Dragonfly Training.



Dragonfly Training was founded in 1999 and since then has grown to become a market leader in delivering training to teachers in the UK. They have established an excellent reputation nationally and internationally for providing inspiring, realistic and above all practical training of the highest quality. Their courses provide teachers with comprehensive resources and materials that can be used in the classroom the very next day. Teachers leave with inspirational ideas, lesson activities and strategies for improving the quality of their students' learning. Their approach is to spread best practice rather than constantly reinventing the wheel. In 2009/2010, 15,000 teachers attended their courses in the UK and 93% gave them the highest possible rating.



Alan Jervis has over 27 years' teaching experience, including 7 years as Assistant Head teacher, with direct responsibility for teaching, learning and assessment. Alan has extensive experience of deploying new teaching and learning strategies to reduce student underachievement and to facilitate significant improvements in examination results at all levels. He has taught at Key Stages 2 – 5 and was in charge of K2 -3 transition. Alan's courses receive incredibly positive feedback, due to his enjoyable hands-on approach, backed up with clear classroom strategies. Alan is widely regarded as one of the UK's leading INSET providers and is quickly establishing a superb reputation in the Middle and Far East.



Stephen Chapman is one of the most highly regarded teacher trainers in the UK. He has studied at the Universities of Liverpool and Cambridge and taught at schools in Kenya, the Caribbean, the USA and in London as well as in his home country of Wales. At the moment Stephen is involved in a special project at Evenlode Primary School based upon the book he has just published with Alan Jervis and is teaching at both years 3 and 6. Steve is regarded as an expert in the field of teaching and learning and ensures that he remains in touch with classroom practice by teaching in a local school. He has provided training at over 400 schools in the UK, Europe and Middle East with superb feedback from all of them.

Testimonials from Primary Sector Staff

“The feedback for ALL our Primary NQT’s was universally excellent. Many many thanks Steve and all at Dragonfly.”

Catherine Jones – EDIS Development Officer, Primary NQT’s, Neath/Port Talbot

“This was outstanding training. All our teachers from early years to year 6 found the day really beneficial.”

Catherine Mc Laughton – Team Leader, Primary Education, Rotherham

“An excellent day that was appreciated by all our staff.”

H Humphrey – Director of Studies, Somerhill Prep School, Tonbridge, Kent

“Forget the spoon-feeding and bring back the creating into teaching and learning.”

Victoria Pugh – Deputy Head, Taunton Prep School

“The trainer and presentation of information were top class.” *(Being an Outstanding Primary Teacher, Dubai: 3rd - 5th May 2011)*

Doa Saad - Dubai International School, Dubai

“I had a wonderful time at the workshop. It was very informative and I learnt a lot of new techniques at the workshop. Would definitely want to do the entire course when available. Thanks. *(Being an Outstanding Primary Teacher, Dubai: 3rd - 5th May 2011)*

Farheen Syed – Pristine Port School, Dubai

“Great usable ideas.” *(Being an Outstanding Primary Teacher, Dubai: 3rd - 5th May 2011)*

Kate Topping – British International School, Dubai

“Excellent, practical, helpful ideas for use in the classroom at all levels. Thank you.”

Louise Last - International School of Monaco

“Steve appealed to a wide audience and all teaching and non-teaching staff were on board! Well done.”

Caroline Ragi - International School of Monaco

“A real pleasure to listen to someone who was a teacher too and knows what he is talking about.”

Dona Nahjau - International School of Monaco

The focus this year will be “Raising Standards in the Primary Classroom” and, will cover areas such as:

- Latest updates in Primary Education.
- Raising Standards in all classrooms.
- Improving Classroom Performance across the board.
- Differentiation.
- Assessment for Learning
- Raising attainment for the gifted and talented.
- Personalised Learning. What works and what doesn't!!
- Improving Creativity in the classroom.
- How to improve parental involvement in a child's Learning.

Sessions will be presented in a carefully considered order so as to give delegates a clear and coherent idea of the journey on how to raise standards and attainment in the classroom. The programme will have a strong sense of narrative as well as being as practical and realistic as possible.

I hope you enjoy the programme we have put together for you and I look forward to seeing you at the conference in November.

Kind regards,

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