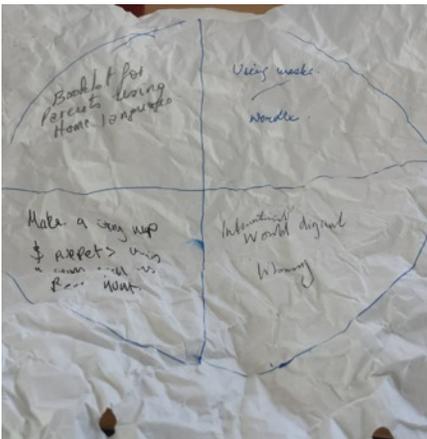




TeachMeet

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A snowball of ideas



Raffle prizes

EAL TeachMeet 30 May 2015

We held our fifth EAL TeachMeet on Saturday 30 May 2015. Over 30 people came together on Saturday morning to share ideas for working with EAL learners. They included teachers and researchers. Some of them had attended one of our previous TeachMeets and others were newbies.

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

- Twinkl
- Mantra Lingua
- Toshiba
- GTCs
- British Council EAL Nexus
- Articulate Language Camps
- Glasgow EAL Service
- Boomboombaby

This time we started with a snowball of ideas. Try this yourself:

1. Everyone needs a sheet of blank A4 paper
2. Draw a circle on your paper and divide into 4 quarters
3. Write one idea or resource that you find useful in one of the quarters
4. Crumple your paper into a ball and, on the signal, throw it in the air.
5. Pick up one of the snowballs, read the idea on it and add another one of your own.
6. Repeat until all 4 quarters have an idea
7. Take home your snowball with 4 ideas away with you.

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Presentations

SAMEE, Marking men, football and parents!

Anwar Din spoke to us about SAMEE – The Scottish Association of Minority Ethnic Educators. SAMEE was established 2-3 years ago. SAMEE provides advice and support for teachers, parents and senior pupils through activities like workshops and advice sessions. They work with people from a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Anwar reminded us that there is only one race – the human race.

Francine Whitmore is an EAL Area Leader in Glasgow has been working on developing writing skills with the children in Annette St Primary. She has found a resource from TES called “Punctuation Marking Men” really helpful. This allows them to be reminded about punctuation, grammar of the text and self-correct their own writing.

Marion Fairweather from Gathered Together talked about the work her project has been doing to support the involvement of BME parents in

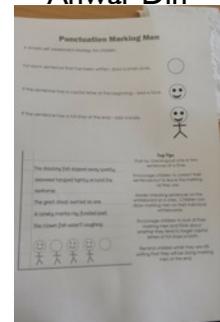
their children’s education. A key area of their work has been to share good practice and good ideas and there are lots of examples of EAL work on their website, many of them from Glasgow schools. They have also delivered 36 workshops with parents and have held a forum to discuss Scotland’s Languages 1 + 2 strategy. See all this and more on their website:

<http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/>

Craig McClure is an English teacher at Shawlands Academy. After attending our last TeachMeet he got so many ideas he decided to share something back in return. He told us about how he developed activities for a group of EAL learners who were new to literacy and to English by building on their interest in football and their knowledge of games. He found this gave them more confidence in interacting with texts, expressing their knowledge and ideas through talk and really improved their written English.



