



INTERNATIONAL LINKS NEWS

January 2009



International Calendar

- 26 Jan Chinese New Year Chinese New Year starts with the New Moon on the first day of the new year and ends on the full moon 15 days later.
- 27 Jan Holocaust Memorial Day This day is marked each year on 27 January, the anniversary of the date of the liberation of Nazi death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. www.hmd.org.uk
- 21 Feb International Mother Language Day This day is observed to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. Created by UNESCO to promote the dissemination of mother tongues. If there are pupils in your class whose first language is not English, you might like to encourage them to read in their first language.
- 23 Feb Fairtrade Fortnight Two weeks in which the principles and products of fair trade are promoted and the links between consumers and producers are highlighted. www.fairtrade.org.uk
- 4 Mar World Maths Day A global celebration of numbers! Students from across the world unite in their quest to set a world record in answering as many questions as possible. In 2008, more than a million students from over 150 countries took part. www.worldmathsday.com
- 5 Mar World Book Day A day to celebrate the joys of books and reading. Schools can send off for an activity pack and book tokens from the World Book Day website: www.worldbookday.com
- 8 Mar International Women's Day This Day, declared by the UN General Assembly, aims to highlight the importance of creating conditions for the elimination of discrimination against women and for their full and equal participation in social development. www.internationalwomensday.com
- 7 April World Health Day Through World Health Day, the World Health Organisation (WHO) is seeking to stimulate a global health debate on the global burden of disease and the factors causing this. Each year focuses on a different topic relating to health. www.who.int/world-health-day
- 5 June World Environment Day This Day, declared by the UN General Assembly, aims to deepen public awareness of the need to preserve and enhance the environment. The date recalls the opening day of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (Stockholm, 1972), which led to the establishment of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). www.unep.org/wed
- 15 June World Day Against Child Labour Hundreds of millions of children throughout the world are engaged in work that deprives them of adequate education, health, leisure and basic freedoms, violating their rights. More than half are exposed to the worst forms of child labour such as work in hazardous environments, slavery, or other forms of forced labour, illicit activities such as drug trafficking and prostitution, as well as involvement in armed conflict. www.ILO.org
- 11 July World Population Day An annual event that marks the date when the world's population reached 5 billion (11 July 1987). For background information and details of the annual theme for Day, visit the www.unfpa.org/wpd





International Cookbook

Be part of this new cookbook by submitting your own school or class 'international' recipe. Recipes may be selected as a whole school or individual class project. Pupils could create a list of popular international dishes and vote for their favourite. Teachers, parents and pupils may submit recipes.

If possible please include colour sketches/pictures/photos with your recipe(s).

For further details please see:

www.millais.co.uk/intl_links.aspx



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Chinese New Year

The Chinese Lunar Calendar is 2,640 years older than ours and never begins on January 1st, nor does it begin on the same date each year. It can begin any time between January 21st and February 18th, depending on the date of the New Moon in Aquarius.

Each year is represented by an animal. Every 12 years this cycle begins again. The Chinese say that the animal ruling the year you were born, will influence your life. In 2009, Chinese New Year begins January 26th and will be the year of the Ox.

www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/chinese-new-year includes resources suitable for Primary & Secondary schools

Word searches
Games
Stories
Colouring pages
Proverbs
Tangrams (ancient Chinese puzzles)
Recipes
Chinese zodiac



Year of the Ox

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) commemorates the tragic loss of life in the genocides of World War II, Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur. HMD is held on 27 January, the anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp at Auschwitz-Berkenau in 1945.

Consider how your school might commemorate this day. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust has created a selection of assemblies, lesson plans, and case studies for use with students at KS2, KS3, and KS4. A wealth of background materials, including films, images, and audio files can also be accessed on the Holocaust Memorial Day website.

The theme this year is 'Stand up to hatred'.

www.hmd.org.uk

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The British Red Cross have just produced a really good end-of-year photo news quiz for 2008. Based on high-quality news photographs from around the world, it is designed as an educational quiz and can also be used in class to encourage open discussion. You can download it as a PowerPoint file from: www.redcross.org.uk/standard.asp?id=89407. This page also includes all the questions for the quiz and suggestions for how to run the activity.



The quiz is an extension of Newsthink!, the regular free e-newsletter for teachers from the British Red Cross, which looks at the stories behind the headlines and suggests ideas for further discussion in schools. Well worth signing up for, if you haven't already...



