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WELCOME

So far, we have had a great year full of new beginnings – Our Learning Bus has hit the road, and the Wingrove Learning Hub is in action.

The Learning Bus has made its first travels across the North East from Northbourne Youth Initiative in Benwell, to Larkspur Community Primary School in Gateshead and The Hermitage Academy in Chester-le-Street.

Next term, we will be taking our Learning Bus to Northumberland Street so everyone can hop on board and explore the magnificent multifunctional mobile classroom. Date for the Diary – Sunday 5th May! We hope to see you there.



From the 12th – 18th April, we will be holding our yearly Easter Study Support Week at the Carnegie Building. This is the perfect opportunity for children and young people who are preparing for their SAT's or GCSE exams to work with a trained volunteer 1-2-1 from 10:30am – 12:30pm.

In addition we offer a full day programme (8:30 – 3:30) where they can have lots of fun taking part in: Cooking, Russian Club, Arts and Crafts, Egg Hunt and Sports.

To sign up for the 1-2-1 tuition or the full day is £36 for the full week. Please contact us to register a child or to volunteer: 0191 273 2229.

LEARNING HUBS

We now have 7 Learning Hubs running with access to 13 sessions every week. This year we currently have **260** children and young people registered to our Learning Hubs. The young people have visited a total of 1,301 times over this term, at an average of 130 visits per week. This term **16** one-to-one 6-week tutoring blocks have been completed!

This term, 25 brand new volunteers have come on board, making **168** volunteers in total. They have supported the tutees on 1,092 visits with an average of 109 visits per week this term alone.

Our Learning Hubs

Each term at our Learning Hubs we reward the children and volunteers with Tutor and Tutee of the Term awards. Here are this term's winners:



Zain (Tutee) – 'I feel good because I got a prize. I got it because I have done my homework and read more books. I have been reading Horrid Henry's Revenge. I am on page 59 or 60. I like coming here because I get my homework done and hand it in faster.'

Isaac (Tutor)– 'So far it's been really rewarding to see the young people take something away from each session and leave knowing something they didn't know coming in. I feel like I'm actually helping as I've had positive feedback from the tutees I've worked with.'

Slatyford

Tutors – 8

Tutees – 20



Throckley

Tutors – 13

Tutees – 22

Amina (Tutee) – 'I'm very proud and thankful to achieve the award. Coming to the hub is very helpful and the volunteers are very nice and kind. I enjoy learning new things and I just learnt something new here today.'

Caitlin (Tutor) - 'I am very surprised with winning the award, but very pleased. I absolutely love volunteering with Success4All and it's great to have met new people. I just love coming here every week. It's really nice because there are so many things to do and it's a really nice and welcoming environment. I think it is a really good opportunity to build up confidence. I enjoy the hub because there is a balance of work and fun throughout. One of my favourite memories is when we did the healthy eating week at Throckley; it was fun to encourage the children to try health options and raise awareness of the importance of healthy eating.'



Benwell

Tutors – 64

Tutees – 97

Ben (Tutor) – 'I feel privileged to get it, I'm quite surprised because there are so many good tutors. I think part of the reason I got it is down to Inocencio being a good tutee because he always concentrates so it makes my job a lot easier!'

Inocencio (Tutee) – 'I am determined and focused to achieve what I want to do. I am getting better at the subjects that I've come here to improve on and am getting better grades. When I found something hard Ben is there to help me. I've moved sets on my main subjects as I'm getting better at English and also Maths.'



Our Learning Hubs



Philip (Tutor) – ‘I’m really proud to be getting the award. For me, it’s not really about getting the award, its about helping my tutees the best that I can. It’s also about developing the skills I need for my future career.’

Haasnain (Tutee) – At the Learning Hub, Haasnain’s focus has vastly improved which has helped him to get the most out of the session. ‘I got the award because I work really hard and listen to the tutor explain the question. She writes them down which helps me understand. I am going to keep focusing and listening properly.’

Westgate

Tutors – 23

Tutees – 27



Meadow Well

Tutors – 6

Tutees – 11



Layton (Tutee) – Layton comes prepared every week with his folder full of work from school for SAT’s preparation. He tries his best and works really hard! ‘I always get my work done and Emily has been a great help. She has helped me feel ready for my SATS. Its great being here because I understand more’.

