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Upper School

After years of tapping into childrens' love of creative drama to motivate and inspire them to read and write, Drama Studio teacher/owners Julie and Louise have produced a resource for teachers to use directly within their classrooms at any time which suits.

Please note that this is a private page strictly for people who have subscribed to the UPPER SCHOOL resource and as such the link should not be shared outwith your school - thank you for your support.

Informative Links

You will find details of the three Modules, how schools are using the resource, overviews of prices, and lots of other information here:

Teacher and Student Evaluations | FAQs

Module Introduction

Background to the resource

Using the resource

Drama Literacy Video Tutorials for Teachers

BACK TO SCHOOL – Classroom Games and Activities-NEW!

Played regularly, these fun and inclusive games can have a beneficial effect on student behaviour, greatly improve their ability to work together and show consideration towards others. Below you will find :

1. **Our NEW Classroom Games Challenge – All Stages**
2. **Fun Back To School Games and Exercises – All stages**
3. **A Games Video – All Stages**
4. **Back To School Mystery Story- Middle /Upper Primary**

The Classroom Games Challenge – A Perfect Back To School Activity!

INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM GAMES SUITABLE FOR ALL STAGES OF PRIMARY

Get to know your new learners while setting a clear, upbeat behavioural class climate.

A five week challenge testing the effectiveness of classroom games for improving behaviour and focus, co-operation and relationships.

A new game is completed each week - aimed at Lower/Middle or Middle/Upper, for teachers to watch and then to play with their students.

Teachers observe attitude and behaviour throughout the period and discuss feedback with their learners.

We've also linked the games to quick follow-up Literacy tasks.

We hope that most classes will learn the games quickly and be able eventually to organise the games by themselves (teacher present but not leading).

CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE CLASSROOM GAMES CHALLENGE

Back to School Games and Exercises

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Great Classroom Games

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Games 2

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Back to School Mystery Story

Back To School after a break can be a bittersweet experience for teachers and learners alike. The holidays have been busy times, full of excitement, often not really a rest for many and now, well it's over and the re-focus can be tricky for us all.

We often feel at with this particular time that our aim is to focus learners on moving forward, creating new places for their imaginations to visit and do it **together** with their classmates and their teacher.

It is a perfect time for some interactive Drama, pulling everyone together in a simple, engaging, fun and yet focused, inclusive and achievable by all.

In all our years of teaching there is nothing that stimulates the imaginations of our students like a mystery, something to solve and yet something to be creative with!

If you can relate to this then please take a look at our free Back To School Drama Literacy Mystery Lesson Plan – structured on two levels for both Lower and Upper Primary.

Back to School Mystery Story

Download lesson plan

The Teaching Video Lessons – Key to Success

Consistently exposing your students to the format, reinforcing their interactive skills and making sure the Literacy elements are always **EMBEDS** and not simply add-ons is key, even when a writing task is at the end of the Drama Lesson.

By allowing them to **re-engage with the interactive learning elements**, reading aloud written work with a partner/s the class, you are effectively extending the Literacy back into presentation which is a DRAMA SKILL and another performance opportunity.

The students then see Literacy tasks not simply as an Add-On but an integral part of the lessons and it is this aspect that propels the Literacy motivation and success.

IN SUMMARY THE FORMAT IS DRAMA + EMBED LITERACY+SHARE/PRESENT DRAMA

It is strongly advised that you watch the videos yourself and read over the documentation before presenting them to your class so that you are fully prepared for the lesson organisation.

Be sure to build in time for the Literacy aspects of the lessons.

Please email us for any help or if you have questions. Good luck.

** If you have any suggestions for content/topics for future videos please let us know detailing the stage that you teach. **

This video lessons below have been selected from the larger resource and represent a selection from the Primary 5 – Primary 7/Sec2 stages.

