

EAST MIDLANDS EAST MATHS HUB

NEWSLETTER - April 2020

Introduction

Welcome back to what is a far from ordinary Summer Term. We hope you were all able to take a break at some time over Easter and are adapting to this new way of working along with looking after family and staying safe.

At East Midlands East Maths Hub the Leadership Team has been meeting (virtually) to prepare a plan for how we can support this year's Work Groups over the coming term. There is still a huge amount of uncertainty around when schools might be returning to normal business, and we're not going to speculate on when that might be or how it might look.

However, we are working on the assumption that Maths Hub activities will remain on-line for the rest of this academic year even in the event of the re-opening of schools, with face-to-face events recommencing from September. This will be kept under review and we will communicate arrangements for next year's activities as soon as we can. We do however want to make sure that we offer the best possible support we can to colleagues who are working with us this year, or who are keen to be involved in Work Groups next year.

For those working with us this year you should have heard from your Work Group Lead with a proposal for the Summer Term. We hope that everyone is able to continue to engage in whatever way they can until schools re-open.



-courtesy of St Faith and St Martin's Junior School

News from NCETM

Supporting materials for parents and teachers

The NCETM have released a number of supporting materials for parents and teachers whilst schools are closed. These are freely available on the NCETM website and can be accessed via the link in this article, [click here](#). They include resource lists, lesson videos and support via social media.

Participant surveys

NCP participant surveys are being sent out this week via email. Please contact your Work Group Lead if you require any support completing your evaluation.

Life in lock down...

I'm sure, like us you would rather be back in school doing the job we love, but on a positive note lock down has given us the opportunity to spend time with family and even try out new skills. Have a look at what we've been up to:

Jayne Ireland

I've been taking the camera out with me on my walks, doing some personal reading, a bit of CPD and have been treated to some amazing food cooked by my daughter who is in lockdown with us.



Recruitment

Secondary Mastery Specialists

Applications are ongoing for Secondary Mastery Specialists for 2020/21. For more information and to apply [click here](#). The deadline for applications has been extended to 1st June 2020.

PD Lead and SLE Programmes

Applications for Professional Development Leads and Specialist Leaders of Education programmes are now open for 2020/21. To apply, [click here](#) and the deadline for applications is 8th June 2020.

Primary Mastery Specialists - Applications open 13th May, deadline 15th June. Look out for application forms and further information.

Secondary TfM Development Work Groups

- Applications will open 3rd June. Look out for application forms and further information.

If you would like more information regarding any Maths Hub opportunities then please email us at enquiries@ememathshub.org

Cancellation notice

Primary Maths Conference

We are disappointed to confirm that this event has now been cancelled for 2020 although it will be rescheduled for summer 2021. Look out for more information regarding alternative dates.



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As well as setting work online and working with the Maths Hub, I have been dipping my toe into a few activities, such as growing vegetables and taking care of my garden, decorating, attempting a pallet project and doing a puzzle. I have also rediscovered my love of cooking and trying to keep up my fitness by going on a few runs.



Julie Naidu

My time has mainly consisted of coordinating the Maths Hub Project and home schooling a Year 4 and Year 6 pupil, so it's safe to say I am working on my multi-tasking skills! As much as I can't wait to get back to some normality, it has given me time to do some activities with the kids that I would have previously rushed to fit into our busy lives. We've been on walks and bike rides (my youngest finally learning!) to using our imagination to make things out of sticks and leaves and anything we can find on our travels. And of course, I now love a good online pub quiz! Take care and stay safe everyone x



Anita Coupland

My husband and I have finally settled into our new routine. Our children have long flown the nest so it's just the two of us. We come together for a chat over a cuppa and meal-times to structure our working day. Our day starts with a FaceTime chat with our eldest daughter, her husband and our granddaughter who is now 9 months. Although we can't go to visit them, I think that we have seen more of them and watched Beatrice grow from afar. Daughter number 2 contacts us from London as and when she feels the urge. As well as setting remote work for my class and online CPD, I have enjoyed having the time to cook, bake and making time to talk to people without watching the clock!



Claire Fraser

I've taken up an old hobby I used to have when I was much much younger- sewing. My first project was to design and make a memory cushion for my two out of their old school uniform, which I shared the full process from concept to final product and evaluation with my year five class to show them how important it is to design, plan etc. Have to say it was very therapeutic, relaxing and killed some time.



Jai Sharma

I've spent my working days so far writing a 5-year scheme of learning. It's been a huge task, but school closure has given me an opportunity to think about this properly. It aims to embed principles of Teaching for Mastery, opportunities for interleaved practice, and regular retrieval. Apart from that I've been getting to grips with distance teaching; keeping busy with DIY and long-neglected house maintenance; and trying to keep up with exercise in the garden.

Nicola Walker

Home schooling a 7 and 4 year old and working from home is very interesting at times, but we have been taking advantage of walks around our beautiful village with our dog Teddy, baking cakes, lots of fun times playing in the garden and the odd bike ride: the children are much fitter than me! Have also had some great quiz nights via Zoom!

