



SUNNIER DAYS ARE HERE

Welcome to our April newsletter!

With the flowers in full bloom, the days getting much longer and the sun even making a few appearances, spring is well underway. We hope the brighter days are putting a spring in your step!





Towards the end of March, we hosted our first two Skills Builder Days for the year, and were shortlisted for an award at the West Yorkshire Apprenticeship Awards! (More on this later!!)

In this issue, please find various updates regarding Aptem, the early years qualification checker, and an overview of our ✨new and exciting ✨ bespoke training packages... and more!

We hope you have a wonderful May!!!



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The
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Team
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SKILLS BUILDER DAYS

26TH MARCH & 1ST APRIL



Thank you so much to everyone who attended our spring Skills Builders! They were both fantastic days, with our apprentices getting the opportunity to come together and learn new skills, surrounded by support from each other and our amazing tutors.

We hosted four workshops: Safeguarding, Storytelling, Careers Guidance, and Environmental Planning. We also went on a wellbeing walk together.

"The team was really friendly, I felt comfortable asking questions and it felt like a safe space to discuss lots of situations."

-Children's Corner

"I found the storytelling workshop useful, learning about different ways to engage the children when storytelling."

-Children's Corner

I had an amazing day and a positive experience for my first Skills Builder Day. I enjoyed learning more about the benefits of storytelling."

-PLAY@Churwell

Thank you to everyone who came. we hope you had a great time and we can't wait to host our next ones in autumn!



QUALITY OF EDUCATION EMPLOYER DROP-IN MORNING

27TH APRIL

A huge thank you to all of our brilliant partners that joined us for our Quality of Education employer drop-in morning.

All of your insights, feedback and ideas are invaluable, and we can't wait to put your thoughts into action.

For those that couldn't make it, we'll be holding more meetings in the future and look forward to seeing you there!



BESPOKE TRAINING PACKAGES

- We are pleased to announce we are now offering bespoke training packages for all employer partner teams.
- We can cover a range of early years topics, bespoke to your setting. Some examples of these are: induction support, professional practice, the why of child development, safeguarding, the EYFS, mock Ofsted inspections and much more.
- If you'd like to learn more about our bespoke training packages, please contact Tori or Octavia for further details.

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PREVENT UPDATE

- Following the Golders Green attack on 27th April, and the increasing threat of extreme Islamist and right-wing terrorism in the UK, **the national threat level has been increased to severe.**
- This means that an attack is likely in the next six months.
- It is of utmost importance that apprentices refamiliarise themselves with Prevent procedures and report any concerns to their Designated Safeguarding Officer.

EARLY YEARS QUALIFICATION CHECKER

- In April 2024, the Level 3 Early Years Educator course was updated to be standard-only. Therefore, all students who achieved their qualification after this time will receive one standalone certificate when they achieve their EPA.
- This is both proof of their license to practice and of their qualification.
- When using the DFE's online qualification checker, **it is the Early Years Educator (EYE) Level 3 Apprenticeship** that you would select to check.
- The level 2 also went standard-only from August 2025 - so there will be some learners who will receive both certificates still, and then learners that started after August 2025 that will just receive 1 certificate.
- The level 5 has always been standard only, so again, apprentices will only receive one certificate at the end.
- For all three levels, the overarching certificate is only issued if they pass EPA and this is their proof of qualification.
- All three levels have been approved by the DFE to be **full and relevant**, as stated on each standard here (under professional recognition):

**EARLY YEARS
PRACTITIONER**

**EARLY YEARS
EDUCATOR**

**EARLY YEARS LEAD
PRACTITIONER**

APTEM TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

Microsoft Edge and Safari seem to have had updates recently which are affecting Aptom. Please ensure you are logging into Aptom through Google Chrome.

APTEM UPDATES FOR MANAGERS

- Managers will now receive an email when they have a review to sign.
- **Future action coming soon - we will confirm when this is live** - Employers will get a read-only version of their students' learning plans. This will provide a clear overview of progress and highlight where they can aid their apprentices.

WEST YORKSHIRE APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

- We are so excited and proud to announce we have been shortlisted as a finalist for the West Yorkshire Apprenticeship Awards 2026!
- This recognition means so much to us and we're honoured to be among such amazing finalists.
- The awards ceremony takes place on 14th May. Fingers crossed!



Thanks for reading! 