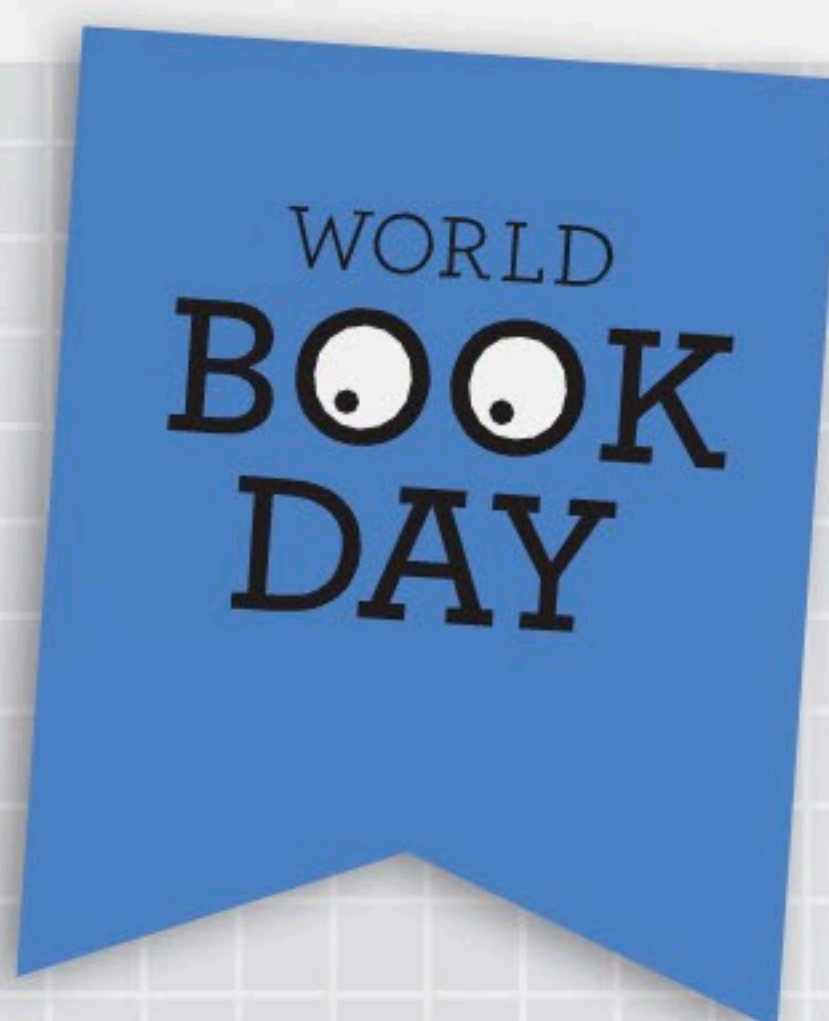


Book some time to read

This year's World Book Day is being celebrated on 7 March with all sorts of activities designed to encourage reading. Planned events and resources include The Biggest Show On Earth, which is a free online festival starring nine authors and illustrators; storycraft videos, which contain tips on writing and illustrating stories from children's authors including Charlie Higson, Andy Stanton, Malorie Blackman and Michelle Paver; and an app for teenagers that contains stories by nine young adult authors including Patrick Ness, Chris Ryan, Alex Scarrow and Josephine Angelini. Lesson plans, games, downloads and more suggestions are available on the website.

www.worldbookday.com.