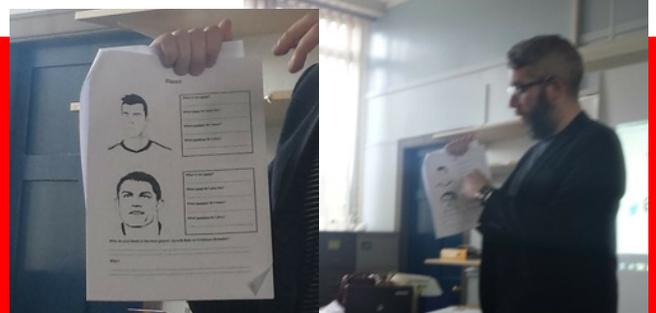
Anwar Din



Punctuation Marking Men



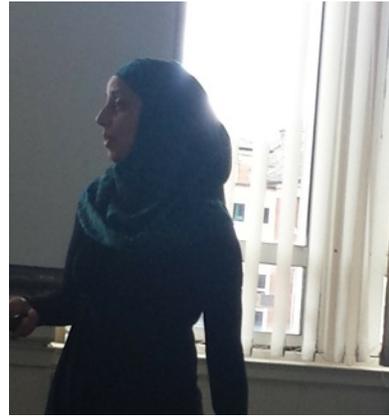
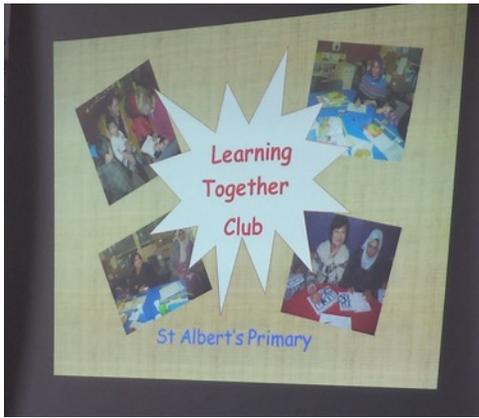
Marion Fairweather



Craig McClure and his football worksheets

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Shagufta Ahmed's Learning Together Club

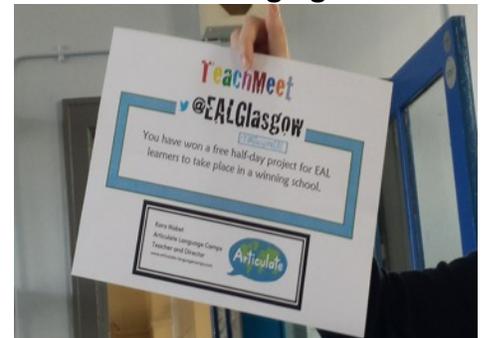
Language camps and parent workshops

Kara Nisbett works for Articulate Language Camps. They run lots of exciting activities around language learning including school based activities and residential camps with a focus on learning language through outdoor activities, digital media, team work, active learning, sport and adventure activities. More information available on their website: <http://www.articulate-languagecamps.com/> Kara donated a free afternoon of activities to the raffle – a fabulous prize which was won by Craig.

Shagufta Ahmed is another EAL Area Leader in Glasgow. She told us about her work developing a Learning Together club in St Albert's Pr. The initial focus of the club was to help bilingual parents get more involved in their children's learning. Soon the parents' confidence grew enough for them to take part in bilingual storytelling sessions in the school. See more here: <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/videos/bilingual-story-telling-st-alberts-primary-school/>



Articulate Language Clubs



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Soumi Dey



Metafiction

Soumi Dey is a PhD Student at Glasgow University. Her work is looking at metafictional picture books and focuses on bilingual children and their emotional literacy. She is looking at how children interact with the pictures in story books and how books can help bilingual children gain language skills. In 5 minutes she was only able to give us a brief flavour of her study. Hopefully we can hear more about this some other time.

What did people say?

We asked people to tell us what the impact was on them - see what words and phrases were most popular above.

Here are a few more comments:

Once again an opportunity to swap stories/reflections on best practice/good ideas, in an informal setting. Was really rewarding and exciting.

Great sharing of resources and networking platform.

It's the most informative, relevant and interesting CPD! Keep up the good work.

Big thank you to the organisers:

- Kirsten Barrett
- Shakuntala Datta
- Maria Walker

And to all our sponsors and everyone who attended.

See you next time!

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Date for your diary

Our next EAL TeachMeet will be:

Wednesday 30 September 2015
4.00 - 5.30pm
Shawlands Academy

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