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National Association for Able Children in Education

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Cymdeithas Genedlaethol i Blant Abi mewn Addysg



Happy New Year and welcome to our first E-Bulletin for this calendar year, your comprehensive monthly update of all things relating to the more able learner in education. What will 2014 bring for your more able learners? What opportunities will you seek for them or support them to seek for themselves? Encourage your colleagues to enter their pupils for the NACE annual photography competition, an excellent project to set in the first few weeks of term.

We hope you are now getting used to our **new look NACE E-bulletin!** Do let us know your thoughts - email [fionaperkins@nace.co.uk](mailto:fionaperkins@nace.co.uk)

To make it easier for you to navigate our new look E-bulletin here is a key to our new icons:

- email

- indicates a web link



### Which Welsh explorer found Dr Livingstone near Lake Tanganyika in 1871?

See '[Sources of Inspiration](#)' below for the answer

## NACE NEWS ITEMS

### Visit NACE at the BETT Show

The learning technology event at Excel London 22nd - 25th January 2014 partnering RM Education on Stand C240 and C250. Bett is the global meeting place for the education technology community, bringing together 35,000 educators and learning professionals every January.

### NACE Cymru Spring 2014 Conference Details Announced

'The Challenge Journey'

## January 2014

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### Let's Celebrate!

A warm welcome and congratulations to all our schools that have achieved the NACE Challenge Award and have joined the NACE Challenge Award family in 2013, currently bringing the total number of schools with this award to 294.

Many congratulations also go to all the schools that have achieved Re-accreditation of the NACE Challenge Award which stands at 63. This month we celebrate:

**Rush Common School,**  
Abingdon

### NACE Events

Conferences will be held on 2nd and 3rd April 2014 at the St David's Hotel and Spa.

**Keynote: Anne Fine OBE, Children's Laureate  
'Reading is Crucial for the Able Child'**

**DON'T DELAY, PLACES GOING QUICKLY FOR THIS POPULAR EVENT!**

[More information](#) 

[Booking form](#) 

### **Maths for the More Able**

Due to a **SELL OUT** course in October another course is planned for **March 18th 2014** at Victoria Primary School, Penarth - **don't delay, places are filling fast!**

[More information](#) 

[Booking form](#) 

If you would like to host a maths course at your school, please email Karen Burnham 

**HURRY - find out your more able photographers with the NACE 2014 Photography competition - closing date 31st January 2014 - an excellent project for the first few weeks of term for all the class!**

The subject for the competition is 'The World we Live in'. Entrants can capture any aspect of their world - busy streets, glorious scenery, home, school, local events or scenes from further afield. They may attempt more social comment on mechanisation, graffiti, law and order, terrorism or other such controversial topics. Anything found on earth in the 21st century is acceptable. Entrants have scope to be both creative and imaginative and capture a visual image that conveys some aspect of our world.

The competition is open to all school pupils in two categories, Primary and Secondary and closes on Friday 31st January 2014.

The prize will consist of the winning photo in each category being made into a canvas print. (Winners will need an electronic version of their photo). The competition rules can be found on the website. 

#### **Quick reminder!**

Your NACE member details changed on 1st December:

Your username is: nacemember

Your password is: Butterf1y (8th letter is the digit one)

#### **To access the NACE Cymru pass-worded area for Welsh schools:**

Your username is: nacecymru

Your password is: cymruchallen8e (penultimate letter is the figure 8)

#### **Are your contact details up to date?**

Please let the NACE office know of any updates or changes.



### **Rising Stars and NACE - Maths for the More Able**

Due to a sell-out in October, we are delighted to offer a further course on March 18th 2014 at Victoria Primary School, Penarth. Please book early to avoid disappointment - places are going quickly! A practical one-day course for primary school teachers.

**NACE member £200**

**Non-member £300**

Includes the Rising Stars Supermaths resources and the NEW online training course, Supporting the More Able in Mathematics KS2 worth £75.00!

[More information](#) 

[Book Here](#) 

**Quality Assured  
CPD To Support  
Your Staff**

#### **NACE offers a team of:**

- highly skilled,
- quality assured professionals,
- experienced in working with leadership teams
- and teachers to evaluate and develop your provision

Book professional development packages designed for your school and tailored to meet YOUR needs.

Consider one of the following as a starting point to select and shape a professional development package for your school 

### Looking for support with CPD?

Book your inset days as far in advance as possible to ensure we can allocate a NACE tutor.

[More information](#) 

## NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS



### News from the Welsh Government

The School Effectiveness Grant (SEG) and the Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) provide financial support for our national priorities for schools between 2013 and 2015. 

According to Wales' Oxbridge Ambassador low self-esteem and lack of academic self-confidence are main factors limiting the number of Welsh pupils applying to Oxford and Cambridge. 

