

Eye on Supply

The supply teaching newsletter for cover coordinators

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Tap Teachers

...Let's teach!

Learning Days



Licensed Provider

Learning Days comes to Northamptonshire Primary Schools!

Tap Teachers is proud to announce that it is now an official Learning Days provider for our Northamptonshire Primary Schools. Learning Days provide educational resources in the form of lesson packs for supply teachers. Their packs have enough material for a whole day's worth of lessons and are based around central themes, such as healthy eating, the environment, energy etc. They have been designed for cover teachers as an engaging and curriculum rich off-the-shelf solution in case of emergency absences or where no lesson plans have been left.

The scheme has been piloted in North-East England and has proved a resounding success with Primary schools in the area, with many commenting that Learning Days lessons are more focused and productive than traditional supply cover lessons. As testament to this success, they have also received official sponsorship from national partners such as DEFRA, and Natural England who endorse the high quality of their lesson plan content.

The scheme is currently only available to Tap Teachers' primary schools, however KS3 and 4 level lesson plans are in the works so watch this space secondary coordinators! If you would like to find out more about Learning Days supply lessons, please call one of our consultants on **01604 646 333**.

Quality Mark – why does it matter?

Tap Teachers have been holders of the DCSF's Quality Mark scheme since 2004, yet some of our cover co-ordinators may not be aware of importance of working with a Quality Mark accredited agency.

The scheme's aim is to provide increased confidence to schools, parents and pupils that staff supplied by QM holders have gone through a rigorous selection process that encompasses the relevant checks and correct recruitment procedures. It also offers assurance that legal obligations have been met as well as the provision of access to CPD for all teachers.

Quality Mark is the badge that all cover coordinators should look for in their teaching agency. Agencies that do not possess the accreditation are not bound to perform the stringent checks and quality procedures as Tap Teachers. Click [here](#) for a full list of the benefits of Quality Mark.



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Legislation Watch



On 23rd October, the DCSF published the report on the delivery of Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) in schools; and the Government response to the report.

The review was announced in the Children's Plan, in December 2007. The group's independent report includes a number of recommendations to Government, designed to improve the quality and consistency of SRE in schools, to which the Government has responded.

Both reports can be found [here](#)

Office Gossip

TALES FROM THE
TAP TEACHERS
OFFICE...

This week at Tap Teachers...

Fears are growing that Laura's seemingly innocent new age ways may be a front for black magic voodoo practices after she admitted to making skulls out of water, flour and salt and selling them at craft fairs...

After sipping pina colodas in the Canary Islands last week, Adrienne returns to the UK complaining that it was 'only' 28°C while she was there!

Miranda fulfilled a lifelong childhood dream and had her photo taken with the fat controller from Thomas the Tank Engine.

BBC Education News

Pupils to get free home computers

The first 20,000 youngsters to benefit from plans to ensure all of England's school-age children have computer access at home have been earmarked.

The £300m scheme will be piloted among pupils from low income families in Suffolk and in Oldham from February.

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