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Play! The glue that holds the school day together

Colwyn Bay 1st July 2010

A No Ball Games! conference roadshow

A conference of presentations on **why** and **how** to develop **play** opportunities before, during and after the primary school day

for North Wales teachers, support staff, education & early year's advisors, Foundation Phase people, Children's Centers, Community Focused School people, and playworkers

"More 'play' at school can dramatically change the school day - for the better & make teaching much easier - it can be done cheaply too

Come & hear ideas for starting from scratch or for developing what you already have



Taking place at:

**The Interchange
Colwyn Bay, Conwy**

(address on page 2)

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All your questions answered such as...

- *I can transform my school grounds for less than £10,000 How?*
- *What about Health and Safety?*
- *How does this fit with school improvement and inspection?*
- *Why should I not cut back on playtime & lunchtime to increase classtime?*
- *How do we deal with after-hours damage and vandalism?*
- *What has happened to traditional games?*
- *What can I do and how do I do it?*
- *What is playwork?*
- *And the ever popular ... Why is our playground square?*

...And many, many more

The value and importance of play in early years learning is well-known and acknowledged but the value of play for older children, especially 'free-play' before, during and after the school day and what effect it could have on teaching and learning, may be less well recognised. More often, 'play' among older children at school is seen in a negative light and playtimes as 'problem times'.

But play is on the agenda. Early year's education is now firmly play-based and school inspection and government targets are increasingly concerned with the pastoral aspects of school for all ages - and that includes play.

This conference roadshow brings together people working in schools with a number of highly experienced play specialists from across the United Kingdom and Ireland, all of whom have first hand experience of advising and supporting schools and education authorities in developing further opportunities for play in the primary school.

They have been able to help numerous schools overcome their concerns on issues such as safety, supervision, insurance, cost, damage and vandalism among others. You will leave the day with lots of realistic ideas, useful contacts and some myths dispelled. Above all, you can be sure you will not have been bored!

Key Note speech: Play at School

by Marc Armitage
Independent Children's Play Consultant

"Happy children & young people make happy learners, and children report they are at their happiest when they are spending time with their friends playing freely. So, develop better opportunities for playing before, during and after the school day and you get happier children which results in higher and more regular **attendance**, greater **learning attainment**, and fewer **behaviour** concerns.

"Play is the glue that holds the school day together. It's not rocket science.

"The trick is getting **value for money**, and for that you have to know what works and what does not."

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Programme

9.15 Coffee & Registration

9.45 Welcome & Opening speech

10.10 **Keynote speech:**
'What do we mean by 'play' at school?'
Marc Armitage, Independent Play Consultant

10.50 **Choice session 1** - choose from:

'Why is the playground square and why does it matter?'

Marc Armitage, Independent Play Consultant

'Beyond the Trim Trail - adding 'adventure' to the playground'

Jess Milne, Design & Build

'Playwork – a philosophical & academic background'

Ben Tawil,

'P³: make play work in your school'

Richard Trew, Play Wales/Chware Cymru

Please note other sessions may also be available on the day

12.20 Lunch, Networking & Exhibitions

1.10 **Choice sessions** (part 2)

2.40 Closing address & News

3.00 Conference Close

Venue: The Interchange, 317-319 Abergele Road, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, Conwy LL29 9YF

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