



REaction's here to stay!

What started in Beverley as a pilot in June 2002, has developed into something of a **chain REaction!!!**

The statistics tell the tale:

- 4 venues in East Riding & Hull – 6 in 2004?
- 1726 pupils, 47 schools (24% of all E Riding schools)
- 172 teachers and TAs
- 20+ clergy & church staff
- Many willing parish volunteers
- *Label of Love* - the talented artists

Watch out for 2004 dates!!

Details are being finalised as we go to print, and a letter is about to go into all schools inviting Year 6 & Year 7 pupils to take part. Dates will be throughout June next year, but this time they will be open to all-comers, not just those within a certain catchment.

So..... make sure your school books in quickly if you want to be part of **REaction 2004.**

Last year we were around 1000 places short of the demand. But there's a limit to the number of days we can run in each venue.

The theme for 2004 is **Pilgrimage.....**

...and next year we are planning for YORK MINSTER too!



REdotComp is a winner

Congratulations - to those who took part in

REdotComp

our Summer Term competition for ICT in RE.

Those who came to our joint Hull & East Riding SACRE Conference in July admired a colourful array

of work from schools in East Riding and Hull.

Our Chair of SACRE, Dave Thacker, now has the pleasant task of travelling around the Riding to present the specially prepared certificates to the winners. There are book tokens too for the following schools:

Beverley Minster CE
Hedon Primary
Pocklington CE Infants

Well done everybody..

And thanks to all those teachers who took the trouble to enter!!

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RE bite-size:

- *Holocaust Memorial Day will be commemorated in the East Riding for the first time on 27/01/04*
- *York Diocese is hopeful of setting up a GODLY PLAY room in York*
- *An REtoday trainer runs a Nov. workshop for KS3 pupils to participate in leading worship*
- *York Diocese is adding to "Worship Works" so the folder can go to all its Church Schools*
- *The BBC has commissioned a new song book for worship to replace "Come & Praise"*
- *2002-3 GCSE results on: www.gcscere.org.uk*

East Riding Networks & Initiatives

Have the East Riding RE Resource bases outlived their usefulness??

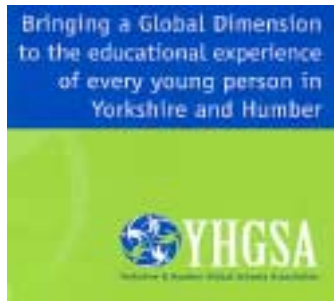
Since the Humberside resource bases were first set up around the old county in the early 90s, there has been the facility for teachers to borrow resources and artefacts locally. In the East Riding we still have the legacy of 8 or 9 of these bases - many of them in secondary schools, and we are indebted to those members of staff who have kept the original bases open and in some cases truly flourishing for nearly 10 years! Some schools still pay an annual subscription which has kept the resources topped up and useful.

However, in 2003 many more schools have their own RE resources, and the question is being asked as to whether it is time to call it a day. In some places, the original motivation has been lost, and resources are sitting in cupboards unused.

So do we say time's up, and disperse the remaining useful items amongst those who can use them? Each base could display its resources for those who might like them, and any remaining items could be assimilated into the LEA Resources Room at Skirlaugh.

Please tell Sue if you still need them... or they might disappear.....!

Launch of the Yorkshire & Humber Global Schools Association (YHGSA)



The YHGSA was formally launched at a Conference in Leeds on September 26th. This is in response to a national initiative by the Department for International Development.

Our local Development Education Centre - Hull & E Riding DEC - is based at Hull Education Centre. This year, thanks to new funding, more work will be carried out in ER schools. *Global Playground* - a new Foundation Stage initiative - is being piloted. You can speak to Sylvia Usher, the volunteer co-ordinator, on 01482 616619 or dec@dechull.karoo.co.uk

NEW BOOKS FOR RE

A whole raft of new books from the *Madeleine Lindley Bookshop* has been added to our existing LEA resources for primary RE.































Several of the books on the original list, sent into schools with the 1999 syllabus, are now out of print. So we have selected others to add, especially where the units of work were rather 'thin' and where teachers have said they've had more difficulty teaching the content. A set of new books has been purchased for E Riding.