Website: www.redcross.org.uk



Take Ted Travelling was launched in February 2008. Children from schools around West Sussex were invited to take part, by taking their favourite Ted on holiday and writing about the experience.

Rosie Chapman from St Andrews Primary School in Nuthurst won a cheque for £50 and the school was presented with a cheque for £200. Congratulations to all those who took part.

This competition will run again this year and keen photographers, writers and travellers are invited to take part in this fun competition.



COMPETITION TAKE TED TRAVELLING 2009

This year the competition is aimed at
all West Sussex primary & secondary schools and
all year groups.

Children should take their favourite ted on holiday,
take photos and write about the experience.

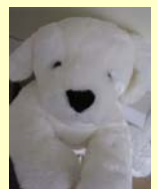
Both a written account of the destination and
photos of Ted should be included.
Photos should be of just their teddy (no people) in places which
reflect the destination they have visited.

Consider the following :

- ◆Travel ◆Local food ◆Beaches ◆Lakes ◆Mountains
- ◆Animals ◆Landscape ◆Weather ◆Accommodation
- ◆Activities ◆Place of interest

ENTRY FORM: www.millais.co.uk/Comp.aspx

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DEADLINE : Friday 27 November 2009

PRIZES: 1 month supply of Dubble Bars, cuddly
pups and lots more. . . .



MAJOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS 2008



- ◆ Starbucks espresso-based coffees including its cappuccino, cafe latte and other espresso-based beverages will all be Fairtrade certified by the end of 2009. The 100% Fairtrade Certified Espresso in the UK and Ireland forms part of a global plan that will mean Starbucks will become the largest purchaser of Fairtrade certified coffee in the world, doubling its global purchases to 40 million pounds (volume) in 2009.
- ◆ Tate & Lyle's retail cane sugar range will be entirely Fairtrade by 2010. In the first year alone, this increases tenfold the total volumes of Fairtrade sugar sold in the UK.
- ◆ The Co-operative switched its entire own brand hot beverage category – worth over £16 million annually – to Fairtrade, including its 99Tea.
- ◆ Sir Steve Redgrave launched a range of Fairtrade certified cotton menswear 'Five G' in Debenhams and new Fairtrade certified cotton lines were launched in Top Shop and Top Man.
- ◆ Sainsbury's switched 95% of their own label tea to Fairtrade. Over the next three years, their entire range of roast and ground coffee will move to Fairtrade.

GET INVOLVED...

Two billion people – a third of humanity – still survive on less than \$2 a day. Unfair trade rules keep them in poverty, but they face the global challenges of food shortages and climate change too.

Fairtrade is a people's movement for change that aims to tip the balance of trade in favour of poor producers.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 23 February – 8 March 2009

- ◆ Organise a football, rugby or basketball match using Fairtrade sports balls (how about staff v. pupils), a sock-hurling contest using socks made of Fairtrade cotton or 'Beat the Goalie'.
- ◆ Research where to find Fairtrade products on the internet in an ICT lesson
- ◆ Practice persuasive writing in Literacy or English by writing letters to sports centre managers and local supermarkets
- ◆ Make posters in Art and Design or make banners using Fairtrade cotton in Textiles to advertise your event
- ◆ You might even want to offer some home-made cakes at your event to draw people in. Make them in a Food Technology class using Fairtrade ingredients
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- ◆ Practice persuasive writing in Literacy or English by writing letters to the sports centre manager
- ◆ Make posters in Art and Design or make banners using Fairtrade cotton in Textiles to advertise your event
- ◆ Sell Fairtrade cakes and biscuits to raise funds for the Fairtrade Foundation

Here are some ideas of how to focus on **bananas**

- Use the videos and case studies on www.fairtrade.org.uk/resources
- Play the Banana Split game to see who gets what out of the price we pay for a banana – available from CAFOD www.cafod.org.uk/secondary/fairtrade
- Use the banana animation on the new DVD, showing how Fairtrade actually works
- Get different classes to research different banana-producing countries and share their findings
- Older students could watch and discuss *Bonita – Ugly Bananas* – a film showing why we need Fairtrade for workers on banana plantations in Ecuador. More details from www.greengold.org.uk
- Have a banana-themed day on Friday 6 March and get everyone to dress up, bring their own Fairtrade banana and participate in the mass banana-eating at lunchtime.



