



RESOURCE

REaction grows!

So successful was the first REaction day held in Beverley Minster last June, that teachers have applied for over 2000 East Riding pupils to take part in June 2003.

Label of Love artists have agreed to work with a 'worship' theme for 2 days at each of 3 venues across the Riding. They will be Beverley Minster, Howden Minster and the Priory at Bridlington. *Label of Love* will also perform two days at Holy Trinity, Hull. Year 6 & Year 7 pupils attending schools in the relevant catchments are invited.

The worship theme will draw together aspects of our KS2 and KS3 RE schemes of work. *Label of Love* work with their own material, especially written to facilitate workshops in

dance, drama and music. Additionally, other staff at the venue will lead storytelling, artwork, quizzes and tours of the traditional place of Christian worship.

REaction is being developed as a kind of 'bridging unit' in RE for those partnerships involved. Pupils work in mixed workshop groups, at a stage in the summer term when they know which schools they are going to in September. Responding to teachers' responses from the 2002 pilot, a range of resource materials will be produced for teachers to use both before and after the event.

Unfortunately, it is currently not possible for all East Riding schools to benefit from REaction, though if invited, we would consider other locations

for 2004.

However, the good work that *Label of Love* do, is not confined to the Summer Term. The team has recently been working in secondary schools in the East Riding, Hull and North Lincs. Often working with classes or year groups from Year 7 upwards, the artists are familiar with our agreed syllabus, and will be happy to support RE teaching.

Contact John Flavell at Trafalgar Street, Hull, on 01482 211379.



Pupils enjoying the storytelling workshop at REaction 2002.

Collective Worship needs Participation

Following the launch of *Worship Works!* in April, we have been considering new ways of engaging KS3 pupils in worship.

It has been suggested that we should be listening to ideas straight from young people themselves. So we are setting up a

four-way cross-unitary working group to involve young people in planning and delivering worship.

The intention is to present the findings as an Inset day of workshops, videos, demonstrations and resources next year. This will be published as an appendix to *Worship*

Works! Two or three East Riding secondary schools have volunteered to be part of this project, and other non-LEA schools' workers will be involved.

Let's hope that together we can make some inroads into the thorny problem that is KS3 collective worship!

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RE bite-size:

- *RE.comp* - a competition for the use of ICT in RE - joint with Hull. See insert.
- Be encouraged by the news that in 2002, 49% of the GCSE cohort got a national accreditation for RE- we ARE making a difference!
- The Church Schools Conference will be held on July 9th 2003 on Knavesmire, York.
- Lat Blaylock will return!...on July 2nd 2003... to continue the cross-phase dialogue.
- "What is SACRE?" leaflet enclosed. See p.2.
- Try www.google.com. Search 'images' for pictures.

East Riding Networks are underway

The Autumn Term saw the start of Primary and Secondary 'Network' meetings in various venues across the East Riding. In an endeavour to 'catch' all those responsible for RE, Sue Holmes and Noel Jones ran a November 'roadshow'; this will be repeated in March/April and June/July.

The intention is to meet with as many teachers as possible to update them on current issues locally and nationally. Also, we would hope to hold a forum for discussion aimed at supporting teachers in the classroom and giving them the confidence to raise the profile of RE in their schools - no easy task, on top of everything else going on!



We would welcome prior notice of items for the informal agenda. Feel free to ring Noel or Sue in advance of the sequence of meetings to suggest areas of discussion.

It is important that we get a feel for the 'state of play' around the East Riding by sharing the same agenda with everyone.

Dates for your diary

PRIMARY

- **MAR 10th** Hornsea
- **MAR 12th** Goole
- **MAR 13th** Beverley
- **JUL 10th** Beverley
- **JUL 11th** Hornsea
- **JUL 14th** Goole

SECONDARY

- **APR 3rd** Beverley
- **JUN 24th** Beverley

Hull and East Riding SACREs join forces

The Standing Advisory Councils for RE in Kingston-upon-Hull and East Riding are working together on a new 3-year development plan for the benefit of RE in both authorities. Members feel that with a shared RE Syllabus and now Guidance for Collective Worship too, they will have more power to influence the teaching of RE if they work together to support it right across Hull and ER.

Two joint meetings of the SACREs have so far been held to discuss common ground and to establish a baseline for work in the future.

The best thing to come out of the discussions so far is a plan to hold a joint Conference on July 17th 2003, taking up the theme of *Thinking Skills in RE*. Dr Vivienne

*Joint SACRE Summer Conference
for Hull and East Riding -
"Thinking Skills in RE"*

Baumfield of Newcastle University will be the key speaker. She will get everyone - teachers, SACRE members, governors and faith leaders -

really *thinking* about how to make RE relevant to all pupils.

The SACREs have put together a leaflet about their work - sent with this REsource.

Levels in RE?..... What levels?!

After a year of deliberations, the cross-unitary working party has come up with a set of 8 levels in RE to match the national 'expectations'.

We have put together both a teachers' and a pupils' version to offer teachers a tool for measuring progression across the key stages from KS1 to post -16.

