

NEWSLETTER



Smart Swaps
free resources
now available

we're swapping a
packed lunch for a
school dinner

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What are you swapping?

EXCLUSIVE C4L RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO LACA MEMBERS NOW

Following the success of The Great School Lunch Campaign (part of National School Meals Week 2013), LACA are pleased to have launched its new website which include a variety of FREE marketing resources to help you promote all that is 'great' about your school lunches all year round.

Please visit www.thegreatschoolunch.co.uk and have a look around the site where you will find a resource bank of free marketing / promotional materials for your use, plus much more including marketing tips, supplier details and the like.

The Great School Lunch resources are simple to use. Many are editable to enable you to personalise them to suit your school/authority requirements. They can be downloaded and printed in various sizes.

The resource page includes:

- Change 4 Life Smart Swap campaign
- Primary themes including menu posters and activity sheets
- Secondary school resources including themes and promotional material
- Recipes for you to try (from LACA's previous SCOTY Winners)
- Supplier details and material
- General resources, including press release templates, menu templates etc.

Welsh resources on their way.....

We are working hard behind the scenes to make everything available in Welsh. Some is already available

with more to follow. You can be assured that as soon as we have them we will let you know. In the meantime if there is anything you need of an urgent nature, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Tell us what you want...

As valued members of LACA we welcome your opinion. If you there is something you would like to see featured on www.thegreatschoolunch.co.uk or if you would like to submit some recipes please contact LACA or Elygra (mail@elygra.co.uk).



Department for Education

The DfE have reported to us that the universal infants free school meals amendment to the Children and Families Bill was introduced and passed in the House of Lords. Following discussions over the past few days, they have been able to secure support from the Opposition and Cross-Benchers.

You can see what happened here (at 22:55:50):

<http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Main/Player.aspx?meetingId=14666>

The next stage in the parliamentary process will be Lords 3rd Reading – which is scheduled for next Wednesday.



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Consideration of Free School Meals in Wales

On Wednesday, January 29th, the Welsh Assembly debated a motion tabled by the Liberal Democrats who called on the Government to spend the £62million they had calculated

they would be receiving from the Barnett consequential as a result of the Universal Free Infant School Meals policy on making sure Welsh children also get to enjoy the benefits of a healthy, nutritious meal during the school day.

While Plaid Cymru tabled two amendments to the motion and queried whether UFISM was the best use of the money, the Conservatives stated they planned to abstain from all votes on the motion, and the amendments, disagreeing vehemently with the policy.

In response, the Labour Minister for Education and Skills, Huw Lewis, said that he couldn't support the motion or the amendment and while he reiterated the Government's commitment to healthy eating and the work already done on free breakfasts, he stated that the Lib Dems had miscalculated the Barnett consequential, and the £26million they would be receiving was going to be channelled into other, more urgent and more pressing priorities.

When it was time to vote, the motion was rejected by 49 votes to 5 votes. The transcript of the debate can be read in full online here: http://www.assemblywales.org/docs/rop_xml/140129_plenary_bilingual.xml#126623



LACA Renewal Reminder!

Just a gentle reminder that your LACA membership fees are now due. If you haven't received an email with your pro forma invoice for 2014 yet, please contact Louise Willis at the LACA administration office on 01483 766777 or admin@laca.co.uk so that she can send you a copy.