

Teachers TV's resident behaviour expert John Bayley is marking the start of the school year with a new series, *Peer Observation with Bayley*. The 63-year-old former teacher observes thousands of lessons each year, giving feedback and assisting with planning. John has had his fair share of successes and failures, as he reveals in our exclusive interview.

How does the new series differ from your previous ones for Teachers TV?

This time the emphasis is on teachers observing each other and sharing their experiences. All the expertise we need is already in the schools, and most teachers are doing the right things - it's just a question of sharing it.

What can teachers learn from the series?

I hope they will see the value of observing and feeding back to each other. I also hope managers will learn the importance of giving teachers time to do it. Time pressure in schools is intense. I don't think there's a job as demanding as full-time teaching.

How did you find being a teacher?

I enjoyed it hugely - I taught in London for 20 years. I was lucky as I worked in a great maths department where we had an open-door policy, so we were in and out of each other's rooms. I felt supported from the beginning and benefited from everyone else's experience.

Do you have any memorable TV moments?

I once worked with a teacher who had a difficult group of girls. We talked about the importance of forming relationships and then she did something mind-boggling - she made a screen-saver of herself in her wedding outfit and displayed it at the end of the lesson. All four girls fell in love with her. She never had much trouble after that.

Have you had any bad experiences?

When I was working in a pupil referral unit, I met a child in the corridor carrying a fire extinguisher. I talked to him calmly, used every diffusing and distracting technique in the book, and then he let me have it - the full contents of an old-fashioned fire extinguisher. I was drenched from head to toe and absolutely stank! Like everybody else, I've had my failures.

What are your top behaviour tips?

Write a list of the five or six standards that you insist on in your classroom. Don't teach them once - teach them 10 times and be a stickler for them. And don't forget the power of praise. Those positive calls and stickers are the way to children's hearts.

Watch John in *Peer Observation with Bayley*, Mon 28 Sept-Thu 1 Oct 4.30pm

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Autumn picks

An instant guide to Teachers TV highlights coming up over the autumn months



Classroom Observation with Bayley
Wed 30 Sept 9.45pm



New Primary Curriculum: St James Junior and Infants
Tue 6 Oct 9pm



School Improvement: Tollgate Primary
Thu 15 Oct 9.15pm



Save Money: ICT Provision
Fri 23 Oct 5.45pm



Learning Outside the Classroom: Bird Watching in Schools
Tue 27 Oct 5pm



Secondary Maths: Mathematics for All
Mon 2 Nov 4.30pm

September 28-4 October

PICK OF THE WEEK

The return of Bayley

Behaviour expert John Bayley is back on our screens this autumn with a new series, *Peer Observation with Bayley*. Each episode focuses on two teachers, one more experienced than the other, as they observe each other's lessons and offer feedback. **Mon 28 Sept-Thu 1 Oct, 4.30pm and 9.30pm**



The war at home

Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War, this film aimed at pupils uses original home-movie footage to reveal what life was like for children during the war years. *KS2 History Lesson Starters: Children in World War II* **Thu 1 Oct 6pm**

Table talk is talking shop

A group of Newly Qualified Teachers gather for a meal to celebrate one year in the job - and compare their experiences during that crucial first 12 months. *Secondary NQTs* **Fri 2 Oct 6.30pm**

More comes From Good

The ever-popular *From Good to Outstanding* is back on our screens. This time we challenge maths teacher Lisa Essop to raise her game. *From Good to Outstanding: Lisa Essop* **Mon 28 Sept 9pm**



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Throwing up ideas

Year 7 pupils at St Edward's School get an inspiring introduction to number sequences and algebra from teacher Nicholas Hyde, who uses his juggling skills to deliver a stimulating and memorable maths lesson.

KS3/4 Maths: Juggling with Algebra

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