ISA SCHOOLS—AWARDED IN 2008



Billingshurst Infant School

Achieving our International School Award

Last year the children at Billingshurst Infants School participated in various exciting activities to develop their School's multicultural ethos and achieve the International School award.

They celebrated Chinese New Year with their own afternoon of Chinese festivities such as food tasting, making lanterns, paper dragons and taking part in a New Year parade.

During International week each class became a different country and the children visited these countries and participated in different activities linked to each country such as making and tasting tablet in Scotland, playing petanque in France and designing Delph Blue plates in Holland. At the end of the week all the children went on a virtual flight and flew around the world to see what had been happening in each country!

The children have been learning to speak French, have been visited by African and American dancers and have learnt about various continents around the world which they have shared with the rest of the school during class assemblies.

The children have spent a lot of time getting to know their International friends in Zimbabwe, Harare and America. They have exchanged letters and have participated in joint projects such as story writing, maze building, poetry writing and sharing facts about where they live and how life is similar/different to that of their friends abroad.

The School are very proud of this achievement and will be continuing to develop their International links with their friends in other countries. We aim to increase our links abroad and have a new link in Ghana this year.

Natalie Hunt

Geography/International coordinator





ISA Presentation 8 Oct 08
receiving award from George Aligiah

BOURNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE receives the full International Schools Award



The ISA supported us to develop the following:

- An international ethos embedded throughout the school in the majority of curriculum areas
- A majority of pupils within the school were involved in international work in at least one of their curriculum areas
- Collaborative curriculum-based work with a number of partner schools specifically in Spain, France and Russia, but also with the Netherlands and Canada.

We exchanged information on historic events which are still marked today in History with Russia such as Guy Fawkes' Night and the siege of St Petersburg. Exchange of traditional wedding ceremonies with Russia took place in RE as well.

A cross curricular project with Spain took place, which we are continuing now as a Comenius Project called "Building Intercultural and Environmental Bridges".

As of September 1st 2008, Bourne Community College has been recognised by the DCSF and The British Council as a fully accredited International School. We have been doing a considerable amount of work with schools and for schools in other countries around the world.

Mr Starr
International Dimension Coordinator



A lecture about China

by Daniel Welch Year 6
Kingslea Primary School - Horsham

A Chinese fellow called James came in to talk to us about China. The most memorable part for me was when he thoroughly covered the Chinese calendar. This meant that we could find out what our jobs would probably



be in the future and in the process, our teachers ages! He also told us about Chinese food which was considerably interesting owing to the fact it was much different from ours – except for dumplings, of course! He also went over some general basic facts about China – there are very many Chinese people and many different languages are spoken there – a bit like in Britain where Welsh is spoken in Wales, Gaelic in Ireland and so on, but on a much larger scale. He discussed the aspects of geographical interest such as the Great Wall of China, which was fascinating because of the labour put into building it. He mentioned that the Great Wall is the only man-made thing to be seen from space. I would also like to see the Terracotta Army. The Terracotta Army guarded the tomb of the First Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang di, who lived over 2200 years ago and some of the soldiers were on display recently at the British Museum in London. As I did not know much about China this was a very interesting talk and it's a place I'd like to visit one day.

Teaching about world topics:

Gaza conflict

The current conflict in Gaza can be a very sensitive issue to discuss in class, particularly if you are teaching students from different sides of the religious or cultural divide. Graphic TV images and reports of the conflict can be very upsetting for all and feelings run deep. But allowing young people a safe space to air their views whilst respecting others' opinions is surely better than ignoring the issue or trying to pretend nothing is wrong.

The Global Dimension website includes links to useful websites and resources:
www.globaldimension.org.uk/index.aspx?id=928

USA inauguration

Every four years on January 20, an important event occurs in the United States: A president takes the Oath of Office during an inauguration ceremony. Education World offers ten super activities to help students learn about and commemorate the inauguration. Includes: activities in which students write letters to the president, create presidential portraits, complete an inauguration trivia hunt, and much more!

Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States on 20 Jan 2009.

www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson219.shtml





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Tutor Group: 7EE
Ted: Biscuit & Coco



Guess where Biscuit's been?

Select links to photos/travel summary:

Coco French Alps - Dec08
Biscuit Australia - Dec08



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Use your school website to promote international activities. . .

