

### Gifted and Talented Children

What do we mean by 'gifted and talented'? Dorset LEA defines very able and gifted children as:

*... children who have ability or abilities beyond the large majority of the children in the school and who consequently require more challenging teaching and opportunities.... Their potential will be shown in any or all of a wide range of contexts such as different learning styles, creativity or leadership.*

(Dorset LEA Policy for Very Gifted Children, Feb 2003)

All schools are now required to identify their gifted and talented children, and ensure that their needs are met through supplementing the curriculum with additional opportunities and enrichment activities.



### Leeson House Field Studies Centre

Here at Leeson House, we provide a range of enrichment courses designed specifically for these gifted and talented children. Courses generally run over weekends, although some may take place during the week. The price of each course includes accommodation, food, tuition and most materials.

The courses are open to children from any school, but we do ask that the child's school complete an endorsement confirming that they would be suited to the intensiveness and subject matter of the course.

The content of the courses is intended not only to support and enrich the National Curriculum, but also to extend outside of it into other areas. All the teaching staff are experts in their field, and with working with gifted and talented children.

Leeson House has been providing residential experiences for children for many years, and the staff here are practised in easing the worries of those children away from home for the first time, along with caring for all who stay with us. Where possible, friends are put together in bedrooms, providing it has been requested on the application form.

**Places are limited, so please book early to avoid any disappointment!** Feel free to phone the centre on 01929-422126 if you have any queries or concerns.

***The Dorset programme for gifted and talented pupils offers you a unique opportunity to be part of the stimulating residential course:***

**“Make your own pop-up book”**  
Creative writing, 3D crafts and illustration for pupils in years 5 to 8



**At Leeson House Field Studies Centre, Swanage  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**£130 all inclusive**

**Course Directors & Tutors:  
Zoe Spittal and Dave Hollis**



## ***“Make your own pop-up book”***

Do you like writing and illustrating stories? Would you like to make your own book?

Here's your chance to write a lovely story and then make it into a colourful pop-up book that you can take home at the end of the course, and show your friends.

Using paints, colour pens, glue guns, crayons, as much cardboard as you need and a ton of your own ideas, you will colour, cut, glue and fold until you have made a beautiful pop-up story book.

Everything you need to make your pop-up book will be supplied, along with a boxful of ideas for the story itself!

The weekend will end with a presentation of the stories and the finished books to parents and friends on Sunday afternoon.

The course is lead by the artist Zoe Spittal and Dave Hollis, published author and artist.

The size of this group will be limited, so get in touch soon to reserve a place.

The course runs from 5pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to 4pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011. There will be a presentation to parents at 3pm on Sunday to which all are invited

A full kit list will be sent a month beforehand

### **About Dave and Zoe**

The course is lead by Dave Hollis, published author and fulltime artist. Dave has over 20 years experience of teaching creativity. Dave Hollis was Head of Drama at Selwood School, Frome, where he taught improvisation, acting skills, speech and voice work until the summer of 2004.

He is also an experienced theatre director who writes, designs, and directs plays for the New Theatre Company.

He has a number of awards for play-writing and directing, and several of his full length plays have been published. He recently took his theatre company on a tour to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Look for further details of his teaching courses on

[www.dodrama.co.uk](http://www.dodrama.co.uk)

Zoe Spittal has been working with Dave for a number of years to help him develop and lead a wide range of creative arts courses.

### **Leeson House Field Studies Centre**

Leeson is an historic house situated on the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset - an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The local landscape encompasses hills, heath and the Jurassic Coastline – a World Heritage Site – all derived from the local and wide-ranging geology. Sites such as Corfe Castle, Arne Nature Reserve and the Purbeck Hills all provide inspirational settings for both physical and academic activities.

Facilities include 2½ hectares of ecologically managed grounds, a games field, classroom, laboratory and library, and a large games room. Accommodation is in dormitories, with separate shower and toilet facilities. Staff will be resident close by in the house during all overnight courses.

Leeson works within Dorset LEA's guidelines for safety during offsite and residential visits. All staff are checked via the Criminal Records Bureau, as are any visiting teaching and support staff. All security measures have been taken to ensure the safety of students whilst staying at Leeson House.