ORIM and Maths

Zaynab Rajah and Zohra Dabhad were inspired to run Maths workshops for parents after hearing of the REAM (Raising Early Achievement in Maths) work of Alison Marron and Donna Thorpe at Marton Primary Academy and Nursery School in Blackpool.

Feedback from the parents at the Dewsbury nursery was how pleased they were for ‘having their eyes opened to the fact that Maths was so much more as well as numbers and shapes!’

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Update on the FLiP (Family Literacy in Prisons) initiative - A collaboration between The University of Sheffield and The Prison Advice and Care Trust (Pact)

FLiP is flourishing as a family learning programme in HMP Berwyn, London prisons and HMP Hatfield. Over the last 8 months FLiP has been shared with 109 prisoners, 104 adult family members and 123 children.

Debbie Hornbuckle, Groupwork Quality and Development Manager at Pact, will be at the ORIM network meeting on 22nd May 2019. Catch up with her there!

More about FLiP:

http://www.real-online.group.shef.ac.uk/about-the-real-project-2/family-literacy-in-prisons/

Free access to a recent article about FLiP:

https://doi.org/10.1080/02671522.2017.1402085

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Some of the latest news from colleagues using REAL Project approaches and the ORIM Framework in their work with families.
Sandwell Metropolitan Council has a strong focus on improving outcomes for Looked After Children in Foster Care where the children’s “Good Level of Development” (GLD) needs to improve.

Sharon Osmond, Early Years Lead for the Sandwell LACE team, collaborated with Saeeda Norris to work closely across services to train 23 Foster Carers in REAL and to plan further delivery of REAL training. The programme was over a duration of 4 weeks and the Foster Carers spoke highly of the practical ‘hands on’ approach to learning through the ORIM framework.

Saeeda Norris (PPEL Manager) will be speaking at our next ORIM Network Meeting, along with Dr Sally Smith, CEO of Peeple, on 22nd May 2019 at The University of Sheffield.

“I am more aware of how important playing is in the development of a child and how it leads to a good grasp of reading and writing!” Foster Carer.

Sandwell MBC has embraced and embedded REAL as part of its strategic thinking and practice with practitioners from a wide range of early years settings and providers. This work is led by Saeeda Norris, the Parents as Partners in Early Learning Manager. (saeeda_norris@sandwell.gov.uk)

An invitation from Professor Cathy Nutbrown to attend the ORIM Network Day on May 22nd 2019 at the ICOSS building, The University of Sheffield.

Our annual network meeting will focus on how the ORIM framework has been effectively developed over time to support many early literacy initiatives.

Key speakers are:
Dr Sally Smith, CEO, Peeple, Oxford
Saeeda Norris, PPEL Manager, Sandwell MBC
Cathy Nutbrown, The University of Sheffield
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