- ◆ pupil artwork
- ◆ links to partner schools
- ◆ current projects
- ◆ map showing partner school links
- ◆ fundraising
- ◆ celebrating international days

For information on how to create a personalised map or set up a travelling ted project, contact:

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Millais School year 7 Tutor Ted project. Each ted has a website page with links to photos & destination information

International Conference October 2008

Secondary schools from around West Sussex descended on Millais School, Horsham for an International Conference in October 2008.

West Sussex schools invited their international partners to present a workshop so teachers could share best practice from around the world. The event attracted schools from China, USA, Canada, Spain, Denmark, Hungary, Belgium, Kenya, Italy, Germany, and The Netherlands.

The aim of the day was to enhance knowledge and understanding of different curriculum and whole school projects. There were 19 workshops running throughout the day.

The event was hugely successful and many new international links were formed.

It is hoped this will continue to be an annual event, with different countries hosting each year.

Further information including photos, video and copies of workshop presentations may be found at:

www.millais.co.uk/Int-Conf.aspx



National Curriculum

Putting the world into world-class education

(published by DCSF) in 2004, outlines an international strategy for education. It identifies three interrelated goals:

- equipping children and adults for a global society and economy
- working with other nations and regions for their benefit and ours
- maintaining an education system that can further our global economic objectives

www.globalgateway.org.uk/PDF/International-Strategy.pdf

Creating links with schools

Hornsey's global learning programme focuses on creating links with schools around the world and developing cross-subject activities to support these. Teachers have the opportunity to go on international school visits to help them embed global learning into their classroom practice, and these are seen as a central part of the school's professional development programme. Each link is usually pioneered by a small group of teachers led by the international coordinator: 'You need a few committed people to drive the project through and inspire others to join you.'



A flourishing link with La Pastora School in the Peruvian rainforest began in 2003. Learners from Hornsey had been exploring life in Peru and decided to raise money for a well so that children would be less likely to fall sick and miss school because of contaminated water. Since then many aspects of learning have been planned with a Peruvian emphasis, including enterprise education, PSHE, citizenship, ICT and English. Communicating with a rural Spanish-speaking school without electricity is challenging. To aid this, Hornsey introduced Spanish lessons and La Pastora introduced English lessons, so that the young people could communicate via letters. As a year 8 pupil from Hornsey enthuses, 'It's a big deal when a letter arrives. We get really excited and it becomes like an artefact.'

Learners across Hornsey School work hard to help sustain the Peruvian link. In enterprise week they designed innovative ways of raising money to help fund a new school building for La Pastora, while also selling Peruvian jewellery to buy a school minibus for Hornsey. They joined up with nearby schools to create Operation Peru Child, which sends gift boxes to La Pastora. They studied Peruvian poetry in English, investigated water issues in geography and even tried to crack the Inca code in maths!

Websites

Global dimension

www.globaldimension.org

This website is a guide to educational resources that bring a global dimension to teaching. It provides introductory guides to global topics, case studies, and information about professional development and school speaker services.

Global gateway

www.globalgateway.org.uk

The DCSF's Global Gateway, is a service for schools to find international partners and engage in online activities. There is also information on how exemplary partnerships are recognised though the International School Award.

Global School Partnerships

www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-partners-in-learning.htm

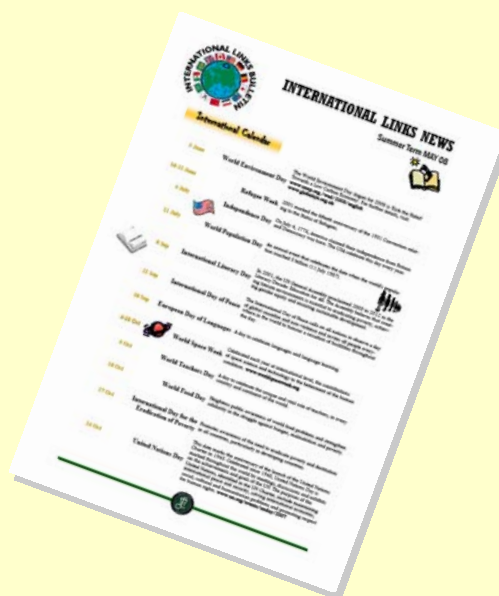
DFID's partners in learning website provides a practical guide to developing a successful global school partnership.

Sustainable schools

www.teachernet.gov.uk/sustainableschools

The sustainable schools are of TeacherNet is designed to support schools on their journey to sustainability, introducing the principles of sustainable development and offering guidance on how to embed these principles into the heart of school life.

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