Making learning enjoyable and fulfilling - for adults and children: Using the freedoms of the teaching profession

A day of reflection, professional discussion with colleagues, and new learning, including:

   Deputy Mitchell and blogging for writing
   How to be the best we can be and enjoy what we do
   New technologies in Primary education

Join us to hear from three ‘up-and-coming’, innovative thinkers and educationalists. In the morning, listen to, reflect on and discuss their thoughts and ideas; in the afternoon, opt for workshops to take your learning further and develop something practical to begin applying in school the next day!

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Where: St Mary’s CEVA Primary School, Shenfield (CM15 9AL)

PLENTY OF UNRESTRICTED PARKING AT & AROUND THE SCHOOL

When: February 25th 2013 (the day after half term)

Cost: £50 including lunch & refreshments

Contact: To express an interest or for further information, reply to me at head@shenfield-st-marys.essex.sch.uk, call 01277 221249 &/or @beazeley on Twitter
‘Deputy’ David Mitchell

Freelance learning consultant & Headteacher, Google Certified, Quadblogging.net/Feb29th.net founder, keynote speaker and presenter - on mission to get kids everywhere blogging to a GLOBAL audience. Appointed as Headteacher from Feb 2013 at Caton Primary School.

http://deputymitchell.com/
http://deputymitchell.com/aboutdm/

@DeputyMitchell

Boys CAN love writing! (Good for girls too!)

It was well documented by BBC1 last year that boys in my class were writing 70,000 words in one year on their blog. Not only this, but a shift from 9% Level 5 to 60% Level 5 in 12 months with ALL pupils making 2 years progress in 12 months for the last three consecutive years in Year 6 shows that this was working! A combination of enthusiasm, exciting projects, risk taking, blogging and a whole host of Web 2.0 tools ensured my boys were writing from home each night because they WANTED to.

Tom Sherrington

I am a Headteacher and a teacher. I am interested in developing new ideas in teaching and learning and regularly contribute to conferences and CPD sessions locally and nationally. I work at @KEGS_Chelmsford, a Grammar school in Essex where I have seen learning activities that I’ve never seen anywhere else; these ideas would work anywhere and I am on a mission to encourage and challenge teachers to take more risks and release the full creative potential of the learning process.

http://headguruteacher.com/

@headguruteacher

Chris Williams @modblog1

It appears, since the arrival of iPads, that the PC it is no longer the cutting edge technology that it once was. My blogs aim to investigate the use of this handheld technology in primary education, in particular my School’s ‘iPad journey’ and look at some of the apps which, when used creatively with other apps, can be used across the curriculum to engage, motivate and inspire children’s learning in the classroom.

I have been a primary school teacher for 18 years focusing largely on curriculum development. I work in partnership with @dmandrews and have been involved in particular in developing independent learning approaches through the use of technology.

http://mrandrewsonline.blogspot.co.uk/

My blog www.modblog1.blogspot.co.uk is about writing moderation.
**Draft outline of the day**

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| 9.15-10 | *David Mitchell:* Developing writing through blogging – extending audience, purpose & motivation. @DeputyMitchell  
http://deputymitchell.com/about-2/  
Also ‘Quadblogging’ – building up a community of writers (near & far)  
http://quadblogging.net/ |
| 10.25-11.10 | *Tom Sherrington* (HT of KEGS): What makes a great teacher? &/or Making marking work for you and your class @headguruteacher  
http://headguruteacher.com/2012/08/21/what-makes-a-great-teacher/  
http://headguruteacher.com/2012/06/17/264/ |
| 11.25-12.10 | *Chris Williams:* Using technology to accelerate progress and build independence in learning.  
Ipads & mobile devices @modblog1  
I also developed www.guest-markers.posterous.com as part of our class blog which has featured as an article on the guardian teacher network  
http://www.guardian.co.uk/teacher-network/teacher-blog/2012/dec/17/guest-marker-students-written-work |
| 12.15-1 | **Lunch:** followed by carousel |
| 1-1.45 | Setting up & getting started with a class blog  
Going further with ipods & ipads |
| 2-2.45 | Making more of your (class) blog  
Getting started with ipads & ipods: what’s an app?! |
| 2.45-3 | Plenary: optional session to follow |
| 3-3.45 | **Blog chat**  
My Blog: A Community of Professional Learners  
iChat |