

# Summer 2017 Update

Good value, high quality training and sustainable resources you can use year on year

## PEN News

### **New!** courses and resources

See overleaf for more details on:

- 'Moving Up' - for families of year 6 children, about **moving to High school**.
- Session about building support from your **parents and communities**
- Developing **parent champions**



*"The home learning project has been successful at engaging parents and highly effective in improving the learning of their children."*

*QA, Claremont Primary School*

### **Nursery Home Learning Project**

Lisa Humphrey, Assistant Head at Claremont Primary School, spoke at a national **Optimus Conference** on 21<sup>st</sup> March about their involvement in the Esmee Fairbairn/Sutton Trust funded project and its very successful outcomes. For instance, 70% of the targeted children made accelerated progress (3+ levels) in reading, compared with 45% of nursery children overall.

The engagement of the targeted disadvantaged families in nursery has continued into reception with attendance at workshops up by about 70%.

**Training for the Home Learning Project** is available in June (see overleaf).

### **Working nationally**

We are delighted to be working with schools in **Derbyshire and Suffolk**, delivering courses to support parental engagement from the early years right up to transition to high school.

### **Local agencies**

We continue to work actively with partners across Manchester.

The spring term network meetings included lively discussions with **Self Help Services** and **Talk English**.

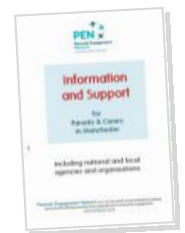
## PEN Membership

Great value for money: support and resources for a year.

PEN member schools can access

- a range of **free network and support meetings**
- **discounts** on PEN training sessions and courses
- free **30 minute telephone support** with specific requests
- free **resources** inc. new updated booklet of over 50 **organisations that provide information and support for parents**.

[penetwork.co.uk/pen-members-page/membership](http://penetwork.co.uk/pen-members-page/membership)



**Join by 28 April and get 3 free tip sheets** on keeping healthy, mental health & wellbeing, and building self esteem

## National News

Across the world, children are sleeping less. The NHS is seeing more serious problems than ever: hospital attendances for



children under 14 with sleep disorders have tripled over the past 10 years. A 2011 study based on schoolteachers' observations found that English students are the most sleep-deprived in Europe. (Read more at <http://bit.ly/2mR7eXF>). Sleep is one of the topics covered in the **Mouse Club Transition Project** (see overleaf).



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# Training (Available to all Primary Schools)

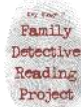
## KS2 Family Detective Reading Project

£150 (£135 PEN Members) for up to 2 places on the training, resources & teacher's notes.

Introduction to the resources and training on running the project in school. Year 3, 4 or 5 children and their families work together on an exciting challenge, developing their comprehension, inference and questioning skills.

**Thu 27 Apr, 9.30-12 at the Windrush Centre, M16 7WD**

*Please book by 17 Apr*



## Mouse Club Transition Project

(for Nursery & Reception)

£299 (£265 PEN Members)

Training and resources to help parents get children school ready.

Workshops and tip sheets for parents, Mouse toys and activities for children to do at home. Includes input on routines, toilet training, language, physical development etc. Ideal for Pupil Premium funded children.

**Thu 4 May, 9.30-3.30 at the Windrush Centre, M16 7WD**

*Please book by 26 Apr*



## Developing parent champions

FREE to all schools

Interested in training for parent volunteers to enable them to develop their skills and work with you to help develop parental engagement? Initial meeting for schools interested:

**Thu 18 May, 1.30-3.30 at the Windrush Centre, M16 7WD**

*Please book by 8 May*

## Senior Staff Briefing and Consultation Meeting

FREE to all schools

Building support at a time of budget cuts; staffing parental engagement roles; using volunteers; tip sheets for parents. Includes £25 voucher for PEN support. Governors welcome to attend.

**Fri 19 May, 9-10.30 at the Windrush Centre, M16 7WD**

*Please book by 9 May*

## Moving Up for Primary schools (supporting year 6 children)



£150 (£135 PEN Members) includes training and resources.

Resources for families of year 6 children about moving to high school—now available for primary schools. Includes 6 family activities and 4 tip sheets for parents on building self-esteem, coping with change, leaving primary school and getting organised.

**Tue 23 May, 9.30-12 at the Windrush Centre, M16 7WD**

*Please book by 13 May*

## Building support from your parents and communities

£60 (£50 PEN Members)

In the current financial climate it is important to galvanise the support of your families and communities to help support their children's education. This can include fundraising, campaigning, voluntary work, parents' groups or helping schools access free or cheap resources.



Come and get tips, share ideas and find out about useful contacts and resources.

**Wed 14 Jun, 1.30-3.30 at the Windrush Centre, M16 7WD**

*Please book by 4 Jun*

## EYFS Home Learning Project (for Nursery & Reception)

£450 (£250 without Playclub) includes training and resources.

Engage parents in supporting their children's learning in Nursery or Reception with a programme of workshops and activities across the year.

Includes F.U.N. maths activities and activity sheets, evaluation forms, certificates, detailed workshop plans; tip sheets for parents; summer activities and activity sheets; set of Playclub 1 or 2 bags including teacher's notes (phase 1 or 2 phonics); One and a half days' training sessions; evaluation tools.

**Nursery: 9.30-3.30, Tue 27 Jun**

**Reception: 9.30-3.30, Thu 29 Jun**

Both at the **Windrush Centre, M16 7WD**

*Please book by 17 Jun*



## FREE to PEN Member schools

### Family Support Worker Network *for all staff working with vulnerable families*

£60 (FREE to PEN Members)

Opportunity to share ideas and best practice of working with families to improve learning outcomes.

Includes specific input on supporting families at points of transition; updated information about agencies that support parents

**Tue 16 May, 9.30-12 at the Windrush Centre, M16 7WD**

*Please book by 6 May*

### Network Meetings

£60 (FREE to PEN Members)

**Central/South:** Running a parent workshop on boys as learners (Lisa Taylor, Martenscroft); running safeguarding workshops for parents (Quality First); sleep issues

**Wed 14 Jun 9.15-12 at Chorlton Park Primary School, M21 7HH**

**North:** Summer holiday activities; roles of staff relating to parental engagement

**Thu 15 Jun, 9.15-12 at St Mary's Moston, M40 0DF**

### Parental Engagement Co-ordinators' Network (for Primary & Special schools)

£60 (FREE to PEN Members)

Engaging parents at the start of the year e.g class meetings; identifying priorities and developing an action plan for the next academic year; practical strategies and resources.

**Thu 22 Jun, 1.30-3.30 at the Windrush Centre, M16 7WD**

*Please book by 12 Jun*

