



APRIL 2010 – MAY 2010

A month of publications on Religious Education

NEWS FROM REDBRIDGE SACRE

from the Department for Children, Schools and Families

Three important documents have been published recently that teachers of Religious Education should find interesting:

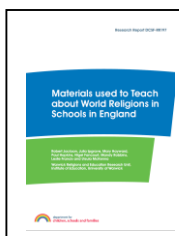


Firstly, the long overdue revision of the **RE Guidance** was launched by Schools Minister Diana Johnson on 29th January 2010. The government hopes that this document will support schools and local authorities in making sure pupils get a good knowledge and understanding of religion and belief in 21st century Britain.

Teachers of RE will find that this guidance includes a number of case studies to illustrate good practice and brings together in one place an explanation of all the current legislation on RE.



On the same day the **Department for Children, Schools and Families** launched the first ever **programme of learning** for primary religious education. This document is described as 'a non-statutory programme of learning for a statutory subject. This means it is intended to complement the statutory Redbridge Local Agreed Syllabus and should support schools when they revise their curriculum in the light of the new Primary Curriculum'



Finally, the DCSF published the report on an extended research project led by the University of Warwick Religious and Educational Research Unit. The report is entitled '**Materials used to Teach about World Religions in Schools in England**'

The overall aim of this research was to examine the range of materials available to schools and used by them for teaching about the six main world religions in the UK.

The study includes an evaluation of the published materials readily available, consideration of the contextual and pedagogical factors that influence their selection and use in schools and classrooms, and the materials' contribution to learning.

Redbridge teachers of RE will be interested to know that further work to support teachers in relation to the selection of resources is planned in the next year.



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Network Groups:

The secondary network group met at the Teacher's Centre on Wednesday, 17th March and discussed the challenges of assessing RE meaningfully and manageably.

The primary network group met on 23rd March. The session focused on Creative RE.

The next meeting of this group is scheduled for 15th June 2010 and will focus on RE and music

“Art in Heaven” - The Spirited Arts competition in Redbridge.

At the last meeting of SACRE it was agreed that we would encourage Redbridge schools to take part in the Spirited Arts competition hosted by NATRE – The National Association of teachers of RE.

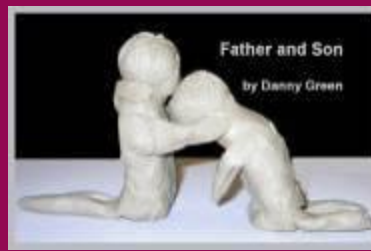
This year would be a pilot and I am able to offer any school that wishes to take part a free copy of an RE Today publication called ‘Spirited Arts’– exploring and expressing through art in secondary RE” to guide them in this work.

We hope that, if the pilot is successful, the competition might be promoted across Redbridge with an exhibition and so on celebrating the success of our students in 2011.

‘Art in Heaven is an annual competition for pupils in RE that gives students a chance to be creative and imaginative in RE. It is all about exploring spiritual ideas as well as developing a range of skills.

There is a wonderful web art gallery to explore. www.natre.org.uk/spiritedarts If your students enter this year, perhaps their work will be in the gallery next time.

Teachers and pupils are warmly invited to join in with ‘Art in Heaven’. The closing date is 31st July. The entry form can be downloaded from www.natre.org.uk



Life is Sacred:

Father and Son Reunited

3D work based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

This was one of the winning entries for the Spirited Arts 'Life is Sacred' category by pupils from Year 9, Little Heath Special School, Redbridge. Further information can be found here:

www.natre.org.uk/spiritedarts/art09/life_is_sacred/lis6.php

Thank you to Anne Krisman for this contribution

If you would like to share some RE News from your school via the website – www.redbridgerenet.co.uk/ please contact the Web team on redbridgerenet@aol.com

An invitation to the annual Redbridge SACRE Conference:

Religion, Education and Community

23rd June 2010, 13:00-19:15

at the Redbridge Teachers' Centre, Melbourne Road, Ilford. IG1 4HT

Please book for all or part of the event via www.redbridgepdc.org.uk and register onto course number 17426

A keynote evening lecture by Dr Joyce Miller

Joyce is a nationally renowned expert in Religious Education who has extensive experience in the field. She worked as an RE Adviser in Bradford for many years and has led pioneering work on RE and Community Cohesion. She has served as the Chair of AREIAC (the Association of RE Inspectors, Advisers and Consultants), has edited the NATRE Journal- REsource and is currently Vice-Chair of the Religious Education Council.

A choice of afternoon Workshops: catering for teachers in all phases of education.

- Engaging all parents/carers in RE;
 - Sensory RE for Special Schools;
 - Community cohesion: Faith Ambassadors and Intergenerational projects;
 - RE and Global Citizenship;
 - Early Years Foundation Stage work on Religion and Community;
 - Accessing RE and places of worship through the senses;
 - RE and community cohesion in the secondary classroom.
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- Refreshments;
 - Musical items from the Redbridge Music Service;
 - A presentation from the Clore Tikva School about community cohesion ;
 - An exhibition of resources held during the afternoon.