These are available for loan from the Resources Base. Ring Skirlaugh if you'd like to see or borrow them. An order form for M-L. is enclosed with this newsletter; a unit-by-unit complete list of old & new books is available on request.

FREE!FREE!FREE!FREE!

A Buddhist Charitable Trust has donated 150 KS1 & 2 textbooks for ER schools. They are clearly illustrated, with separate books for teachers and for pupils. If you would like copies, please let Sue know how many (ideally!) by the end of November.

Words of Wisdom

         	<p>from <i>Nelson Mandela</i></p> <p>Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate;</p> <p>Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond all measure.</p> <p>We ask ourselves, "Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?"</p> <p>Actually, who are you not to be?</p> <p>You are a child of God.</p>	         	<p>Your playing small doesn't serve the world.</p> <p>There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.</p> <p>We are born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.</p> <p>It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.</p> <p>And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.</p> <p>As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others.</p>	         
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RE levels and the review of the Agreed Syllabus

A working group of ER teachers from all key stages has been brought together to moderate pupils' work against the LEA scale for teachers and pupils. This work, exemplifying assessment in practice, is in preparation for the review of our **East Riding Agreed Syllabus** due to start by next October.

We are planning in parallel with our partner LEAs, so that our shared syllabus will be reviewed concurrently. In case you are panicking, we are hopeful of a 'light touch' review **not** a full-scale revision!! There will be consultation with all stakeholders later.



More Freebies!

Resource pack for 11-16yrs
 Links RE to PSHCE
 Includes CD-ROM
 Lessons and worship on care, loss and grief:
j.mcdowall@helpthehospices.org.uk

Letters of thanks from Swinemoor Juniors after REaction03



Newsboard

*** A Non-statutory National Framework ***
 *** or a National Syllabus for RE?? ***

During the summer there has been hot debate in the media about the move by Churches Together to press Charles Clarke to consider a national syllabus for RE. This would go beyond the non-statutory framework suggestion that seems to meet with almost unanimous approval in the RE world, and would see the formation of a national SACRE to put together a syllabus. Local SACRES would still have a role to promote RE and monitor standards as they do now. The reasons given for this move are to even out the differences in RE syllabuses across the country.

The question remains as to how prescribe a national syllabus would be and as to whether taking the ownership away from local faith groups would diminish their willingness to be involved in supporting RE. Either way, it would seem that a non-statutory framework would be a useful first step - just as we begin ER syllabus review!

We await the Secretary of State's pronouncement on RE, originally promised in the summer, but which is now clearly providing him with more food for thought than he had imagined....

Inset

ISLAM AWARENESS WEEK

3rd-9th November 2003
 Islamic Society of Britain

Coinciding with the fasting month of Ramadan, the theme this year is Muslim heritage and Islam's contribution to present day medicine, geometry, astronomy, technology, architecture, music and arts. Teachers will be able to download curriculum material in the form of lesson plans and work sheets. The website will also host a number of educational computer games and competitions for pupils: www.iaw.org.uk



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

10-14 November 2003
 DFES

Celebrating the benefits of internationalism in the curriculum - partnerships, visits, exchanges, videoconferences and projects.

Stunning aerial photos as resources for collective worship and for "OUR WORLD"
www.earthfromtheair.com

TWO new books for children from 3 to 10 years!
 The perfect resource for Religious Education with Early Years pupils in nursery and infant classes.

Seven New Kittens is a traditional Muslim story which encourages children to reflect on the beauty and wonder of new life and the natural world. Children will delight in anticipating and ceasing the arrival of the seven kittens as they appear on the pages as the story unfolds.

The Tiny Ant is a delightful retelling of a traditional Muslim story with a message that encourages children to think about the importance of caring for the natural world.

Books @ Press

These two new Big Books by RE Consultant Gill Vaisey, are accompanied by fun resource packs to reinforce the message of the story @ £29.99 complete, or £5.99 for standard size.
www.booksatpress.co.uk; booksatpress@hotmail.com

The Diocese of York



Godly Play

Such is the demand for **Godly Play**, that a whole day's training has recently taken place at Bishopthorpe Palace for teachers, clergy, governors and other interested persons.

