

If you missed it, [CLICK HERE](#) for the November 2016 Emerging Literacy Update

Dear colleagues,

Please find below the February Update from the Highland Emerging Literacy Group.

Oral Language Videos – Adult/Child Interaction ‘Words Up’

The [Words Up Key Messages](#) have been created to support the development of [Oral Language](#) through the promotion of adult/child interaction. To support the [Words Up Key Messages](#) a number of videos have been created to allow practitioners to reflect on how these key messages feature in day-to-day interactions between adults and children.

The videos all follow a similar format:

- Introduce the Key Message(s)
- A short video clip
- A reflection task to identify where they key message(s) featured
- A section of the video clip again showing the Key Message(s).



[CLICK HERE](#) to access the Words Up Key Message support videos.

Words Up Level 1 Training – Term 3 and Term 4

A number of Words Up training events for Highland practitioners have been added to the [CPD calendar](#) for practitioners working within Early Learning and Childcare settings and in P1.



Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 7 th March	4pm - 6pm	Ullapool - WU22
Tuesday 7 th March	6pm – 8pm	Dingwall – WU30
Tuesday 21 st March	3.30pm – 5.30pm	Kyle – WU29
Thursday 23 rd March	4pm - 6pm	Thurso - WU23
Tuesday 28th March	3.15pm - 5pm	Inverness - WU20
Tuesday 25th April	6pm - 8pm	Nairn - WU24
Thursday 4 th May	9.30am – 11.30am	Ben Wyvis Primary - WU25
Thursday 4 th May	1.30pm – 3.30pm	Ben Wyvis Primary - WU26
Thursday 4 th May	9.30am – 11.30am	Inverness - WU27
Thursday 11 th May	6pm - 8pm	Newtonmore - WU28

The Words Up training has been designed to develop quality adult/child interactions which support Oral Language development.

Emerging Literacy Training – Term 4

We're in the process of putting together our Emerging Literacy support for schools in the 2017/ 2018 session. This will again include further one day training events and Local Area Networks. It is envisaged that we will have additional Local Networks next year to allow for further geographical spread.

For those schools who are planning to include Emerging Literacy within their School Improvement Plans for 2017/2018 it is recommended that your P1 Teacher and a member of the Senior Management Team (SMT) access the Emerging Literacy training in Term 4. This training is open to P1 Teachers, ASN Teachers, SMT and Allied Health Professionals.

ID	Ref	Start Date	Sector(s)	Title
★ 51634	JCEL08	23/05/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Literacy: Emerging Literacy INVERNESS
★ 53650	JCEL09	24/05/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Literacy: Emerging Literacy DINGWALL
★ 51631	JCEL05	25/05/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Literacy: Emerging Literacy INVERNESS
★ 51632	JCEL06	30/05/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Literacy: Emerging Literacy FORT WILLIAM
★ 51633	JCEL07	31/05/2017	Primary Head Teachers	Literacy: Emerging Literacy WICK

You can apply through the [CPD calendar](#).

Emerging Literacy 2016/2017 Networks – Network 5

The final Emerging Literacy Networks this year for the 2016/2017 schools are taking place in May. At these networks we ask that P1 practitioners invite their P2 practitioners and SMT to support transition planning.

Network 5 – May 2017

Network	Date	Time	Location
Invergordon/ Ainess	Monday 8 th May 2016	4pm – 6pm	Park Primary School
Dingwall	Tuesday 9 th May 2016	4pm – 6pm	Marybank Primary School
Lochaber	Wednesday 10 th May 2016	4pm – 6pm	Lundavra Primary School
Badenoch and Strathspey	Thursday 18 th May 2016	4pm – 6pm	Aviemore Primary School
Inverness	Monday 15 th May 2016	4pm – 6pm	Crown Primary School
Culloden and Nairn	Wednesday 17 th May 2016	4pm – 6pm	Culloden Public Library
North (Thurso)	Thursday 11 th May 2016	4pm – 6pm	Pennyland Primary School

Early Years Emerging Literacy Training

This half day training has been designed primarily for Early Years Practitioners to provide the theory and practical strategies to support the development of Emerging Literacy within Early Learning and Childcare. The training is aimed to support Emerging Literacy through the Early Level.

For the first round of training (March – May 2017) priority will be given to Nurseries (either school or partner centres) which feed into those schools who are attending the Emerging Literacy Networks. Booking can be made through the [CPD Calendar](#).

The Early Years Emerging Literacy training events are as follows:

Start Date	Time	Title	Venue
15/03/2017	09:00 – 12:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Inverness MORNING	Inverness Venue
15/03/2017	13:00 – 16:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Inverness AFTERNOON	Inverness Venue
16/03/2017	09:00 – 12:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Lochaber MORNING	Caol Primary School
16/03/2017	13:00 – 16:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Lochaber AFTERNOON	Caol Primary School
22/03/2017	09:00 – 12:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Resolis MORNING	Resolis Primary School
22/03/2017	13:00 – 16:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Resolis AFTERNOON	Resolis Primary School
25/04/2017	09:00 – 12:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Wick MORNING	Noss Primary School
25/04/2017	13:00 – 16:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Wick AFTERNOON	Noss Primary School
27/04/2017	09:00 – 12:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Kingussie MORNING	Kingussie High School
27/04/2017	13:00 – 16:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Kingussie AFTERNOON	Kingussie High School
03/05/2017	08:45 – 11:45	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Culloden MORNING	Culloden Public Library
03/05/2017	13:15 – 16:15	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Culloden AFTERNOON	Culloden Public Library
16/05/2017	09:00 – 12:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Alness/Invergordon MORNING	Alness/ Invergordon Venue
16/05/2017	13:00 – 16:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Alness/Invergordon AFTERNOON	Alness/ Invergordon Venue
22/05/2017	09:00 – 12:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Golspie MORNING	Drummuie, Golspie
22/05/2017	13:00 – 16:00	Emerging Literacy - Early Years - Golspie AFTERNOON	Drummuie, Golspie

Next month's update will include information on Emerging Literacy data collected across the Northern Alliance. [CLICK HERE](#) for the report published in December 2016.