



RS Resources Centre
At the
Nottingham Bluecoat School
and Technology College



Annual Report 2005- 6



County Primary Head Teachers Conference at the Gateway Hotel

During the year we have been investing in more resources to accommodate the increasing demand on our facilities. From the beginning of Autumn Term 2005 we were able to offer two new collection points in the North of the County, at the Eastbourne Centre and Ordsall Primary School. Additionally during Spring Term, we have added the Diocesan Centre in Southwell, to accommodate the East of Nottinghamshire. This has encouraged more Schools from the outer reaches of the County to use us. Over the year it has been pleasing to see an overall increase in our membership.

We acknowledge the continuing support of both City and County LEAs and also the Bluecoat School for providing us with both space and administrative support, without which we would find it difficult to function.

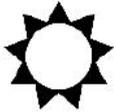
Our association with Nottingham Inter Faith Council (NIFC) goes from strength to strength, as our Administrator's role with NIFC has been redefined as that of Development Officer, with an increase in job time, to address the higher profile and demands on Inter Faith work in the City and County. This has been reflected in the much used networking between NIFC and our School subscribers to facilitate visits from schools to places of worship and that of Faith representatives to schools, for Acts of Worship and classroom input. In a recent email one teacher said;

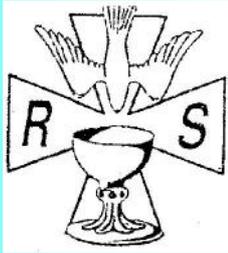
“Our year 1's took part in a visit to the Nottingham Synagogue.
 The trip was very successful and our children enjoyed the experience very much.
 Thank you very much for putting us in touch with the Rabbi .”

In the Summer Term 2005, we attended the County RE Conference at Eastwood, where we took a display of Resources and also facilitated a Faith Food Workshop. This term also saw us involved with the first City RE Conference at the Deanwood Centre. This was a very successful start, which was enjoyed by a small, but enthusiastic group of Primary and Secondary teachers. The Day was facilitated by Lat Blaylock.

In the Spring Term of this year, we hosted our first seminar organised by SCITT, and attended by twenty student teachers. We were invited to attend two County Conferences for Primary Head Teachers.

We continue to store the NIFC Faiths Exhibition stand here at the Centre, which can be borrowed by schools.





Development Plan

Later this year we will relocate to the Aspley Lane Campus, into a purpose built Resource Centre with much enhanced amenities. Our vision is to provide a unique multi-faith resource facility and opportunity for Personal Teaching Development, for the City and County.

Aims and Objectives

At the RS Resources Centre we work to:-

- Provide a collection of resources available for loan to teachers, faith communities, and other organisations exploring the faiths of our world and community.
- Improve access to resources by generating our own materials; developing a resource bank of other teachers' materials and good practice guidance; signposting to other sources of support; as well as giving opportunities to inspect published materials.
- Encourage connections between users and faith communities, e.g. by building a network of reliable contacts, providing guidance on visits to places of worship
- Providing an environment for teachers' research and learning, e.g. through short courses.
- Develop community education in faith issues, using our facilities to support courses, discussions, events, exhibitions, small group meetings and facilitating conferences.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2005-6

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| INCOME | £. |
| Grants | 3500 |
| Subscriptions | 455 |
| Conference Income | <u>718</u> |
| TOTAL | 4673 |
| EXPENDITURE | |
| Staff costs | 2500 |
| Resources | 515 |
| Stationery and Printing | 58 |
| I T. | 105 |
| Books and subscriptions | 208 |
| Sundries | 78 |
| City Seed Fund | <u>400</u> |
| TOTAL | 3864 |
| Income minus expenditure | 809 |
| Start of year balance | <u>2219</u> |
| End of year balance | 3028 |

Management Structures

We are accountable to our funders and other stakeholders, including local authorities, Nottingham Bluecoat School and Nottingham Inter Faith Council.

The Centre Manager has overall responsibility for the project, and oversees the project worker(s) and volunteer helpers.

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