



Welcome to our January 2021 **Family Learning Tutor** newsletter.
In this edition we have provided Updates, Useful Links and Partner Feedback!



Juggling Act

Since March 2020 we know how difficult it has been to 'juggle' life and want to thank you all so very much for your continued support. Since March 2020, we have been working hard to maintain our service by working with exam boards to ensure our learners obtain their accreditation, by offering methods of teaching we would not normally be used to and have adapted our classroom provision to ensure the safety of our learners and staff. We have worked extremely hard to update our service, using TEAMS or Zoom as teaching platforms, introducing and developing Moodle, designing and planning our online delivery including workshops and by updating and refreshing our 2aspire website. We've all learnt new skills and have had to work in different ways. We have all achieved so much as a team, whilst trying to juggle other aspects in our lives and keep up with changes. As a result, Family Learning is a stronger service. We will continue to promote our offer to achieve great outcomes through Family Learning for schools, parents/carers and their children.

"We will learn no matter what! Learning is as natural as rest or play. With or without books, inspiring trainers or classrooms, we will manage to learn. Educators can, however, make a difference in what people learn and how well they learn it. If we know why we are learning and if the reason fits our needs as we perceive them, we will learn quickly and deeply." — Malcolm Knowles, Educator

Moving on with Moodle



The adventure into using the Moodle VLE continues after the successful teaching/learner sessions, with workshops designed around your individual needs planned over the next few weeks. Thank you for your feedback so we know what is working and what the next steps should be. Our journey into online learning has been a bumpy ride but as always, your positive attitudes and willingness to try something new to benefit our learners has moved the project forward at an impressive pace.

Partner Feedback.....

In November 2020, we were able to deliver a classroom 'Let's Get Crafty for Christmas' course at Little Gonerby Primary School in Grantham:

"The interactions and connections made in the group were invaluable in developing friendships and common ground between the parents who attended. The feedback from the parents was extremely positive and each parent commented that they valued the quality time they had with their child in the school environment. It also helped the parents to understand the learning environment their children are in. The course was extremely rewarding and will certainly have ongoing impact for the school and wider community in the future."



COVID-19 has sadly meant change to some adult's employment, with a high rise in redundancies. NCS have informed us that NCS also offer redundancy packages for those either at risk of or have been made redundant.

The National Careers Service Rapid Response Service (those made redundant within first 12 weeks) may be eligible for courses such as Prince2, fork lift etc. free of charge depending on eligibility.

The learner must speak directly to a national adviser via <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us> to enquire on webchat or 0800 100 900 to find out if eligible.

Online support available:
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

If your learners are looking for employment useful websites for job hunting are:
<https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk>
<https://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk/>

Top Tip

Take a look at our [Careers and Jobs](#) section on 2aspire!



Arts can make a powerful contribution to our mental health

"Engaging in the arts seems to be growing in popularity as a way to improve your wellbeing. Participating in the arts can enable people to deal with a wide range of mental ill health conditions and psychological distress.

The best part is that it helps people to improve their mental health through creativity. Making art is helping many people express themselves, without having to use words."

[BHF - How arts can help improve your mental health](#)



In January & February we celebrate....

- 16th January - [World Religion day](#)
[Open Learn - World Religion Day](#)
- 18th January - [Brew Monday](#)
- 27th January - [Holocaust Memorial Day](#)
- 29th – 31st January - [Big Garden Birdwatch](#)
- 30th January – 6th February - [National Storytelling Week](#)
- 8th – 14th February - [The National Apprenticeship Week](#)
- 9th February - [Safer Internet Day](#)
- 17th – 23rd February - [International Random Acts of Kindness Week](#)
- 21st February - [International Mother Language Day](#)

Spread the word...



One of the best ways we can promote our service to our learners or prospective partners is via social media platforms. Anita has been working with our LCC department in creating posts for Facebook and Twitter. It would be great if you could like Lincolnshire County Council pages so that you can see these and share these if possible. If you know of or belong to any relevant groups that may be happy to share our posts please get in touch with Anita.

Spread the word -#2aspire #familylearning



Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board

"Our strategy - The vision of the LSAB is to make Lincolnshire a place where adults feel safe, secure and free from abuse or harm."

Visit [here](#) for more information and how LSAB can support