

# Shevington promotes working in schools

**The Adult Education Centre at Shevington is providing opportunities for new learners and progression in learning.**

Centre Manager, Barry Cross, has successfully linked the Helping and Working in School course with Interactive Whiteboard Training. On Friday mornings, a class of new learners attend the Family Learning Course at the school's Athena Centre with tutor Judith Lawson. It is entitled Helping and Working in School and was marketed to attract new learners to the Centre.

Sue Urmston started the course because she wanted a role in a school office. However, after a few weeks she was really enjoying the course and now wants to pursue a career as a Teaching Assistant.

Sarah Baldwin is accessing the course to further her own skills and, hopefully, open up doors to a new career. She said: "I wanted to learn more about working in schools as I have two young children coming up to primary school age and I want to be able to help them with homework."

Jenna Waite added: "I am doing this course because, eventually, I want to be a Teaching Assistant. I also want to update my numeracy and literacy

skills. The course has also enabled me to help my daughter who is in reception class."

## Whiteboard training

Learners on the Interactive Whiteboard Training course at Shevington Learning Village have already completed the progression route and are now working as Teaching Assistants in the Shevington Cluster of schools.

As part of their Continual Professional Development, they enrolled on the course with tutor Christine Williams at the Shevington Centre. Jo Wilde, a Level 3 Teaching Assistant at the school, finds the course has been useful in her role as Cover Assistant and also as part of her Dyslexia Friendly Schools portfolio. Jo is hoping to progress as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and gain a full teaching qualification.

Diane Fairhurst enrolled as a New Learner on a Clait Level 1 and Level 2 course at Shevington. She has now progressed through the ranks of Special Needs Teaching Assistant to TA Level 4. After completing the Interactive Whiteboard course, Diane is now able to use the equipment in her roles within school.



The Helping and Working in School course



Whiteboard Training Course



Diane Fairhurst

## Ann's Worked Wonders!



**After five years of dedication and commitment, Ann Hirst is leaving Working Wonders to start a new life with her family in Kent.**

Working Wonders' Manager, Joyce Hanlon, said: "Ann started

work as a Literacy tutor for Working Wonders in May 2005. Her dedication to the learners and excellent teaching skills meant that in June 2006 she was chosen for the post of Literacy Curriculum Team Leader. As all our teaching is in the community, the role of Team Leader is vital in providing that essential communication link with the tutors.

"Through her role, Ann has helped to build and develop a team of highly skilled, motivated tutors committed to delivering the highest standards of literacy tuition for adults. She has mentored tutors, from trainee level to fully qualified teacher status. Through this mentoring, her trainees have deepened their

understanding of learners' literacy needs and of effective teaching methods.

"Ann shares Working Wonders' belief in broadening the learning experience for the benefit of the learner. In her own time she has arranged trips for her learners to theatres, museums and historic houses. For many learners, this was a first time, enjoyable experience. Ann has been a wonderful asset to Working Wonders and will be sadly missed by all her learners and colleagues. We wish her and her family all the very best for the future."

**\* Pictured is Ann receiving her leaving present from Working Wonders' Manager John Walters.**

## Charity capers!

**Kind-hearted learners of French and German at the Westleigh Centre raised £69.70 in aid of the BBC's Children in Need Appeal.**

And what was the challenge? They are pictured rehearsing in order to sing the alphabet and count *backwards* in French and/or German! The successful linguists enjoyed a slice of *Apfelstrudel* and *tarte au citron* – to help them along in their charity endeavours.



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