

IPC Newsletter



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Dear Colleague:

With a number of significant new benefits for IPC members and several great events coming up, this newsletter is designed to bring you up-to-date quickly and concisely.

To help you find all the updates easily, we have split this newsletter into three sections:

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1. IPC UPDATES

IPC World Cup Units

With the kick-off to the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa less than 80 days away, what better way to engage children in their learning than through the brand new IPC units celebrating this global soccer festival.

There are four IPC World Cup Units; for Early Years and for each Milepost. The units last around two weeks and could be a great way to finish off the academic year. A CD with all four of the units will land on IPC member schools' desks at the end of April. Look out for it!

There will be a page for the World Cup Unit on the Members' Lounge - designed for IPC members to share their own great learning experiences and resources. Please share these and encourage your colleagues to do the same. The Members' Lounge is *your* IPC resource bank. The more every school and every teacher contributes their resource and learning ideas, the bigger and better it will get. And don't forget to share your photos and video clips too.

Updated IPC Units

Throughout the past twelve months we have consulted with hundreds of IPC teachers around the world in preparation for updating and improving the IPC Units. The updates are now well underway and, thanks to all your feedback will include:

- Links to the Assessment for Learning Programme (skills highlighted in the units)
- Greater Science coverage
- Improved ICT learning opportunities
- New ideas for Entry and Exit Points
- Ideas for resources built into the Learning Tasks (e.g. links to great video clips to share with your children)
- Suggested links to Language Arts and Mathematics
- New ideas for Research and Recording Tasks

All the IPC Units will be updated by the end of 2010 and we will write again in the coming weeks about how these will be rolled out. In the meantime, if you are at the ECIS conference in April, do come along to the exhibition stand as we will have some of these updated units on display.

New IPC Route Planner

Since IPC began ten years ago, a very popular service for member schools has been the chance to send in your route map and have it analysed for good coverage. Whilst we have always aimed to respond to you as quickly as possible, we recognise that at certain times of the year, you may have had to wait a couple of weeks for a response.

One of the improvements that you have asked for is a more efficient route checking facility. As a result, we are delighted to announce the launch of the interactive online IPC Route Planner - an immediate-response tool which identifies the learning goal coverage that you are achieving and missing based on your IPC unit selection.

Initial trials suggest that it will be a brilliant addition to the IPC Members' Lounge. Full guidelines for use will be sent to you very soon. Watch your Inbox for more details.



IPC and National Curricula

As more and more state sector schools are now using the IPC, so we are matching the IPC learning goals against a number of national curricula. This presently includes the national curricula of England, Netherlands and Wales.

We are currently in the process of cross-referencing IPC against the new English National Curriculum due for implementation in September 2011. This new cross-reference document will be ready for schools in England and for international schools following the English National

Curriculum in September 2010. We also plan to run a series of workshops throughout the 2010-2011 academic year to show how IPC fits the new English National Curriculum - which it does very well, and more.

In addition to that, Getting to grips with the new National Curriculum is a new one day course for anyone who wants to learn more about and make the most of the new National Curriculum in England. We are able to provide this course on site at your school for your school alone - or for a cluster of schools in your area. Click [here](#) or contact Clare Marshall at clare@greatlearning.com for more details.

If you would like to speak with us about cross-referencing the IPC against other national curricula then do let us know. For example, we are presently looking into matching the IPC against the Singaporean national curriculum.

IPC Self-Review Process

By now, you should have received a hard copy of the new IPC Self-Review Process which contains self-evaluation rubrics for each of the nine IPC guiding principles. If you haven't received your copy, please let us know and we will get one in the post to you. The document is also available to download from the IPC Members' Lounge.

This Self-Review Process helps you as a school move from beginning to developing and then to mastering the IPC within your school. It is focused on improving the learning that is happening through the IPC and, as such, should be your essential guide from the moment you introduce the IPC into your school.

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Free Professional Development Videos

Nine free professional development videos are uploaded and available for you in the [Training Room section of the IPC website](#). These focus on the nine Beginning level principles from the IPC Self-Review Process and can be used for staff training sessions. We are in the process of creating a DVD version of these video clips and these will be sent out to you at the end of April along with the World Cup units.

Don't forget that you can book Developing level and Mastering level courses on each of the nine principles for your school. Contact Clare Marshall in the IPC Professional Development team for more details: clare@greatlearning.com



The screenshot displays the IPC website interface. At the top, it features the IPC logo and the tagline 'Great Learning. Great Teaching. Great Fun!'. Below this, there is a navigation menu with options like 'Home', 'About Us', 'Contact Us', 'Help', 'Search', 'Sign Up', and 'Log Out'. The main content area is titled 'IPC Beginning Courses' and includes a video player showing a man speaking. To the right, there are sections for 'Course Facilitators' and 'Courses Available for Schools', each listing names and photos of individuals. At the bottom, there are two boxes: 'A new focus on children's learning' and 'Shared outcomes about children', each with a 'Click to view' button.

IPC Summer School 2010 (July 26th - 28th)

Once again taking place in the inspiring setting of the University of Greenwich, London, this year from July 26th to 28th, IPC Summer School is three days completely focused on great learning, great teaching and great fun. This Summer School we will be celebrating the 10th birthday of the IPC with inspiring keynotes, a comprehensive range of familiar and new courses to suit everyone, the IPC 10th Birthday Party ... and a few surprises along the way.

Richard Gerver will be the keynote speaker on day one of Summer School. Richard's primary teaching career spanned 20 years during which time he was awarded School Headteacher of the Year. He is now a speaker, author and consultant specialising in school leadership, creativity and innovation, travelling all over the globe inspiring teachers and leaders. His book *Creating Tomorrow's Schools Today* was published earlier this year and features a foreword written by Sir Ken Robinson. He is a truly inspirational speaker, not to be missed so book your place on Summer School now.

More details about Summer School - additional speakers, courses, networking, school link-up opportunities, and social activities - will be available on the IPC website in the coming weeks. To book your places at Summer School and any enquiries contact Laura Phillips at laura@greatlearning.com.

IPC Regional Conference in Doha (April 30th - May 1st)

Following a very successful IPC Regional Conference in Singapore at the beginning of March, we are delighted to be bringing the same conference to the Gulf Region from April 30th to May 1st.

This regional conference takes a workshop approach, sharing practical ideas for three key areas of teaching and learning: researching, recording and resourcing. Delegates will focus on ways for helping children to develop researching skills and recording skills and how to effectively and creatively resource IPC Units. Click [here](#) or contact Laura Phillips at laura@greatlearning.com for booking forms and further information.

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Dates	Location	Event
23rd - 24th April 2010	Doha, Qatar	Everything that matters about learning and nothing that doesn't (Learn more)
30th April - 1st May 2010	Doha, Qatar	IPC Regional Conference Middle East (Learn more)
4th - 5th May 2010	South Africa	9 Things you must know about your curriculum- including IPC, South Africa (Learn more)

21st May 2010	Newport, Wales, UK	IPC in Wales Conference (Learn more)
29th - 30th May 2010	Singapore	9 Things you must know about your curriculum - including IPC, Singapore (Learn more)
5th - 6th June 2010	Chicago, USA	9 Things you must know about your curriculum - including IPC, USA (Learn more)
25th - 28th July 2010	London, United Kingdom	ILMP Middle Leaders' Course (Learn more)
26th - 28th July 2010	London, United Kingdom	IPC Summer School Programme to be confirmed. To view the highlights from last year's IPC Summer School click here .
October 2010	London, United Kingdom	IPC Leadership Conference Date and venue to be confirmed. To view the highlights from last year's Leadership conference click here .

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