

Appendix 2: METAPHOR AND SYMBOL

SYMBOLS: Costume choice

Activity:

A character walks on stage wearing only one shoe.

What might this symbolise or mean?

List at least FIVE possible explanations for what this costume choice might signify?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

ORGANISATIONAL METAPHORS: The leader who is a puddle or the leader who is a river

Activity:

Would you rather drink from a puddle or a river?

What sort of qualities might be possessed by a leader who is a puddle?

What sort of qualities might be possessed by a leader who is a river?

Would you rather drink from a puddle or a river?

Would you rather be led by a puddle leader or a river leader? Justify your choice.

METAPHORS: Teacher and teaching style

Activity:

Create a metaphor for teachers and teaching styles using professions, fairy tales and animals

the entertainer

the earth mother

the dictator

the stand-up comic

the gardener

the mouse

the witch

the princess

the enforcer

the dragon

Any more?

List some possible metaphors for a school or school staff room
