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Learn to Sign Week 1st – 7th October 2007

Every year the British Deaf Association (BDA) holds a National event to help raise awareness and encourage people to learn British Sign Language (BSL).

Learn to Sign Week campaign this year is an opportunity for your pupils and staff to develop new language skills, interpersonal skills, and provide an opportunity for education in mutual understanding (EMU). Your teacher's will access our interactive web site and will learn a daily phrase in British Sign Language (BSL), this in turn will then be taught by your pupils and each pupil will receive a certificate to celebrate their new skills. By the end of the week pupils should be able to hold a basic conversation with each other in British Sign Language.

The British Deaf Association is a charity organisation run by Deaf people for the Sign Community: those who use British Sign Language. Sign Language is a language of space and movement using the hands, body, face and head. Many thousands of hearing people also use BSL/ISL. Is it the first and preferred language of nearly 250,000 Deaf people in the UK

What benefits you will receive:

1. The opportunity for your pupils to acquire a new language skill.
2. Certificates for each child.
3. Your school will also receive a certificate outlining your commitment to BSL Awareness and to our Learn to Sign Week campaign.
4. The school which raises the highest donation for the BDA will receive a special gift, computer equipment (to be confirmed).

Get your pupils involved in Learn to Sign Week

- > Complete the attached form.
- > Hold a fundraising event you will need to raise at least £50 for the Sign Community charity to take part. This amount needs to be raised before Friday 26th October 2007. How you do this is up to you but suggestions include the following:-

- * Sponsored jump
- * Non uniform day
- * Bring & Buy sale

- * School Disco
- * Read –a-thon
- * Dance- a-thon
- * Sing- a-thon
- * Student – Play off – Get students to play football/rounders against the teachers – Sell tickets for people to come and watch.
- * Talent Show
- * Hold a talent show at your school. Sell tickets or charge admission at the door.
- * Car Wash
- * Mad hair day
- * Fancy dress day
- * Quiz Night
- * Wear big clothes day
- * Fame Academy/Pop idol night/day
- * Stay Awake night

How it will work

Once you have agreed to take part (by completing the attached form) your school has agreed to raise at least £50 for the Sign Community charity.

You will be contacted for confirmation of how many children have taken part (to send the certificates out to you).

We will then give you a password for the week to login to our website each day and retrieve a short phrase in BSL. There is an A-Z spelling card available to download for each child to use to spell their names.

The daily phrases can be taught to the children either in the classroom or at assembly each morning. On the Friday 5th October each child will receive a certificate after completing the week's phrases.

Throughout the week there will be support available on 01925 652520.

We hope that you can take part in this mutually beneficial event. Please complete the attached form and fax or send it back to us before Friday 14th September 2007 to confirm your involvement in Learn to Sign Week 2007.



LEARN TO SIGN WEEK CAMPAIGN 1st – 7th October 2007..... School Opportunity

Name of Contact: _____ Title: _____

Tel No: _____ Email: _____

Name of School: _____

Address of School: _____

_____ Postcode : _____

Please tick all relevant boxes below:

☐ Thank you but we are not interested in becoming involved with the Learn to Sign Week campaign. (Please sign and fax/send back).

☐ Thank you, yes we are interested in getting involved in the Learn to Sign Week 2007. (Please complete details below and fax/post as soon as possible).

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We intend to have about _____ pupils involved in learning to sign. That is _____ classes and will involve _____ teachers. (Exact numbers to be confirmed on 21st September 2007).

We will raise at least £50 for the Chairty's campaign by 26th October 2007 ☐

Contact for 21st September, Name: _____

Tel No: _____ (If different from above).

We would be willing to provide some photographs to you for publicity in the local press and the BDA media including the website. Yes ☐ No ☐

We would be willing to invite local press to the school to take photographs and quotes from the pupils and staff. Yes ☐ No ☐

The name of our local Newspapers are _____

Thank you for your support! And good luck!

Deadline for return of this form: Friday 14th September 2007.

Please fax/post back to us ... 13 Wilson Patten Street, Warrington, Cheshire, WA1 1PG,
Tel: 01925 652520, Text: 01925 652529, Fax: 01925 652526

