



The Peacemaker

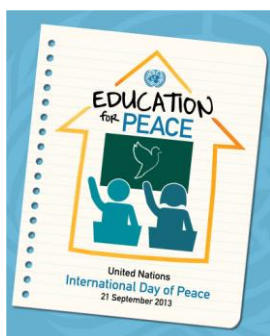
Welcome to the latest edition of the Peacemaker – Tell us what you think!

We hope you've enjoyed the summer term, despite the slightly disappointing weather! We've tried to make this last edition for the 2012/2013 academic year more informative and useful, with news from related areas, resource reviews and activities for you to try - but we want to know what you think! Email us your thoughts, or suggestions, to anna@peacemakers.org.uk or tweet us!

Celebrate International Peace Day – 21st September 2013

"It is not enough to teach children how to read, write and count. Education has to cultivate mutual respect for others and the world in which we live, and help people forge more just, inclusive and peaceful societies."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon



September 21st is the annual International Day of Peace and this year the theme is Education for Peace. Although it falls on a Saturday, we'd still love to hear how you are marking it in your school and we've put together some ideas below to help you:

Assemblies: The lovely people at the Peace Education Network have put together some **ready-made assemblies** for you to try. Keep checking our website www.peacemakers.org.uk as we'll be adding these over the next few weeks.

Relaxation Exercise: Try our relaxation exercise later in this newsletter to help pupils be more peaceful.

Friend our World: Friend Our World is an online learning hub for children to unite in friendship games of geography, languages and global citizenship. The website will open on Sunday 1st September 2013 and run as a festival through to the International Day of Peace on 21st September. Visit www.friendourworld.org for more details and to register.



Make us a Word Cloud and WIN!

Lots of websites can help you create a word cloud.

Word clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in a source text. Get your pupils to make word clouds from pieces of extended writing.

Peacemakers would like to offer your school a **free twilight** in using circles in the classroom or a **free whole school assembly** on 'cooperation' **All you have to do is submit a word cloud generated by your class on the theme of FRIENDSHIP to us by July 26th**. The best word cloud will receive either the staff training (circles) or the assembly (cooperation) at a time to suit. Go to http://www.abcya.com/word_clouds.htm to make a word cloud and either **tweet it @WMQPEP** or **email anna@peacemakers.org.uk by July 26th**!



Follow us on twitter!

Peacemakers is on twitter! **Follow us at @WMQPEP** for up to the minute information on what we're doing, quick circle activities and posts on what we've seen working well in other schools.

Why not tweet us your International Peace Day activities and ideas?

Peaceful Schools Conference

“Thanks so much for organising such an inspiring, informal and well run conference...”

On June 7th Peacemakers co-hosted the 2nd National



Peaceful Primary Schools Conference, bringing together like-minded professionals from schools and other organisations for a wonderful day at

Fazeley Studios in Birmingham. The conference was a great success, and even the weather was kind! For more information on the Peaceful Schools Movement, contact Anna Lubelska:

anna@spiritualengland.org.uk

NEW 10 hour Peacemakers

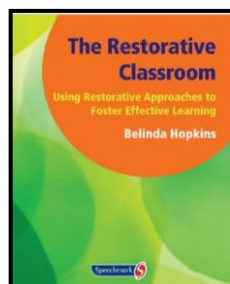
Our Peacemakers course uses a combination of games, drama, group work and discussion to take a class on a journey of discovery, developing communication, empathy, problem solving and conflict resolution skills. Traditionally each class receives a 20 hour course, however we recognise that schools have new financial constraints and in light of this, we are now offering a shorter, 10 hour course for two-form entry schools. With this package, two classes each receive one hour of Peacemakers per week for 10 weeks, plus free staff training to compliment the work. **The total cost of this, for a limited time, is just £750** (includes both discount and bursary payment).

If you are interested in running this shorter course, please contact Sara Hagel on 0121 454 9069 or email info@peacemakers.org.uk for more information.

Resource Review

The Restorative Classroom Belinda Hopkins

This comprehensive resource is aimed at the whole school. It works to encourage and develop restorative pedagogy through developing shared



responsibility for learning, using 'circle time' principles for curriculum delivery, providing examples from various subject areas and more. The resource provides a practical application of the relationship and behaviour management aspect of restorative justice. Peacemakers have found it super-teacher-friendly especially the accompanying CD-ROM from which you can print the worksheets and handouts. We have managed to secure a special discount for readers of 'The Peacemaker'. E-mail your order to belinda@transformingconflict.org quoting 'peacemaker' in your e-mail, and you will be able to purchase this resource at the discounted price of £62.00 (usually £65.55) + P&P. Belinda will post you the resource and send you an invoice.

Peacemakers - What we offer

- ✓ **Peacemakers Programmes**
- ✓ **Peer Mediation Training**
- ✓ **Staff training – INSET or Open**
- ✓ **Restorative Approaches for the Whole School**

The Peacemaker Project (West Midlands Quaker Peace Education Project) is a charity funded principally by Central England Quakers dedicated to educating young people for peace. The work is informed by the Quaker philosophy of peace and conflict resolution. We promote best practice in the use of circle time, conflict resolution and peer mediation and have worked hard to build a strong reputation with the education community in the West Midlands. Our work is for schools of any or no faith.

Get in touch – We'd love to hear from you!

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Circle Time Activity

Hot Air Balloon Relaxation Exercise



Ages: All
Level: Easy
Time: 10-15 mins
Resources: None

Clear a space in the room so everyone can lie down comfortably. Start in a circle and ask everyone to stretch up to the sky...stretch those fingertips up to the stars! Stand on tiptoes and see how tall you can get. Relax the stretch.

Shake out hands and let the 'shake' progress up to the arms, into the head, down the body and into the legs. Lie on floor. You could turn the lights off. Encourage the group to focus on their breathing; breathing in through the nose and out through the mouth. You could help them count some breaths.

Read out the following passage, taking your time and adding ideas as you see fit.

"Imagine you are lying on the grass on a hot summer's day. Up in the air you see an air balloon floating through the sky. It's getting closer and closer. Imagine what shape it is, colours, etc. It comes to land. It has room for you and 3 other people in it – who do you want to

come on your trip with you? You climb in, release the rope and begin to float up in the air, away from school, up in to a clear blue sky on a warm sunny day.

What can you see down below? What sounds can you hear? What does your school look like from so high up? Can you see your house from there?

You and your three special people take time looking down at the earth and feel an amazing sense of relaxation and happiness come over you.



You smile at the three people in the basket with you and realise it's time to come back down to earth. Slowly the balloon begins to descend. You can see the school again and even your classroom. You wave at the people down on the ground. You land gently back on the field. You and the people in the basket climb out and you wave goodbye to them.

You are aware now that you are back at school, back in the classroom. Wiggle toes and fingers. Open eyes. **Slowly**...stand up."