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Froebel College, in partnership with the NCCA, is hosting the conference, 'Playing to Learn: Sowing the Seeds to Start the Journey' on May 21st in Froebel College, Blackrock. Professor Elizabeth Wood will give the conference keynote, 'New Directions in Play - learning, pedagogy and curriculum'. Further information, including registration details, is available at www.froebel.ie/conferences.

Leagan Gaeilge

Welcome...

to our new, slimmed-down version of info@ncca. With cost-saving in mind, we have decided to suspend publication of the full magazine version for the time being. Instead, we will be bringing you regular info@ncca bulletins such as this one to keep you up to date with what's new on our websites and in the NCCA generally.

Junior cycle consultation



The consultation on a new junior cycle is now underway and we have developed a range of materials to support you in getting involved, including:

- video vox pops from schools
- a multi-media introduction
- the discussion paper, *Innovation and Identity: Ideas for a new Junior Cycle*.

Explore these materials, share your views through a short questionnaire, or leave a comment on the blog at www.ncca.ie/juniorcyclodevelopments.

Exceptional ability: CIDREE Project

Want some new ideas for the teaching and learning of students with exceptional ability? Check out the experiences of some schools and teachers in Ireland, Switzerland, and the Netherlands in this **collaborative project**.

Students' experiences at senior cycle

Download the ESRI research reports, *Engaging Young People? Student Experiences of the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme* and *No Way Back? The Dynamics of Early School Leaving*.

Curriculum overload in primary schools

Check out the new content objective Science cards and the bridging materials for Mathematics for teachers of 5th and 6th classes. Read an overview of the experiences of

overload, both nationally and internationally. Find out about teachers' experiences in using the re-presented curriculum materials since last October in *Curriculum overload: Teachers' voices*. All at **Primary School Network: Responding to Curriculum Overload**.

New resources in the Aistear Toolkit

Aistear's Principles and Themes gives you an insight into what the Framework's principles can look like in action and provides a quick overview in photographs, of the four themes. Check out the **Toolkit** and have a look and listen for yourself.

Project Maths

In supporting Leaving Certificate students in the 24 initial schools involved in Project Maths as they prepare for their first changed exam in June 2010, we developed a series of Paper 2 examinations for all three levels, including solutions and marking schemes. Read the **Project Maths Pre-leaving Exam Papers February 2010**.

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