Being realistic, we know that for many, this is not the most welcome of initiatives, purely because it seems that the world has gone assessment mad!! We certainly don't want all pupils to be put-

ting pen to paper to be tested in RE in the same way as some other subjects.

However, it would be great if we knew that pupils were making progress in tackling challenging tasks set in RE, particularly across key stage transitions, and levelling at least some samples of work gives us the evidence we need to measure this, using the results to inform future lesson planning.

At Network meetings this term, primary



An attractive display of pupils' work in RE at King's Mill school

and secondary teachers have been discussing the application of the 8-level Scale in more detail, so please save examples of pupils' work for future moderation.

There's still plenty of talking to be done! Meanwhile, if you need help in applying levels, do get in touch. There are no right or wrong answers....

Newsboard

* Culham Institute has moved!

Culham is involved in a raft of projects to support and develop RE and Collective Worship. It now has the Church of England franchise for RE policy issues.

The new address is:

The Culham Institute
15 Norham Gardens
OXFORD OX2 6PY

Email: enquiries@culham.ac.uk

Website: www.culham.ac.uk

* **Dick Powell**, (Development Initiative) is asking for news items for the Bulletin Board Page on the new Culham teachRE site. The intention is to attract new recruits to the profession. Any news of interest? www.retri.org.uk

* **QCA** is in its third year of a **Creativity** project investigating how to promote pupils' creativity in all NC subjects and RE. A pack of materials will be developed for publication in summer 2003.

www.qca.org.uk/ca/subjects/re

* The Templeton Award for Religion and Science in Secondary Schools *

WIN £2000! by sending

- Brief summary grid of modules; year groups; subject headings; content; methodology & last 2 year's results, if exam-based.
- No more than 200 words on your objectives in teaching these modules related to Religion and Science.
- 3 examples of course work to:

RE Today Services
1020 Bristol Road, Selly Oak,
BIRMINGHAM B29 6LB

Full details on: www.retoday.org.uk

* The **QCA** website on **exemplification** of standards went live in the summer: www.ncaction.org.uk/subjects/re

Whilst remembering our own local assessment guidance, this site allows you to compare pupils' work with national standards.

* The ICT resource bank for RE - CD-ROM

Those wise enough to subscribe to **REtoday** magazine struck lucky this term with the free gift of a CD ROM to enhance their use of ICT in the classroom.

The disk contains a vast compendium of information, resources and ideas for teachers to use in their planning and delivery of RE, including hundreds of images, case studies, extracts from and links to internet sites, teaching plans for using ICT in RE, and a searchable database of pupils' beliefs on a range of issues.

The CD-ROM has been produced by the **REfIT** project (RE for IT) and it is unlikely that more disks will be produced. So, anticipating that they could be useful to many of our schools, the Diocese of York has acquired a set for schools to loan.

Contact Sue if you would like to borrow one.



Inset

The Diocese of York

now offers training courses to both Church and also Community Schools alike.

This is no money-making exercise! The intention is to show the Church of England's very real support and concern for education in all settings. It is seen as an extension of the partnership between Diocese and LEA and is set to be developed further.

There are two Inset courses planned for March, both of them at Bishopthorpe Palace. The first is already fully booked, but will run again with sufficient demand. See enclosed flyer for details of the second.

- **MAR 15th** Mary Stone - *Nurturing Children's Spirituality*
- **MAR 25th** Eileen Bellett (York St. John) - *RE and Assessment*.

Please apply to: admin@yorkdiocese.org

There will also be a **resources** morning for those leading **Collective Worship**, by popular request of the parishes:

- **MAR 8th** (Sat) at Cherry Burton Village Hall from 9.30-1.00.

A flyer is enclosed with more details.
Bookings: Anne Richards on 01482 854272

East Riding LEA

- **APR 2nd** NQT course
- **JUL 2nd** Lat Blaylock (PCFRE) *Thoughtful RE in KS2 & KS3*

This cross-unitary course follows on from the one that Lat led last July. It is aimed at KS2-3 transition, and looks at classroom examples of bridging the 'gap' between schools. We should be pleased to hear from secondary schools who wish to take part with two or three of their feeder primaries. Places are limited. Please apply to County Hall on an Inset 1 as usual.

We are also looking at the possibility of running primary RE subject leaders' courses later in the year.

Watch this space!!

Changes?....

For the beady-eyed amongst you, it may be apparent that there are some changes to the style and format of REsource.

The reason is that, after 4 years in the CPM's role for RE, Sue has finally been blessed with a new laptop, so that she doesn't need to rely solely on her ancient reconditioned home PC which only manages Microsoft *Works*.

We are now all-singing, all-dancing in

Publisher! Hope you still managed to recognise your REsource by its distinctive RE 'peachy' colour tone.

One thing that will not change is the support that we endeavour to offer throughout the year.

You may contact Sue Holmes on 01482 392464
Or Noel Jones (Link Adviser) on 01482 302409

Sue is funded 2 days each week by the Diocese of York to support church schools and the parishes.

Please leave a message if we are not available to speak to you and we will get back to you as soon as we can, diaries permitting!



