



# In Celebration of Playful Learning

Friday 28 January 2011 | 9.00am – 3.30pm | Epsom Downs Racecourse, Surrey

## Striving for Excellence in Early Years

### Why attend?

- Understand and share best practice in EYFS
- Discover new and exciting ways to engage children
- Consider current practice in your school and identify how it can be progressed
- Discuss the importance of meaningful assessment Birth–5
- Achieve continuity between EYFS and KS
- Take practical ideas back into your school to implement straight away

### Who should attend?

Headteachers, Early Years practitioner, governors and childrens' centre managers.

### Keynote Speakers

- Professor Christine Pascal OBE, Director, Centre for Research in Early Childhood
- Jan Dubiel, Independent Consultant, Early Years
- Sue Robb, Senior Director – Early Years, National Strategies

### Choose from six practical workshops:

- Communication, Language and Literacy Development
- Outdoor Learning
- Role Play
- Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy
- Planning and Developing Learning
- Curriculum and Pedagogy

## Overview of the Day

*In Celebration of Playful Learning* embraces the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and learning through play. Inspirational keynotes and practical case studies will reflect on effective EYFS practice and how it is supporting children's learning. There will be plenty of opportunities to consider EYFS practice in your school and discuss approaches with leading early years practitioners and peers. This will help you clarify how your school can continue to move forward, increase children's engagement with learning and identify new practical and inspirational ideas to take back into the classroom.

"Amazing, empowering!"\*  
Headteacher, Bramley Infant School,  
Surrey

"A fantastic day with thought  
provoking discussion"\*  
Headteacher, St Thomas of  
Canterbury Primary School, London

"Motivational, inspiring and realistic"\*  
Senior teacher, Frimley C of E Junior  
School, Surrey

\* Quotes from delegates attending Babcock 4S conference in October 2010

## Attend this conference to

- hear exciting ideas from leading experts to develop EYFS in your school
- discover new and practical ways for engaging children
- recognise the importance of meaningful assessment Birth–5
- achieve continuity between EYFS and KS1
- network with colleagues to share best practice and discuss concerns or challenges

## Keynote Speakers

### Professor Christine Pascal OBE, Director of Centre for Research in Early Childhood (CREC)

Starting her career in education in 1976 as a Primary school teacher, Christine became a Senior Lecturer at Worcester College of Higher Education in 1985. From 1995 she has undertaken a number of Directorship roles for research centres and education projects focusing on Early Childhood and lifelong learning.

She is currently Director of a major international project called Children Crossing Borders and President of the European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EECERA) and is Vice-President for the British Association for Early Childhood Education. She has also undertaken extensive work at government level to support the development of Early Years policy, sitting on a number of national committees. In 2000 she became Early Years Specialist Adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee on Education and is also a Ministerial Adviser to the Sure Start Unit as a member of the Early Education Advisory Group.

She has written extensively on early childhood development and the quality of early education services and was awarded an OBE in 2001.

### Exhibitor opportunities

If you are interested in exhibiting at this forthcoming conference, please contact Laura Farmer on 01372 834149 or email [laura.farmer@babcock.co.uk](mailto:laura.farmer@babcock.co.uk) for further information.

### Jan Dubiel, Independent Early Years Consultant

Specialising in Early Years Jan taught across the Nursery, Reception and Year 1, before working as an Early Years Consultant for the City of York training and supporting practitioners in the implementation of the Foundation Stage and developing partnership working. Following this, he was appointed as Early Years Adviser for the London Borough of Havering leading the Early Years team in developing effective practice and provision.

From 2005 to 2010 he was Programme Leader for the Foundation Stage Profile (now the EYFS Profile) at the National Assessment Agency (now QCDA) with national responsibility for its implementation and moderation. He also had responsibilities within the QCDA Curriculum and Assessment division to manage the exemptions process and the monitoring and development of the EYFS. Jan now works as an independent consultant, focusing on supporting all aspects of Early Years development, curriculum, pedagogy and assessment.

### Sue Robb, Senior Director for the National Strategies

Since training as a teacher in 1989, Sue has worked in a variety of schools in differing roles. After seven years as a Headteacher of a large Infant and Nursery School she joined a Local Authority School Improvement Team as a Primary Consultant with responsibility for the Foundation Stage. Sue is an accredited SIP and has worked in both a large Shire County and London Borough. Before joining the National Strategies she worked as the London lead in Together for Children on Children's Centres.