### News from Estyn

All schools in Wales have the potential to improve the education they offer, but different schools may need different strategies, according to Estyn, depending on their stage of development. 

### Cross Phase - Curriculum Subjects

#### English & Drama

Become a 'Reading Agent' with a mission! 

#### Maths

Flashy maths... play maths games on the web or download to use offline 

#### Science

Have you any sparky young scientists? 

#### History

It's Martin Luther King day on 20th January   
All about Nelson Mandela [click here](#) , [here](#)  and [here](#) 

#### The Arts

Have you tuned in to Chordify? 

## ICT 📱

How can the iPad help learning? 📱

## MFL 📱

Have any of your colleagues applied to be a Comenius Assistant? C'est bon! 📱

## D&T 📱

An illustrated life story of chef Julia Child 📱

## PE/Sport 📱

Crazy facts about the winter Olympics 📱

## General 📱

What pedagogical habits will you stop or start in 2014? 📱

A visual tale about Albert Einstein 📱

**Don't forget - many more resources and links can be found on the NACE members' website 📱**

## SOURCES OF INSPIRATION

### Which Welsh explorer found Dr Livingstone near Lake Tanganyika in 1871?

Welsh Explorer Henry Stanley

### "Dr Livingston I presume?"

Explorer Henry Stanley (1841-1904) was born in Wales. As a newspaper correspondent for the *New York Herald*, he was given the challenging assignment of finding missionary-explorer David Livingstone in Africa. Upon locating Livingstone near Lake Tanganyika in 1871 after an exhausting search, Stanley simply asked, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" 📱

### Dickens' works as popular as ever now

British novelist Charles Dickens (1812-1870) was born in Portsmouth, England. He examined social inequalities through his works including; *David Copperfield*, *Oliver Twist*, and *Nicholas Nickleby*. In 1843, he wrote *A Christmas Carol* in just a few weeks, an enormously popular work even today. 📱

### Don't forget "Burns Night" 25th January

Celebrate Scotland's famous poet, Robbie Burns, by serving some haggis, tatties and neeps, and don't forget to recite his famous "Selkirk Grace" before you tuck in.

“Some hae meat and canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it;  
But we hae meat, and we can eat,  
Sae let the Lord be thankit.”

[More information](#) 🇬🇧

## Chinese New Year 4712 begins on January 31st 2014 – Year of the Horse

Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration in the Chinese calendar. The Chinese year 4712 begins on January 31st, 2014. Chinese months are reckoned by the lunar calendar, with each month beginning on the darkest day.

New Year festivities traditionally start on the first day of the month and continue until the fifteenth, when the moon is brightest. In China, people may take weeks of holiday from work to prepare for and celebrate the New Year.

At Chinese New Year celebrations people wear red clothes, decorate with poems on red paper, and give children "lucky money" in red envelopes. Red symbolizes fire, which according to legend can drive away bad luck. The fireworks that shower the festivities are rooted in a similar ancient custom. Long ago, people in China lit bamboo stalks, believing that the crackling flames would frighten evil spirits.

This year is the year of the horse - one of China's favourite animals. Horses provided good and quick transportation for people before cars were introduced providing people with a ride to their destination. Therefore, the horse is not only seen as a symbol of travel, but also a sign of speedy success.

## Be as busy as a bee

Be as busy as a bee at a [Beeswax Workshop](#) 🇬🇧 22nd Feb  
National Bees Wales 🇬🇧

## 24th-28th February

Pupils are never too young for new experiences, so take them to [Caerleon](#) 🇬🇧 and they can experience 25 years in [the Roman Army](#) 🇬🇧. They'll be taught sword fighting, marching and when they're eventually released they'll have a certificate to prove they are a fully trained Roman soldier.

## 17th May 2014

Laugharne Castle, [Carmarthenshire](#) 🇬🇧 by [Paula J James](#) 🇬🇧 A children's walk following the footsteps of Dylan Thomas' children and their dog Mably. A walk to Laugharne Castle for stories, then games, a picnic and storytelling by Hannah Ellis, Dylan's granddaughter.

**NEWS, VIEWS, IDEAS AND OPINIONS  
- HAVE YOUR SAY**

**What do you think?** For discussion on any of the above, or to let us know what you think, call Fiona at the NACE office on **01235 828280**  or email [fionaperkins@nace.co.uk](mailto:fionaperkins@nace.co.uk) 

We continue to look forward to bringing you up to date with all the NACE membership news in our next edition, which will be with you in February 2014.

NACE Office is open between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

## MORE NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS



Have you tried IGGY's 'Gobby Academy' yet?!

[Find out more](#)   
[IGGY News](#) 



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Find out more at [www.rmeasimaths.com](http://www.rmeasimaths.com) 

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