Class participation in Collective Worship at Kilham CE Primary

Resources

Websites

* Have you heard about

www.relessonsonline.com yet? This site contains a vast range of lesson plans for teachers of KS4 RE and RS with extracts from the latest film, TV and music. The content is tied in to the specifications of the 4 major exam boards and new material is added every week. Here are just a few of the 'cultural' elements the lesson plans use:

Gladiator, Shaggy, Dido, The Matrix, Travis, U2, Bridget Jones's Diary, The Simpsons, Saving Private Ryan, Eastenders, Craig David.

Run by a Christian charity that relates Christian faith to contemporary culture, The Damaris Trust, subscriptions are £58 for individuals and £120 per school (+VAT).

* A free website for teaching Christianity www.request.org.uk is for all key stages, is easy to use and is richly illustrated. It covers churches, festivals, celebrations, beliefs, issues, questions and interviews.

* Try talking to www.sikhkids.com

* www.xcalibre.ac.uk/udev/subjects/RE/index.html - ideas for gifted, talented and high achievers.



The REaction quiz at Beverley Minster, June 2002.

Other Courses

REtoday

PRIMARY

* *RE for 4-7s* - Mar 20th

PRIMARY & SECONDARY

* *Teaching, learning, thinking, improving RE in KS2 & 3* - Apr 1st & June 30th

* *Four Religions, for both primary and secondary ages* - various dates

SECONDARY

* *GCSE RS-raising standards* - June 26th

* *Expert Secondary RE - a new course for ASTs, & experienced RE teachers* - June 5th

retoday@retoday.org.uk

Conferences 2003

* *Educating the Citizens of 2 Kingdoms* The Stapleford Centre conference at Swanwick, Derbyshire, on 3 - 5 January. Developing a Christian perspective on educational issues. Tel. 0115 939 6270

* *Citizens of the Future - their Faiths, Beliefs & Values* The Keswick Hall Centre for Research and Development in RE, UEA, on 3 & 4 April. Aims & philosophy of education, its values and spiritual development. Tel. 01603 592632

* *Philosophy of Religion: Developing a World Perspective* The Shap Working Party on World Religions in Education at Leeds University, on 11-13 April. A conference designed to consider Philosophy of Religion 'A' Level syllabuses from the perspectives of different world religions. m.hayward@leeds.ac.uk

* *Challenging RE* PCfRE's conference for all those who teach RE - *Thinking - Spirituality - Inspiration - Practicality* at Yarnfield Park Stone, Staffs on 2 - 4 May. "We intend that your professionalism will be energised and your classroom practice inspired to new standards of quality". retoday@retoday.org.uk

Books for RE, Citizenship and Collective Worship

* *Connecting with RE* - RE and faith development for children with autism and/or severe and complex learning disabilities ISBN 0 7151 4984 9 160pp £19-95

* *My Communion Book* - A Child's guide to Holy Communion to help children understand and enjoy the service ISBN 0 7151 4946 6 £4-50

PACK

* *Born Among Us* - 16 images on card and acetate, plus background info, to help discover the relevance of Jesus born among us today, thorough the eyes of Christian artists around the world. £15 MPH, 4 John Wesley Rd, Warrington, PE4 6ZP

CITIZENSHIP

* *Primary RE and Citizenship* - Circle Time, Belonging, insights from religion on social, moral and ethical dilemmas, rules for living, caring for the environment ISBN 1 904024 19 7 32pp £7-20

* *Live Caringly* KS1- *Live Thoughtfully* KS2- *Live Responsibly* KS3 - encourages and enables pupils to develop as active and responsible global citizens; multicultural stories, songs, games, video, with topics common to RE and citizenship - SENT FREE INTO EVERY SCHOOL in SUMMER TERM 2001

* *Values and Visions* - KS1&2, for those wanting to encourage spiritual development and global awareness in schools, religious perspectives on social and moral issues, participating citizens both locally and globally. ISBN 0 340 64412 5 229pp £15-99

* *Secondary RE and Citizenship* - Resolving conflict, anti-racism, global inequality, ultimate questions, identity ISBN 1 904024 16 5 32pp £7-20

Resources for RE & Citizenship

* *Secondary RE in Practice* - 3 books... *Is it Fair?* - *Finding the Real Me* - *Living with Others*... with stories followed by comments from faith perspectives ISBN 1 851000 116 6 or 120 4 or 128 X 32pp @£6-90

RE.comp

Hull and East Riding SACREs are offering prizes for the best ICT work in RE. The competition will be to produce an introduction to local place(s) of worship using ICT.

The competition is open to all schools in the two authorities, and there will be separate categories for primary and secondary schools. The age and numbers of pupils submitting work will be taken into account when representatives of

each SACRE act as judges.

Remember that there are many forms of ICT, and it would be wonderful if different pupils were to produce a video, a website page, a virtual 'tour' with a few digital pictures or maybe a guided tour on audio tape. No doubt your classes can come up with much better ideas!

The competition will



Festive Greetings and a peaceful holiday to you all. Best wishes for 2003.

close on July 11th, so that prizes can be presented at SACRE Conference on July 17th. We look forward to receiving your entries which will get a full airing, as far as possible, on the eRiding RE web pages.

(Speaking of which, there could be good news soon.... later.....!)