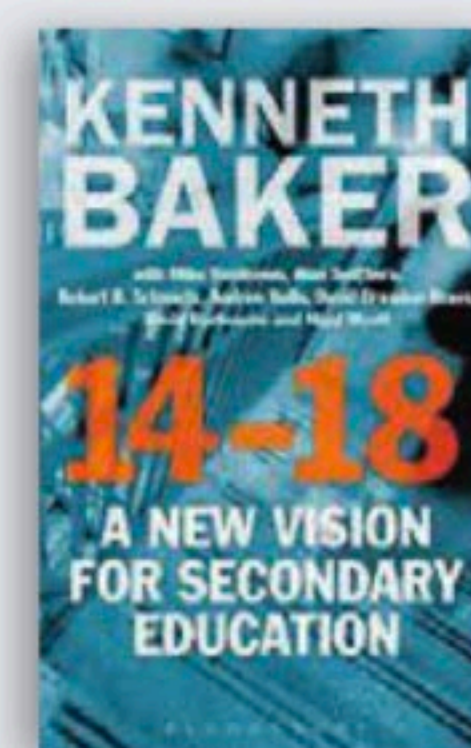


14-18: A New Vision for Secondary Education

By Kenneth Baker

Bloomsbury

£14.99



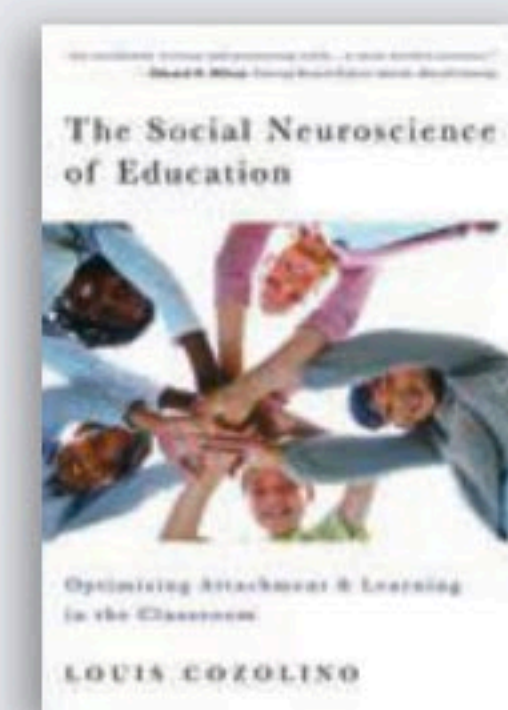
Author Kenneth Baker is a former Secretary of State for Education. In this book, he argues that secondary education has become a five-year programme with a single, narrow aim: to prepare pupils for high-stakes GCSE exams at 16. He also argues that the National Curriculum should extend only to the age of 14 and that there should be four distinct pathways from 14-18 to take account of young people's emerging interests, talents and ambitions: liberal arts, technical, sports and creative arts, and career. All pathways would also provide a broad education.

The Social Neuroscience of Education

By Louis Cozolino

Norton

£27.50



Despite its serious-sounding title, this book has the pace and readability of a popular science bestseller. Author Louis Cozolino, a US-based professor of psychology, explores successful classroom teaching from the perspectives of evolution, attachment theory, social and developmental psychology and neuroscience. His core message is that the brain is a social organ, and our ability to learn is dependent on the quality of our relationships with family, peers and teachers.

Countdown to maths made easy

Maths Made Easy (MME) is a new homework service from Pearson and celebrity mathematician Carol Vorderman. It's designed to help teachers by reducing the workload associated with homework, including setting, marking, assessing progress and remedial work. MME gives parents access to the service online so they can track their child's progress, see what

tasks have been set and even try the tasks themselves. Every homework task has a video from the former *Countdown* star explaining the maths required to complete the task. They also have a practice session and a test at the end, so teachers and parents can monitor pupils' progress.

www.themathsfactor.com/mathsmadeeasy



Silent Disco hits primary schools

Now>Press>Play was born when a theatre director, a banker and a teacher got together to think about a new kind of resource for schools. Rather than learning by reading or writing, children put on wireless headphones and are plunged into their subject.

They become characters who are immersed into the world of their topic, whether it's maths, history, science or English.

The experiences are designed for KS2 and up to 30 children, plus teaching staff, can take part in a workshop. There's a minimum booking of two workshops, but five of the one-hour sessions can be delivered in a day.

nowpressplay.co.uk

