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A Brief for Creative Practitioner

School Details:

Black Lane Primary School is a small school set in the village of Pentre Broughton, Wrexham. We currently have 160 pupils on roll between the ages of 3-11 years, who are taught in mixed age classes.

The children are at the centre of everything that we do. Throughout the school we strive to provide children with a range of enjoyable learning experiences which bring the curriculum to life and make learning fun.

What we are looking for:

As a school we are looking to implement new and innovative ways of teaching and learning to raise standards of learning by working collaboratively with creative practitioners. We aim to incorporate exciting, real life experiences into our curriculum that allow pupils to reach their full potential, whilst preparing them for lifelong learning.

We are looking for a creative practitioner who can collaborate with teachers and pupils to develop creative writing skills in our school and answer our enquiry question:

Can drama and storytelling improve standards of creative writing?

We are aiming to engage, excite and stimulate our children to write creatively! In order to do this, we would like to focus on using storytelling and drama to bring a story to life that will give the children a spark for creative writing.

We would like children, staff and the artist to work collaboratively to explore ways of bringing stories to life. We want our learners to develop their imaginations and grow a bank of ideas to draw upon for their own writing.

We anticipate the project culminating in a celebration of the imagination, where children share their ideas, experiences and stories with other classes and parents.

The project will be working with a class of 30 year 2 and 3 pupils.

Our school is predominantly English speaking and sessions will need to be delivered in the medium of English

Who We Want:

We are looking for a creative practitioner who:

- ✓ Is excellent at storytelling
- ✓ Can use drama and theatrical skills to engage young children in retelling stories in a fun way
- ✓ Inspires others to work together collaboratively
- ✓ Has experience of working with children between the ages of 6-8 years

It is envisaged that the project will run from January to March 2018 for at least 1 day each week, where days and dates are negotiable. There are a total of 16 practitioner days available at a rate of £250 per day, which include 1 planning day and 1 evaluation day.

The successful practitioner will take the lead role and will be required to feed into the outline planning for the project. There are 16 practitioner days in total, the lead artist may use some of these days to bring in an artist (eg musician, visual artist) from another discipline to explore the stories in a different way. We are also open to joint applications.

How to Apply:

If you are interested in applying for this exciting role, then please submit a CV with a covering letter outlining how you would approach this project and how your experience and qualities would make you a suitable candidate. Applicants may also wish to include references for recent work carried out.

Please email applications to both the Lead Creative School Coordinator and Creative Agent by:
12 noon on Monday 6th November 2017: FoxR5@hwbbmail.net and
Amythestoryteller@hotmail.com

Interviews will be held at our school on **Thursday 16th November 2017**. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to lead a 10 minute story activity to the class of year 2 and 3 children, followed by an interview carried out by the teaching staff, creative agent and 3 pupils.

The successful candidate will need a current DBS check for working with children and have their own public liability insurance.

Creative Practitioner Training:

Successful applicants must be available to attend a training programme for two days on **21st and 22nd November or 23rd and 24th November 2017** in Venue Cymru, Llandudno. You will not be paid for attending this training. Practitioners who have already been trained need not attend (Creative Agents will need to attend the second day).

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We look forward to receiving your application!