We have now carried out an analysis of where **Godly Play** stories fit into the ER schemes of work for KS1 & KS2. If schools are keen to try this method of engaging with children's spirituality, please contact Sue for further details.

We have invited Mary Stone to run Inset on **Prayer** on 20th March. Details will be sent to all schools.

East Riding LEA

Mary has also agreed to come on Feb 11th and train for **Spirituality across the Curriculum**.

Next term we shall again run **network** meetings for Primary teachers around the county:

- February 24th / 25th / 26th
 - Beverley / Hornsea / Goole respectively
- **NOT Inset** is March 25th at Brantingham Park.

The **Buddhist** Community at Pocklington are about to launch a new introductory pack for schools and will lead an afternoon's Inset for Primary teachers on March 17th.

Apply to Michelle Robinson at County Hall as usual ...and do let us know any particular needs.

You may contact Sue Holmes on 01482 392464 (LEA) or 01904 699515 (Diocesan office). Please leave a message if she unavailable and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

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

This term, for the first time, ER RE is being linked with the Humanities, involving a consequent change of advisory support. Noel Jones is spending more time on School Leadership and Adrian Chrismas (History & Geography Adviser) will take up the RE brief. He is on 01482 302403.

SACRE matters and Collective Worship will be overseen by Bob Duerden (Senior Adviser). Bob is no stranger to York Diocese, being an active Section 23 Inspector. His contact number is 01482 2392401.

Teachers' Visit to Auschwitz with the Holocaust Educational Trust

There is an opportunity for teachers from northern counties to participate in an extraordinary professional and personal experience by joining a visit to

Holocaust sites next Spring. Letters of invitation giving details have recently been sent into all schools.

The focus of the visit is a one-day visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland, accompanied by local guides. There will be pre- and post-visit seminars facilitated by a Holocaust survivor and the intention is to hold one of these in the north of England. Flights will be from a southern airport, but we shall arrange transport to London and possible overnight accommodation.

Costs, heavily subsidised, are in the region of £150. If interested, teachers should apply to Kay Andrews: 020 7222 6822 or info@het.org.uk



Do your pupils.....

- Argue over creation myths v the origins of life?
- Explore sustainability issues?
- Debate ethics & genetic engineering?
- Compare medicine v spiritual healing?

You could win *£2000* in the Templeton Award for Religion & Science.

www.retoday.org.uk



Resources

Websites

- www.hop.co.uk/smsc

a resource for spiritual, moral, social and cultural aspects (SMSC) with guidance for different audiences - teachers, governors and parents. Especially useful for Christian groups such as church schools.

- www.gca.org.uk/ca/inclusion/respect_for_all

Designed to develop understanding of values, cultures and faiths in our society and to challenge racism through the curriculum by promoting diversity in society.

And how about trying these for variety:-

- www.dharmathecat.com
- www.abm.ndirect.co.uk
- www.thejc.com (Jewish Chronicle)
- www.resauce.org (St. Mary's RC College, Hull)
- www.happiness.co.uk
- www.webshots.com (useful images)

Search the database of the Yorkshire Church Tourism Initiative for the features of the county's churches as spiritual, cultural & heritage assets:

- www.yorkshirevisitor.com/yorkshirechurches/home/index.asp



Detail from the Book of Kells, Trinity College, Dublin

Interactive Online Database

- www.pcfre.org.uk/db

Children and Young People Talking is an excellent new resource from PCfRE to support RE. Containing comments from those aged 5-18 years, the database can be searched for specific information related to age, faith and subject matter. There is also opportunity for users to add their own thoughts and ideas. Suggestions for activities can be downloaded from the website.

Online Discussion Forum

- www.yorkcentre.org.uk

The York RE Centre now hosts an online professional interchange of teaching and learning resources taking the form of a bulletin board. Teachers, clergy and others involved in RE are invited to register and join the discussion to facilitate the sharing of ideas, resources and learning materials and to promote good practice.

