



STOP PRESS: See you at our ENCo Conference, 8 June, 9.30 - 4.00pm, Girton College, Cambridge. Please send your application to the Training Team to book a place.

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. We'd love to hear what you have been doing in your settings. Please send your news to Jane.Choonara@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

World Cup 2010

What does the World Cup have to do with equality?

Football is the most popular game in the world. The love for football has the ability to transcend age, race, gender and differences in background. Not for nothing, is it called "the beautiful game".

The World Cup gives a rare opportunity for children to see the world cooperating as one; a diverse, dynamic global community.

It teaches the importance of teamwork. It is not enough to be brilliant individually. It is just as important to play as a team. With its reliance on fair play, football has

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been excellent in promoting equality. Initiatives like "Kick it Out" have been successful in raising awareness of race equality.

Some footballers are good role models for our children in understanding resilience. Pele could not afford footballs when young. This did not stop him. He improvised footballs from socks stuffed with newspaper and tied with string.

It is an opportunity to learn about South Africa, the Rainbow Nation.

The World Cup anthem "Wavin' Flag" is as much about the hopes and dreams of young people as it is about football. The song talks about "Give me freedom, give me fire. Give me reason. Take me higher."

Parents as Partners in Children's Learning: If you'd like to be considered for training in the summer, please contact Jane Choonara at 07917 228137

A version used recently in Canada raised money for Haiti earthquake relief. The song was written by a Somali born hip hop artist, K'naan. Older children in after school clubs might want to produce their own club anthems. Pre-school children might enjoy doing the actions, waving an imaginary flag, and perhaps using scarves to do so. Overleaf are some ideas and websites, (including the anthem).

Keeping with the vision of one world and narrowing the wealth gap, there have been some World Cup community fundraising initiatives abroad and at home. You might wish to raise funds for these at your settings.

The finals will be played on 11 July in Johannesburg, at Soccer City, the calabash shaped stadium, at Johannesburg, near Soweto. We hope that you will celebrate and enjoy this event.

World Cup Corner

Babies can score playful goals by dropping balls into baskets with lots of encouragement. Some will enjoy long sessions crawling after them across the floor. They could make a team banner with all their handprints.

Older children can play real football. Don't know how to play? Contact your local football club to see whether they will come to settings to coach in basic skills. This is an excellent way to engage with your local community.

To have the excitement of football even with just a few children, try a penalty shootout. This is also a great wet weather activity and uses just a small area. Children might like to wear some special kit when doing their shootouts. They can wear coloured tee shirts or draw flags and fix them to their shirt. Thanks to Tom Walton, Manager, Leapz and Boundz Holiday Club who suggested this.

www.fifa.com/worldcup/ is an excellent website with fixtures, flags, team pictures and history, pictures of stadia, South African scenery and video clips. The anti-racism website Kick it Out

<http://www.kickitout.org/1072.php> has a special feature on the World Cup. Useful items in it are the South Africa World Cup Culture Guide.

<http://www.kickitout.org/1070.php>



In it you will find videos of the anthem, hat and vuvuzela (a loud trumpet, which you might like to copy using a party trumpet and lots of paper)

Have a go at the dance for the anthem and be sure to take plenty of pictures of everything for your scrapbook.

World Cup Quiz

For school aged children, you can use these as football shaped question cards hidden all over the setting with team prizes for answering.

1. Who wrote the Cambridge Rules?
2. Where was the first World Cup played?
3. Which countries is England playing against this year?
4. When are they playing?
5. Who is the coach for the England team?
6. How often is the World Cup played?
7. Which year did England win the World Cup?
8. Who was England's captain?
9. What is the name of the dog who found the lost trophy the garden in South London that year?

Answers: Send an email entitled "Answers" to sweekim.huen@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

World Cup Events: If you'd like to discuss arranging an event, please contact Huen Swee Kim (details below). Also do send us your photos and details of your own World Cup events, as we'd love to hear from you.

Our website: check out our website, with action plan pro- forma, EAL protocol, DCSF publications, and equalities training links:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/parents/childcare/Equalities.htm>

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