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TeachMeet 2 - 4 June 14

We held our second TeachMeet on Wednesday 4 June. A total of 34 people came together after the school day to share ideas for working with EAL learners. They came from Glasgow and beyond, from schools and other places.

We had some wonderful goodie bags and raffle prizes thanks to:

- Twinkle
- Beelingual Books
- Twinkl
- Baby Boom Boom
- Language Garden
- NASSEA
- Glasgow EAL Service



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Presentations

Names, puppets, microphones and the Commonwealth Games

Michelle Haswell and Theresa Murphy from North Lanarkshire told us how the Commonwealth Games had inspired them to do a whole range of activities with children who were in the silent phase, using sports to encourage children to talk. They brought along a display showing photos of the children working. They also made collage placemats with the children.

Rucksana Choudhry of the EAL Specialist Team also had some ideas for encouraging children who were reluctant to talk. She got children to record their voices with a microphone/MP3 recorder. Working in mixed ability groups with good English speaking role models meant the child could hear the words repeated many times before having to say it themselves. The recording let them have feedback on their performance.

Christine McCormack from the EAL Response Team talked about how she used a book called "The Name Jar" to allow children to explore their identities. They talked about their own names – where they had come from, why they were given, etc – and used this as a stimulus for further work.

Claire Stevenson from St Andrew's Learning Community showed us how she used puppets with children. Big puppets, wee puppets, finger puppets, home made puppets – not just puppets, anything can be used including teddy bears. They all bring another voice into the conversation, which is useful when working without other English language role models. Puppets can also speak any language.



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Bilingual resources and stories from Bradford!

Margot Sagan and Kirsten Barrett talked about how Lamlash Nursery staff had developed communication folders in various languages and showed a short welcome film made by nursery staff to help understand the daily routines in the nursery. This is shared with parents at enrolment. Parents had helped by providing commentary in first language.

Dianne Excell told us about NALDIC and showed us some examples of stories she had used with older learners who were not literate in their first language. The EAL service is a member of

NALDIC and if anyone wants to borrow a journal just contact the service. Dianne was our most travelled speaker – she had come all the way from Bradford!

Laura Hogg from Glasgow Life spoke about the dual language resources that are available to lend to teachers in Glasgow. She brought along some examples to show us. They have a variety of languages available.



Comments from participants:

- Great event!
- More of these please
- Next time I will be a presenter, not a lurker
- Best way to learn is listening to what others do

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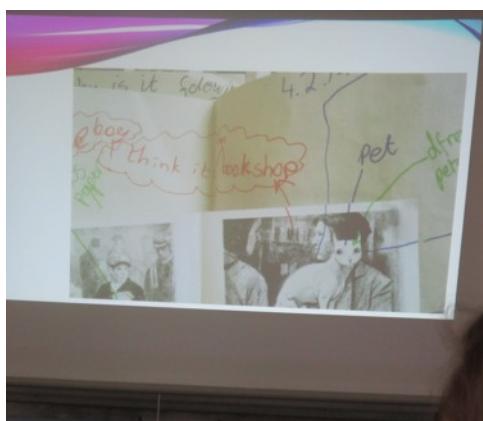
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Fairy stories, giants, arriving and assessing!

Emma McGilp is a research student at Glasgow University. She spoke about how multilingual displays can raise the profile of LI in multilingual nurseries. She had also used multicultural fairy stories to challenge stereotypes.

Joan Murphy from the EAL Response Team showed us a film made by children she worked with. They had been reading "We're going on a bear hunt" and

had decided to write their own story called "We're going on a giant hunt" which they illustrated and performed. They changed the vocabulary in the original story into their own words.

Kirsten Barrett from St Andrew's Learning Community talked about how she had used wordless books with children. She brought in "The Arrival" by Shaun Tan. She explained how children have to be taught how to read pictures.

They used strategies like text annotation and discussion. They can also write in first language.

Laura Goff, one of the EAL Area Leaders, talked about Glasgow's phonological assessment pack which she is helping to develop and to share with establishments across the city. She brought one of the packs for us to look at.

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