Primary 5 / Year 4 /Approx. age 9

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Grumpy Waiter

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Grumpy Waiter 2

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Headlines

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The Mystery at Morton Manor

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Overview of Module 3

The Northern Express

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The £10 Note

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The Rainforest

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The Rainforest 2

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Primary 6 / Year 5 /Approx. age 10

Overview of Module 1

The Voyage

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The Voyage 2

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The Voyage 3

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The Voyage 4

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Park Bench- NEW

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Park Bench 2 -NEW

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Park Bench 3- NEW

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Park Bench 4 -NEW

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Overview Module 2

Message in a Bottle 1

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Message in a Bottle 2

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Perseus 1

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Perseus 2

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Perseus 3

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Perseus 4

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Green Mould

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Presentation Skills 4

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Overview Module 3

Children at Work – Victorians

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Download starter lines

Children at Work 2 – Victorians

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Pot Luck Dinner Party – Murder Mystery

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Character briefs

Pot Luck Dinner Party 2 – Murder Mystery

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Primary 7-Sec 2 / Year 6-8 /Approx. age 11-13

Overview Module 1

Starter Lines - NEW

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Starter_Lines_ _Examples.pdf

Hands Through- NEW

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Bad Hair Day- NEW

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Overview Module 2 - NEW!

Titanic 1

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Titanic 2

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Titanic 3

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Titanic 4

Titanic A/V

Presentation Skills 4

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Overview Module 3

The Gallery

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The Gallery 2

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The Gallery 3

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Leaver's Assembly

The Leavers' Assembly videos have been included after popular requests from teachers. These detail a simple presentation format for students leaving Primary School.

The template allows for personal reflection on the past and looking towards the future and is designed to ensure that every class creates their unique take on the structure provided.

Download the staging documentation for Leaver's Assembly

Leavers' Assembly 1

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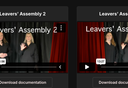
Leavers' Assembly 2



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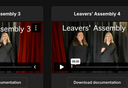
Leavers' Assembly 3



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Leavers' Assembly 4

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Topics For A Whole Term

These are from our original Interactive Teaching Videos. There is enough content for a whole term and teachers can adapt it to their own pace. The activities have detailed links to the Curriculum For Excellence E's and O's.

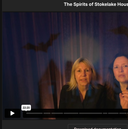
These two resources are extremely popular and very suitable for presentation. You can view a stage performance of Deadeye and an online performance of Stokelake on request.

Please do read the feedback from teachers who have used them.

Stokelake House Feedback

Deadeye Feedback & Teacher Ideas

The Spirits of Stokelake House



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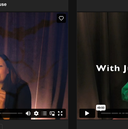
Script For First Activity

Deadeye



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Stokelake House Presentation Documentation

Spelling Games

These are fun, classroom games that support teaching spelling. Spelling words can be chosen from your spelling lists or from the children themselves and you can easily ensure that these match the abilities of your students where appropriate and also challenge able spellers.

Arm Spelling is suitable for all ages while Spelling Popcorn and Bump Away are more suitable for P3 upwards.

Download Spelling Games Documentation

Arm Spelling

Spelling Popcorn

Bump Away

The Seaweed Men Poem (NEW!)

Inspired the poet's childhood memories of Doo Dells beach, Kinghorn, Fife. Most suitable for P4-6 .

Copies of The Seaweed Men Book are available via https://shop.pgwh.org.uk/products/the-seaweed-men-by-susan-brolly

Feedback – Art & Writing From The Seaweed Men

The Seaweed Men - Lesson 1

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The Seaweed Men - Lesson 2

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Example Class Lesson Activities

Olympic Lessons

Fun and at times amusing lessons suitable for Middle and Upper Primary but younger children would be able to take part in most of the activities with teacher support.

The Olympics

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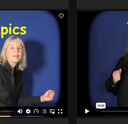
The Olympics 2



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Hallowe'en /Spooky

Skeletons

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Skeletons 2

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Peter Pan

Most suitable for Upper Primary P5-P7 with direction for creating a class play.

Peter Pan Overview and Play Instructions

Lessons 1-3

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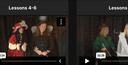
Lessons 4-6



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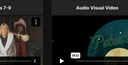
Lessons 7-9



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Audio Visual Video

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Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs – NEW
SUITABLE FOR AGE 8-12

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Backdrop Image

You are guided through the process of making this well known story into a play.

Each scene is workshopped so that everyone can try the character parts.

There are Re-cap points to run several scenes together and you can then cast the parts and add in characters.

There is a section on Costume pieces and simple Props.

You can watch us show a mock rehearsal of the play to demonstrate transitions.

Christmas Videos & Activities

Below are our two new, fun Christmas videos, most suitable for Primary 3 + but could certainly be shown to younger children and with teacher support, learners could enact the scenes and play with the stories.

