

Focus on... Hook Norton Primary School

Before half term, the school held an International Week. Throughout the week the pupils took part in a host of different workshops and lessons all with an international theme ranging from African drumming to video-conferencing with Swedish pupils, they even had lessons from a Japanese female samurai! Headteacher, Stella Belgrove said "Children were buzzing with excitement the whole week"

"This week forms part of our portfolio for the International School Award, obtaining International Schools Award status is my case study project for the Certificate of School Business Management which I am completing through OCC." Hazel Hope, School Secretary explained. The event was also picked up by the Banbury Guardian which ran an article with pictures. This kind of publicity helps with dissemination of the work and encourages other schools to arrange similar activities. Thanks to the school for letting us know about this event. If your school is planning events of this kind, we are keen to find out about it, so please let us know!



News & Opportunities – Please contact us for more information on any of these articles

- **Sujata Banerjee Dance Company 3 Part Workshop 13, 17 & 20 November 5.30-6.30pm** at RISC, Reading. A teachers workshop providing innovative ideas on teaching environmental issues through performance and live music. £6 per session.
- **International Opportunities for Schools Conference** 14 November, Brighton. The conference is a free event for all schools wishing to develop the International Dimension in the curriculum covering support on all aspects of International Education.
- **LECT** – The League for the Exchange of Commonwealth Teachers has announced their 2009-10 teacher exchange programme for teachers wishing to exchange positions for a year with colleagues in Canada, Australia & New Zealand. The application deadline is 29 December.
- **CPD in Sweden.** "Promoting Digital Competence through School Partnerships" 4-10 May 2009 This course focuses on ICT with possibilities for school linking and is fully funded by the EU.
- **Primary Global Learning Conference** 18 November, Birmingham. A one day Conference aimed at primary teachers with the focus of sharing ideas about global learning in the context of the primary curriculum review.
- **French for Primary Teachers** a FREE six week course beginning 20 January 09 for primary teachers and TAs who would like support with basic French.
- **MUNGA 2009** - A reminder for those schools who have not yet signed up for next year's MUNGA which takes place in March. Sign up now to reserve your countries.
- **Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council.** CYEC arrange and fund visit groups for 16-25 year olds all over the world.

Comenius

Funding for European School Projects

- **Comenius Partner Finding Twilight workshop 10 December, CRC** – A twilight session on how to find European partner schools to work with and how to get started with projects.
- **Comenius Workshop 16 January** – For schools with partners who would like to apply for the 20 February 09 deadline.

TIPD

Teachers International Professional Development.

- There is still availability on the **February Study Visits** although the destination may change from **Hungary to India!** Please contact us for more details and to express an interest.
- Oxfordshire International Education Bureau would like to invite requests from Headteachers who would like to run an **Overseas Study Visit** for their school or a group of schools. Proposed participants should not have been on a visit within the last two years.

Global School Projects

Funding for Global School Linking Projects

- The next deadline for School Linking Visit Applications is 6th February 2009.
- **School Linking Twilight Workshop 19 November, CRC** – Come and find partners and get information about how to visit your partner schools. How about a partner school in Jamaica? We have recently established links with Kingston Jamaica where there are schools waiting to make projects with you!

International School Award

Recognition for work in International Education

- Find out more about the International School Award at <http://www.globalgateway.org.uk/default.aspx?page=1343>
- **Oxfordshire ISA Awards:** We will be hosting our own award ceremony this year on **Friday 5 December** for all schools that received the full award. Please contact us to let us know how many invitations you will need.