

# SEG BULLETIN

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## About this bulletin

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

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## Uncovering the workings of parental engagement



Parental engagement is a challenge for schools. In our [expert contribution](#), Eszter Salamon says parents shouldn't just help with homework, but celebrate learning and recognise school as a good place for it. The reason is simple: regardless their level of education, parents have a big impact on learning outcomes of their children.

It's beneficial to the teacher, then, to get beyond the message "that's the school's job", and to offer parents a seat at the table and engage them as in one of the example projects in our [practice article](#).



When engaging parents, though, it is key to follow their rhythm instead of forcing them into the school's target schemes - especially for literacy learning, which starts at an early age at home. More in our [news item](#).

## Survey on Parents

Children's learning, behaviour and socio-emotional development at school are influenced by parents and caregivers, and schools can do a lot to engage this group. But what are the main challenges of parental engagement? And how could parents best be engaged? We launched a poll to find out, and ask you to [help share the poll](#). It's available in 23 languages until 28 July.





## Catching up on June: Environment and our world

Greta Thunberg involved students with climate change by striking, but we can also act through education. Professor Anna Rabajczyk even argues “ecology must become our nature, not a choice.” An interdisciplinary approach throughout the year is necessary – a call supported by Berlin students protesting for a climate curriculum and the Environment Online community. Yet (school) projects on the topic are a great start and also let teachers learn along with their students.

## Catching up on May: Games in Schools

Play always was an essential part of learning, today games are increasingly prominent in class. Some educators find games frivolous fun or bad for learning – especially in the case of computer games. Yet serious games can promote prosocial behaviour and other game types like chess have educational potential, too. Others, who are enthusiastic but fear class chaos or don't feel equipped, may benefit from this guidebook and relevant teaching materials.



### In our next editions

In future bulletins we'll inform you of the monthly topics, share with you the most interesting articles, and put in the spotlight some website sections you are maybe not familiar with. The next edition will cover the European Toolkit for Schools, a true hidden gem, and present the upcoming Teacher Academy online course on mentoring teachers.