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Real Special News

Jenny Mosley Golden Rules books now available in New Zealand

At the recent teacher union conference in the UK, the main topic was behaviour. I know that this is also a priority with teacher in NZ too, and we are delighted to say we sell products that promote positive reinforcement.

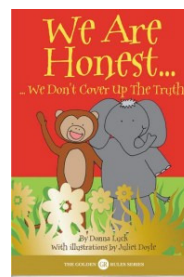
We now stock products from Jenny Mosley, the world acclaimed creator of Circle Time etc. Her vision is "achieving excellence through building self-esteem" and to that end, Jenny and her team have produced a new range of story books for primary schools that reinforce the 6 Golden Rules of behavior.

To quote Jenny:

"The Golden Rules are universal moral values. If you were to ask children and adults across the world what rules they wanted to live by all their answers would fall naturally into the six rules we have chosen. All our resources help children to want to live by the Golden Rules".

- We work hard..we do not waste time.
- We look after property..we do not damage things
- We listen..we don't interrupt
- We are gentle..we don't hurt others
- We are kind and helpful..we do not hurt other people's feelings.
- We are honest..we don't cover up the truth.

Each book is a story of one of the rules and is illustrated by delightful animal characters. The books are available in both A5 size for students and A3 size for class use. For details, please click on the 'New Products' or 'Behaviour' sections of our website.

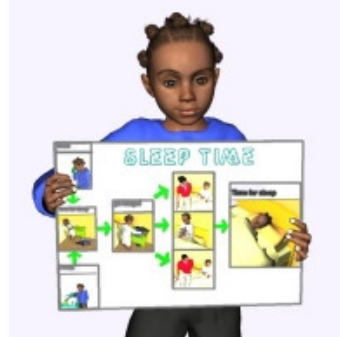


We will be adding more of Jenny's products – if you have any particular requests, please contact us.

Surer Steps software

Another positive reinforcement range we sell is Surer Steps software. The range includes such items as Visual timetables, Rule posters, and Reward Tracks. Most products relate to behaviour in school, (either on an individual, group or class level), but there is also one for home-use. The range covers all ages and is also ideal for those with ADHD and autism.

Surer Steps can be found in our Behaviour section or click the Easy Link section on our homepage.



Featured websites



This month's choices feature:

- Science
- Free teaching resources
- Archive newspapers

<http://www.sciencecomics.uwe.ac.uk/teachers.php>

The science comics website is produced by the University of West England, Bristol. Selenia, the main character in the comics, is from outer space. The free stories are about her adventures on Earth, and each comic has scientific problems to think about. There are currently 7 different comics. Subjects covered are:

- Dissolving
- Cooling
- Glue
- Leaks
- Air resistance
- Hardness
- Touch

Teachers will also find useful classroom resources for primary science - there are wordsearches, sudoku, spot the difference and quizzes that can be printed off.



<http://www.mes-english.com/>

Be warned, this site will keep you browsing for hours! Although aimed primarily at English as a second language learners, this site has so many useful free resources for primary students that I have not had time to go through each section. There are free flashcards, worksheets, phonic teaching resources, games, dominoes, reward certificates etc etc. The website also has links to other sites they host e.g. www.toolsforeducators.com and this one allows you to make dice, wordsearches, board games, crossword puzzles and more.



Papers Past is a wonderful resource, particularly for historical topics. It contains more than one million pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers and periodicals, covering the years 1839 to 1920. You can browse them by either date, region or the newspaper / periodical title.

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>



Edith the Poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot.



These dark nights are chilly so I have been wearing my denim coat with fairies – I'm a furry fairy! The coat is a simple style that goes over my back and then fastens underneath with elastic. I have seen some other easy free dog clothes pattern on the internet and thought I might get my mum to try them out (she never did get round to knitting me a coat). On the same website they also have a free dog dress pattern. The little dog below is modeling a coat made from the free pattern and it looks really stylish.
<http://www.sewing.circleofcrafters.com/freepetvestpattern.html>



Just for fun

In case your bulb blows on a dark night, you need to ask yourself: **"How many dogs does it take to put in a light bulb?"**

Border Collie: Just one. And I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

Toy Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

Rottweiler: Go Ahead! Make me!

Dachshund: I can't reach the stupid lamp!

Labrador: Oh, me, me!!! Pleeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Can I?

Mastiff: Mastiffs are NOT afraid of the dark.

Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?

<http://www.mytopdogs.com/dogjokes5.shtml>

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Easy recipe: Feijoa surprise

Feijoa's are really plentiful currently so I thought I'd share my favourite recipe for them, (taken from the Rally Cookbook 2). Did you know the feijoa is actually from South America but was introduced to New Zealand in the 1920s? They are grown in other countries e.g. in California they're known as 'pineapple guava'.



Ingredients:

- 1 cup plain flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon white granulated sugar
- 1 cup of peeled, chopped feijoas
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 cups boiling water

Method:

Mix together the flour, the tablespoon of sugar and the baking powder. Add the milk and mix, then add the feijoas. Place the mixture in a medium sized ovenproof dish. Next, dissolve the cup of brown sugar and the butter in the 2 cups of boiling water.

Pour this over the pudding mixture in the dish.

Bake in a pre-heated moderate oven (180c, gas 4, 350F) for approx 30 mins.

The pudding has a lovely syrupy sauce when it is cooked – delicious served with custard, cream or ice-cream!

Variations: this recipe can be made using apples instead, or even a mixture of apples and feijoa.

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