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Dear Colleagues,

Learning Outside the Classroom Award

Learning Outside the Classroom Award is our external quality assurance audit, and is used by schools to check that we meet the essential criteria for safety and quality. Well done to Amersham, Bishops Wood, Flatford Mill, Margam, Nettlecombe and Preston Montford who have all submitted evidence on behalf of the whole charity. An external assessor will also visit Centres over the autumn to complete the audit.

Mental Health First Aider – Training and Development Opportunity

There is currently a voluntary development opportunity, open to all, to become a Mental Health First Aider, becoming part of a team to support wellbeing across the charity. Please discuss with your manager if you are interested in this opportunity. For further information or to arrange an informal discussion, please contact Rosie Molton (r.molton@field-studies-council.org).

Please send any **formal expression of interest** to Rosie Molton (r.molton@field-studies-council.org) by **1pm on Friday 8th September 2023**.

About Us page

The About Us page on the website has had a big revamp this week, with refreshed content and images to better reflect what we do as a charity. It will provide a much more useful source of information for staff, customers, partners, funders, and anyone with an interest in us. Take a look at the improved page here: www.field-studies-council.org/about-us

New Identification Resources- updated link

In last week's catch up, we included a link to a digital resource for [Quizlet](#). The resource has been rewritten and a new link provided:

Special Mentions

Having set a hare running regarding long- serving members of staff, this week's special mention goes to Karen Ruberry because I believe that she will have clocked up 28 years with us on the 29th of this month. There has been no time off for good (or indeed any other) behaviour. Congratulations to Karen. Can anyone else beat that?

Thank you and farewell to Scott Wycherley who will be leaving us at the end of August to work for a teacher training company. As our Education Manager, Scott has got stuck into a whole range of educational initiatives, including supporting ETLs and commercial teams, developing digital resources, as well as working with partners and representing us at educational events.

Trustee Opportunity

I have been asked to share this trustee opportunity. The [Orchard Project](#) is seeking an experienced charity trustee, who is able to help them strengthen and secure the charity's standing as a leader in community orchards. Community orchards can transform lives, change how we eat, and help nature to thrive. Orchards provide easy access to fresh, local food, improve health and wellbeing, build community resilience, nurture skills and provide nature-rich community spaces

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Abigail Hume joined Epping Forest as a Newly Qualified Tutor (NQT) on 21 August

Coming Up...

There will be no catch ups for the next two weeks as I will be on leave and trying to set a good example to all of you that when you are on leave you should be on leave. Of course, I'm available in emergencies.

As the next catch up will be on 14th September, this will be the nearest opportunity to remind you that the Finance and Administration Committee meeting will be held on 14th September and that the papers will be sent out in advance. Your staff rep for that meeting is Jess Pugh, so please raise any issues or concerns with her.

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