The Centre itself is now housed on the second floor of the brand new Fountains Learning Centre, complete with internet café and gallery space. Resources are available for loan to teachers.

Courses

REtoday (see enclosed flier)

RE for 4-7s

12 November, Nottingham

A one-day course focusing on how to improve the delivery of quality RE for Reception and KS1. It will provide teachers with a range of practical ideas for their classes.

Assessing RE: The Answers

20 November, London - 24 November,

Nottingham - 4 June, Manchester

For all who teach or lead RE in secondary schools, taking account of issues of workload and seeking to show that good assessment can be integrated with excellent, inspired RE learning.

Interfaith Study Weekend for teachers & students

15 /16 November, School of Education, University of Birmingham

Expand your knowledge and understanding of the faith communities in Britain today.

Guided by an experienced tutor, the course offers the opportunity to visit places of worship & meet members of the communities. Contact: Camilla O'Connor at the Westhill RE Centre on c.b.oconnor@bham.ac.uk

Conferences 2004

York Diocese Church Schools Conference is provisionally booked for **June 17th** at Knavesmire Conference Centre, York.

Books

BIG BOOKS! BIG BOOKS! BIG BOOKS!

* *Hands Up - Stories about Jesus* -

There are 4 books in the *Hands Up* series. The Big Book is replicated as a small book for use in groups. Titles in the series are:

Jesus and the Cheat (Zacchaeus)
Jesus puts things right (Jairus' daughter)
Jesus and the starving crowd (5000!)
Jesus and the breakfast barbecue (Peter)
Big Books @ £19.99, Small Books @ £3.50 or excellent value @ £18 for six.

www.stapleford-centre.org - 0115 939 2076
admin@stapleford-centre.org

CD-ROMs

* *Living Religions: A Primary Resource* -

A comprehensive and visually stimulating resource to support primary RE. This is a compilation of a vast array of information including videos, audio files, images and key texts from the six major world faiths and Humanism. Microbooks / I-Seek @ £39-00 +VAT: www.microbooks.org or email: info@microbooks.org

* *Question Genie for Religious Studies* -

Aims to provide teachers with software to create their own KS2/3/4 3-D interactive 'educational' games in 'just minutes' using

CHRISTIANITY

* *CURRICULUM BITES - KS3: Challenging Christianity KS4: Challenging Beliefs (BBC)*

This brilliant new resource for addressing the big issues of spirituality, religion & ethics is now available for inspection or loan from Skirlaugh Resources Room. It could be also be useful at the top end of KS2.

www.bbc.co.uk

Resources for all
Key Stages

THINKING SKILLS

* *REthinking Network* -

A vital support for anyone teaching RE! Relevant to both primary and secondary schools, this is a series applying all the latest research in teaching and learning. It contains fresh, practical ideas and examples that can be put straight to use in the classroom. Titles already available are: **Encouraging thinking in RE; Brain-based learning: lessons for RE; Using stories and poetry to stimulate thinking in RE.** More titles planned. Network members - 3 books a year for £25 or @ £9.95. www.stapleford-centre.org - 0115 939 2076

on-screen prompts. The teacher creates a selection of multiple-choice questions on a given topic which pupils answer as a computer game. There are 5 games to choose from with subjects ranging from the Menorah and Noah, to sacred texts and religious relics or symbols. This resource can be used effectively to check what pupils have learned. It could therefore be useful for plenaries. Priced @ £99-95 (including multiple-user site licence - can be networked): www.birchfieldinteractive.com or 029 2059 030; free 14-day trial available.

* *Ethics for Schools* -

A new resource from the Christian Medical Fellowship especially compiled for GCSE & AS/A2 level courses which cover medical ethics - including abortion, euthanasia, genetics, infertility, drugs abuse, the soul, and animal rights. The CD-ROM is a mirror image of the website: www.ethicsforschools.org

This resource offers a well-informed presentation of a range of Christian responses to issues in medical ethics:

www.cmf.org.uk or 020 7928 4694.

Represents incredible value @ £5 incl. p&p!

