# **CENMAC News**

Assisted Technology in Education | Spring Term 2017

#### **Meet the CENMAC Team**

We are an advisory team at Charlton Park Academy with backgrounds in special educational needs (SEN) schools and mainstream inclusion, working with children in Greater London.



**Shirley Drane Director of Finance** and Resources



**Kathryn Stowell** Interim Team Leader



**Ann Middleton Advisory Teacher** 



**Kevin Lynch Advisory Teacher** 



**Helen Simon Advisory Teacher** 



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A Charlton Park Academy CENMAC student collaborating with a first year UEL Social Work student on the Multimedia Self-Advocacy Unit. March 2017

Welcome to our new half termly newsletter which we hope will continue to give you lots of practical information around assistive technology and SEN provision and keep you up to date with developments and news. Watch out for our prize draws. In this first edition you could win a 50% discount to upgrade all your InPrint 2 licences!

We are very pleased to share that our team is growing and we welcome the new members. For those of you who are new to CENMAC, we would just like to share with you a little about what we are here to offer.

We are specialist teachers who have a wide range of expertise in the SEN, AAC and the Assistive Technology field. This ranges in technology such as voice dictation software, switch access, specialist apps and mobile devices, communication systems, eye gaze and software to support access to the curriculum. We help you, Teaching Assistants, Support Staff, Teachers and SENCOs to support those with additional needs to access the curriculum. CENMAC will support by assessments, reviews and loaning of equipment and software, and then ensuring your staff have the training, knowledge and confidence to implement the recommendations.

Our team also includes technical support which is available when needed for schools in setting up our loan equipment. Making a referral is easy just download the referral form on the front page of our website,

www.cenmac.com or email Gill@cenmac.com

We look forward to meeting and supporting you.









### Save the date and claim your two FREE tickets

Communication Works is an exciting annual event at Charlton Park Academy, which includes seminars and exhibition stands of companies and organisations providing Assistive Technology, Augmentative and Alternative Communication systems and specialist software. Why not come along for a day of free training and information.

Please email **CW2017@charltonparkacademy.co.uk** stating CENMAC in the subject bar to claim your two free tickets. To find out more on who is exhibiting and a list of seminars please visit:

www.charltonparkacademy.com/communication-Works-2017 - We hope to see you there!

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## **Training Days**

We are collating dates for training next term and would like to know what CPD you would like from us. We can provide a range of training in software and apps including Clicker, Crick apps, specialist communication apps and software, Dragon Naturally Speaking, InPrint or would you like to know about implementation of assistive technology in the classroom?

Please let us know and we will aim to meet your requirements.

## **InPrint 2 Upgrade**



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#### Prize draw

Widgit would like to offer a prize of a 50% discount off upgrading all InPrint 2 licenses to InPrint 3 to the winning school in our prize draw.

Email **Gill@cenmac.com** with InPrint Upgrade in the subject box to be enter into the prize draw by Friday 21st April – good luck!