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About this bulletin

This bulletin is there to keep our stakeholders up to speed with new content, activities and developments of the School Education Gateway.

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New teachers: Don't burn out but shine!

Are there many professions more vital to the future of society than teaching? And yet, new teachers are particularly vulnerable to early dropout. What does it mean to be a teacher? How can teachers retain and develop their individuality in the hybrid world we live in? And how can school heads support them?



Agnė Juškevičienė and Rasa Nedzinskaitė-Mačiūnienė believe one answer is *narrative pedagogy*, a systemic activity involving creativity and imagination. In their [expert contribution](#), they explain that, by sharing personal stories with colleagues and using them in their teaching, among other benefits, they amplify teachers' voices and further their professional development.

On a day-to-day basis, teachers may also benefit from constructing a support system or leveraging their peers' knowledge and understanding, which helps them develop their own content, pedagogy and classroom practice. Examples of all of these are available in our [practice article](#).



Last but not least, better leadership can support beginning teachers. A report by the ET 2020 Working Group on Schools explores new approaches to reinforce teacher development and careers through different forms of 'leadership'. Find a summary in our [news item](#).



New course on supporting mentors in schools

Mentors can help prevent demotivation amongst teachers, thereby helping schools to retain teachers and create stability. In fact, mentored teachers are more effective, happier, and more successful. But how can mentors support and develop the work of teachers?

The online course “Mentoring in Schools” – starting Monday 23 September – offers strategies and tools for, and examples of, effective mentorship. In four modules, participants will learn all about different approaches to mentoring, collaborative conversations, effective lesson observations, and the use of videos and online tools in mentoring. [Find out more](#), or [download our promo pack](#) (in any of the EU languages)!

What's the European Toolkit for Schools all about?

The [European Toolkit for Schools](#) was launched in 2015 to offer concrete ideas for promoting inclusive education and tackling early school leaving, with a view to enabling all children and young people to succeed in school. With a dedicated space within our website, the Toolkit aims to inspire school leaders, teachers, parents

and others involved in school life in their efforts to provide effective and high-quality education. It offers a *database with resources* shared by users which provide examples of ‘what works’ when deploying programmes and practices, and which are organised by five interconnected themes (see image below). *An interactive questionnaire*

allows registered users to get a personalised report with a selection of resources relevant to their situation, which can be saved and shared. You will find it in the Resources section of the School Education Gateway. We are currently working on some new developments and content – more on that in the October Bulletin!

Family literacy programmes: when & how?



Books may not always be a good way to engage parents in their children’s literacy, and just because a group has a different mother tongue doesn’t mean it needs extra support. Read what other insights Dr. Amos van Gelderen shared with us about [family literacy programmes in our Education Talk](#).