**In Practice Series...** Applying the latest theories and research to classroom practice. Themes covered within this series include: Boys' Writing, Leading Primary English, Active Assessment in Mathematics and Raising Boys' Achievement. Email [in-housetraining@babcock.co.uk](mailto:in-housetraining@babcock.co.uk) for further information.



# Programme of the Day

## 9.00 Registration, refreshments & exhibition

### 9.30 Welcome & Introduction

Phil Osborne, Head of Service, Early Years and Childcare Service, Surrey County Council

### 9.35 In Celebration of Playful Learning

Professor Christine Pascal, OBE, Director, Centre for Research in Early Childhood

This session will explore the current and future worlds of children, the most important areas of early learning, practical ways to inspire it and the transforming agenda. It will focus on advocacy to promote and preserve quality services and address how to achieve continuity between EYFS and KS1, work effectively with parents and the wider community, and how to eradicate poor practice.

### 10.35 Refreshments and exhibition

### 11.00 Never Mind the Formats – Meaningful Assessment Birth–5

Jan Dubiel, Independent Early Years Consultant

Jan will discuss the principles and purpose of assessment Birth–5 and the importance of appropriate Early Years assessment. He will also present best practice on effective assessment and give an overview of the current context, issues and challenges.

### 11.50 Seminar session 1

Delegates are invited to attend a session of their choice.

### 12.50 Lunch & exhibition

### 1.50 Seminar session 2

Delegates are invited to attend a session of their choice.

### 2.50 Celebrating Developments... Next Steps

Sue Robb, Senior Director – Early Years, National Strategies

This session will reflect on key messages of the day in a framework of looking to the future. Sue will focus on sustaining quality improvement in a climate of having to do more for less and explore ways in which Early Years practitioners can support each other by sharing their effective practice.

### 3.30 Close of conference

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## Seminar Sessions

### Communication, Language & Literacy Development (CLLD)

Explore the importance of developing phonological awareness and learn how children develop their vocabulary and language structures through this practical multi-sensory session.

Ruth Hall, Learning & Teaching Consultant – English and CLLD Consultant, Babcock 4S and Felicity Wright, Early Language Consultant, Surrey County Council

### The Value of Outdoor Learning

This workshop will support practitioners' understanding of the value of outdoor play in the Foundation Stage and how to plan for this important area of provision. Practical ideas will show how to develop outdoor play areas to encourage child initiated play and learning throughout all areas of the EYFS.

Julie Gale, Foundation Stage Leader, Guildford Grove Primary School and Anne James, Childcare and Early Education Manager, Surrey County Council

### Role Play

The role play area in an EYFS classroom should be integral to children's learning, stimulating communication, creativity and imagination and enhancing social and emotional skills. This session will support practitioners in the extension of their 'home corner' to ensure effective learning and provide ideas to be creative and imaginative with role play areas with role play ideas.

Donna Duffy, Interim Headteacher, Scott–Broadwood C of E Infant School

### Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy (PSRN)

A fun multi-sensory approach unpicking the key elements of PSRN to develop mathematical skills and thinking skills needed for problem solving in the EYFS.

Speaker to be confirmed

### Planning and Developing Learning Through Children's Interests

The session will look at the planning involved in working from children's interests, assessing and documenting the process through 'Plods' (Possible Lines of Direction). The approach is inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy and supported through the use of the Reflective Learning Cycle.

Cassie Ladbroke, Assistant Headteacher, Lingfield Primary School

### Curriculum and Pedagogy of the Accounting Early for Life Long Learning (AcE) Project

A workshop exploring some of the ideas around curriculum and pedagogy of the AcE Project which attempts to put into practice a participatory approach to curriculum and assessment including the voices of children and parents, and the possibilities and challenges of such an approach.

Professor Christine Pascal, OBE, Director, Centre for Research in Early Childhood

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## Seminar Choices

Please select two options per delegate:

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Communication, Language & Literacy  
Development

The Role of Outdoor Learning

Role Play

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

Planning & Developing Learning  
Through Children's Interests

Curriculum & Pedagogy of the AcE Project

Conference Manager: Michelle Coulse, Babcock 4S  
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## Look out for:

- Leadership Landscapes, part of the Leadership Series – Friday 26th November 2011 – Glaziers Hall, London
- Annual SENCo Conference for all phases – Friday 4th February 2011 – Epsom Downs Racecourse
- Telling Tales and Tall Stories, a Primary English conference – Friday 11th February 2011 – Epsom Downs Racecourse
- Even Better If... a Primary NQT conference – Thursday 3rd March 2011 – Epsom Downs Racecourse

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