

## **THRASS REFRESHER/UPDATE COURSE, CARDIFF, WALES, SEPT 4, 2009**

For someone new to THRASS this was a very good insight on many levels. I have gained knowledge which I will use on a personal level, to ideas for expanding teaching and supporting learning.

Enjoyed the course and am sure I will be learning a lot more when we work in the class room with the children. As a newcomer, I hope I will be able to progress with THRASS as I think it helps the children a lot.

Very informative – interesting way of teaching children literacy skills.

Although I am aware of the basics of THRASS, it has helped to be shown a broken-down version. I have left the day with more understanding.

Re-invigorated and motivated effort to use THRASS in a more productive way. Despite already having THRASS training there were “little gems” that I discovered and will be using to good effect with my pupils who have additional educational needs.

Really enjoyable day. I really felt I learned more about THRASS and feel I could take it to the children with confidence.

A good revision of THRASS, especially after being away on maternity leave for a year. You always find out something new!

This was my first course in THRASS and it was extremely valuable as it made our class practices make sense. Very interesting and looking forward to looking on the web site for more ideas.

Good revisit to previous knowledge and introduction to new and good ideas for classroom use.

A very thorough day. Some great ideas.

I really enjoyed today's workshop. This system will really help me and my child – me in my workplace and my child with speech and spelling. I learnt so much and hope to learn a lot more in the future.

Very beneficial for myself as I have only been familiar with THRASS for a year due to being a new T.A. I now understand it to the best of my knowledge. Very impressed by video from South Africa.

A thought-provoking course, full of ideas and good examples of best practice. The IPA section was also interesting and may be of use later, especially for children who like to know as much as they can about “Why”! A helpful revision of using the different charts and the ways in which they can be incorporated into lessons. I enjoyed today!

An excellent course with a lot of information to carry forward especially to the younger children of the school. I am very excited to teach the children the THRASS.

Excellent training day. It was great to revise and refresh myself with the vocabulary of THRASS. Very interesting to learn about the phonetic alphabet and sign language programmes.

Another informative (fun) day. Lots of new ideas. I especially enjoyed the games.

Really enjoyed the day. Lots of fab ideas. Every course gets better and better. Really good to re-visit lots of things.

Fun, entertaining, informative. Good consolidation and reminding of previous learning as well as attending!

Very informative. THRASS makes so much more sense to me now.

Very in-depth and thorough. Lots of ideas and it was nice to have some more resources. Good to have a recap from before.

A welcome recap and good reminder of valuable issues relating to the teaching of THRASS. A good start to the beginning of a new year.

A nice introduction. I need more training on the basics now.

Enjoyed the course. I want to learn the International Phonics code. Looks great fun!

A good day's revision, addressing school priorities as a 'primary school'.

Although I attended a THRASS course very recently, I appreciated the reminders, especially as I will be teaching a class with a different ability level this year.

Great refresher of a course at this school a few years ago.

Very interesting day. Lots of information put across in a way that was easily understood. I am surprised at how much I have grasped in a few hours. I have not had a great deal of THRASS knowledge prior to today although through this introduction I am very keen to continue and learn THRASS in the future.

Good revision. Some new things. Reassurance that I am approaching THRASS correctly in upper KS2. Good ideas of how to use the resources.

A helpful and inspiring course which reinforces the ongoing work on THRASS in the school. It also echoes the important message that the teacher is the most valuable resource.

Thank you for another excellent day. This will help me enormously with supporting and training staff in teaching THRASS. My only regret is no longer having a class of my own to THRASS with.

Enjoyed the course. Learnt a lot from this and hope I can pass on to the children.

A good session building on our last training. Very enthusiastic and engaging delivery. Very clear progression and lots of practical ideas.

Another informative training session. A great chance for us to refresh our memories. Lots of practical ideas and new information that can be implemented in class.

I.P.A. introduction very useful – as was physical link speech and phoneme/I.P.A. etc. Answered some questions I have been thinking about since last THRASS training namely the question of dialect/accent. This was well clarified and I'm a lot clearer. Also, the 'moor' issue which has been covered well linking with the physical aspect of speech. Much clearer. Thanks!

I really enjoyed this training day. I have learned a lot from today and hope to have more training.

It was extremely useful to go through the THRASS programme today to consolidate previous experiences, to know that I'm doing something correctly in the classroom (!) and to hear new ideas to carry out

Very good. Cleared up a few of my concerns/confusion about accents and the use of international alphabet.

An excellent start to my THRASS training. Simple ideas and activities that I can give a go in my first try at teaching THRASS.

I have a clearer understanding of the jargon related to phonics and the international phonetic alphabet. I've some new ideas as to how to deliver THRASS in class.