

HUMANITIES

Teaching and Learning Group

RE MEETING

18th April 2012 4.00pm- 5.15pm

Thanks to those that attended:

Churchfields, Greendown, Nova Hreod ,The Commonweal , The Ridgeway, St Josephs, Crowdys

A special thanks to Katy Staples for leading the meeting and inspiring all of us.

Suggested outcomes of meetings

- Sharing ideas and practice
- A support network
- Keep up to date with current issues
- Development of RE in our schools

Minutes

Topic : Spiritual Development and RE

1. *New Ofsted Framework and SMSC – how does RE help to deliver this?*

AT2 and Spiritual Development ? Katy discussed the OFSTED criteria for an 'outstanding' lesson and we discussed the importance of RE in delivering and enhancing the development of SMCS. RE is central to a lot of the skills across all curriculum areas.

2. *Can we ? / how could we monitor the provision for Spiritual Development in RE?*

Reflecting on the criteria we were shown in agenda item 1. We thought about how we monitor the provision of spiritual development. We

discussed the idea of how can we measure spiritual development and concluded that it is not something that can be measured.

Katy handed out the OFSTED overview of a school who had 'transformed' their RE curriculum. It was noted about the importance of changing attitudes towards RE and SMCS. Our comments were that we would like to know about how much time was devoted to RE and how they delivered the topics.

3. *Practical lesson Ideas of how to encourage Spiritual Development in RE. Is there progression in Spiritual Development?*

Katy gave us lots of inspiration and lesson ideas for developing spirituality including:

- A) To develop awe and wonder in an environmental unit- Get pupils to sit under a tree and be still. Pupils should think about the wonder of nature and then be asked the question- why is this worth saving?
- B) The last piece of paper in the world- To go through a guided visualisation and then ask pupils what they wrote on the paper.
- C) An imaginary pilgrimage- design a variety of places that pupils could visit and reflect on

4. *Other National Developments in RE*

Katy reminded us that we could be lucky enough(!) at some point to have a specific RE survey OFSTED visit. So she handed out the grade descriptors for this.

- Dates for next year will be arranged at the end of May. I will let you know as soon as I have them. Hopefully Katy may be able to help us some more next year

Things for us to do/consider:

If anyone would like a copy of the hand outs from the meeting let me know and I will pop them in the post to you.

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