We suggest that if you are going to do both of these lessons that you start with Santa Is Fined as it contains a good mime Drama game that you could play again as a warm-up for Where Is Santa ? You could actually link the two lessons as detailed in the documentation.

Documentation is under each video and the dotted timeline allows you to skip back and forward to the video sections. A brief scenario is also included.

Hope you and your students have fun with these videos.

Happy Christmas from us.

Julie and Louise

Download our Christmas Activities document

Santa is Fined

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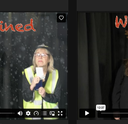
Where is Santa?



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Santa Is Fined Scenario

Santa is about to set off on Christmas Eve but there's a problem … All Scott age 9 from Stromness in the Isles of Orkney wants a scooter and those elves have forgotten to make one. Never mind it's still early so Santa reckons he could pop into a scooter shop en route and pick one up. The reindeer feel very unsure about this solution but hey Santa is in charge and after setting off they are told to look out for a town with shops.

Santa sees one (actually Inverness) and better still a nice parking spot for the sleigh right outside the scooter shop. He pops into the shop leaving the reindeer looking around very anxious at curious shoppers staring at them – then a

Where Is Santa? Scenario

If you've done the Santa Is Fined story then the rooftop in this story could belong to Ali Scott, age 9, Stromness, Isles of Orkney!

The reindeer are waiting on a rooftop beside a chimney for Santa to return from a present drop but he's taken a long time. They do some investigating – peering down the chimney, through the letterbox/cat flap but nothing can be seen and then they hear something – munching, glugging, a loud burp, voices – he's in the house already but there's a drama going on – what can it be?

Learners enact and then finish the story.

Traffic Warden arrives – Oh dear or is it Oh deer?

Learners enact and then finish the story.

Tam O'Shanter (suitable for Upper Primary P6-7)

Complete with original music tracks, outline script, excerpts from the poem and of course scope for insertion of the students own ideas and creativity – just as Robbie would want!

Can be done with two classes and includes a Drama Studio filmed performance of the show to help visualise a presentation format.

Click Here To View the Tam O'Shanter Resource

Viking Training Video – Series of Three Lessons

For teachers of P4-7 (age 8-11), this training video combines Julie's Introduction with footage of Louise teaching a class. Techniques and key elements of the lesson are as follows :

Whoosh Technique, A Viking Thing, Trading Mission, Long Boat Journey, Bartering, Thieves Steal The Goods, The Plan, Embedding Literacy.

The teaching level is intermediate, assuming that class teachers have some experience of teaching Drama.

For best viewing play the video in FULL SCREEN mode

Viking Interactive

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Detailed timeline

Drama literacy plans for teachers to use themselves

Drama Lesson Plans – we are starting to include Drama lessons for teachers to try out for themselves to advance the Training Aspect of the Drama Literacy Resource. These lessons feature the techniques used in our Drama videos but teachers will be doing it for themselves here using detailed plans with techniques explained with suggested music and Literacy activities throughout. This parallels the resource progression for class teachers and we feel will be valuable CPD.

The lessons will be added throughout this coming term and if teachers have any requests then they can let us know and we will include these if we can. We are keen to take a responsive approach to the content wherever possible, so getting teachers input is very much appreciated.

CLICK ON THE IMAGES TO SEE THE LESSON PLANS

Dinosaurs - Age 7-10 (EXA, LIT, SOC)

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The Sea Creature - Age 8-11 (EXA, LIT, SOC)

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Haunted House - Age 8-11 (EXA, LIT)

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1960s Moon Landing - Age 8-11 (EXA, LIT)

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1960's Music and Fashion
Age 10-14 (EXA, LIT, SOC)
NEW

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Rainforests - Age 8-11 (EXA, LIT)

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Circles - Age 8-12 (EXA, LIT, SOC)

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A Roman Town- Age 8-12 (EXA, LIT, SOC)

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Roman Gods & Goddesses
Age 9-14 (EXA, LIT, SOC)
NEW

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Jupiter-Juno-and-Little-Io-Myth.pdf

Romulus and Remus - Romans
Age 10-14 (EXA, LIT, SOC)
NEW

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Help-Screens-For-Romulus-and-Remus.pdf

A Tudor Town - Tudors
Age 9-12 (EXA, LIT, SOC)
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Famous Tudors
Age 10-14 (EXA, LIT, SOC)
NEW

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