Emily (Tutor) - Emily is great at motivating the tutees with her positive attitude and energy ‘S4A has been a great opportunity for me to develop my skills in teaching and working with Layton has been so much fun. He works really hard and deserves all the success he gets’.



Arthur’s Hill

Tutors – 23

Tutees – 43



Ben (Tutor) – Ben always makes time to attend the Learning Hub, even when he has a busy schedule. He is fantastic working with the children as he is calm, clear and patient. ‘It’s nice to see the effort you’ve put in be recognised by other people. I still come twice a week whilst there is a lot going on at Uni. I don’t want to let Success4All down when I have said I’m coming to the session. It’s a nice break doing something else for two hours outside of uni. Thanks to Stella for nominating me.’

David (Tutee) – David is always trying really hard, especially in science. ‘I feel happy. Whenever people distract me, I don’t get distracted. I try my best to do difficult work. I like science especially respiration and cells.’



Wingrove

Tutors – 1

Tutees – 7



Our newest Learning Hub is in the Wingrove area every Friday during term time. The sessions start at 4:00pm – 5:30pm where children can take part in ‘Kids can Cook’ with PlayinNewcastle. This is a great time to develop their cooking and baking skills!

At 5:30pm – 6:30pm run a Learning Hub where children and young people can work with one of our trained tutors to receive support in homework or extra study.

Contact us to find out more at: info@s4a.org.uk or Call: 0191 273 2229

Clubs

WEYDA

The WEYDA group has now embarked on a Fake News and Propaganda project funded by the Home Office. We have been looking at how fake news and propaganda impacts our lives as well as how we can challenge it.

So far, they have been working with Challenging Youth Racism to talk all about fake news in the media today and to do some debating. They have been working with Duncan, a storytelling expert who helped understand how propaganda and fake news is written so that it can be spotted easier; and with Phil who will be helping to create a game they can use to collect the views of the public around fake news at events that they will be running soon.

On 29th February we went to Liverpool to visit the galleries and museums to discover the different narratives around war, slavery and important historical events. The young people were given the time to explore and get some ideas for their own presentations. They then researched a topic around propaganda and fake news, that they were particularly interested in, then presented this to the rest of the group.

To get involved in the project contact Iram: Email: iram@s4a.org.uk or Call/Text: 07588217683



S4A Coders

We have two Code Clubs, one in Slatyford, and another in Benwell.

The S4A Coders have been working on their Scratch projects this term to develop their skills in coding.

They have been designing their own platformer games which they can add new assets to every week, as well as controlling robots made of Lego using Code!



Volunteers - 4
Children and Young
People - 21

STEM Club

An exciting project we have started this term at STEM Club, is escaping a Desert Island. We started our journey working out how to filter water, making paper, rope and water wheels.

The final stage was to get off the Island using materials we had on hand including cardboard, cellotape and wooden sticks to create a boat and see if it floated!

Volunteers - 2

Children and Young
People - 7



The Learning Bus

Over the past six months we have been working on a huge and exciting new project. The conversion of our London Double Decker Bus into a multifunctional learning space. It was filmed by Channel 4, George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. You can still watch it on: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/george-clarkes-amazing-spaces/on-demand/68208-006>

Northbourne Youth Initiative

On 14th March, we were invited to Northbourne Youth Initiative with our Learning Bus. We gave young people taking part the task to design then create an aeroplane using lots of different materials to make it fly the furthest and carry the most amount of weight.

We started upstairs on our double decker Learning Bus in the planning area. The young people thought about how aerodynamic they could make the planes were as well as how sturdy they were.

Once the planes were built, we went down stairs to the testing area. We flew the planes and saw which design worked best and why.

Larkspur Primary

At Larkspur Primary, all the KS2 children took part in the Egg Drop Shop!

This was a task where they designed a protection device for an egg that Kirsty, the STEM Engagement Manager, would later drop from the upstairs window of the Learning Bus. The only materials they were allowed to use, they had to purchase from the Egg Drop Shop using a fictional £100! We were really impressed with all the designs created, especially with those whose egg didn't crack.



STEM Challenge

Our First STEM Challenge of the year is at Excelsior Primary. They have taken on the Water STEM challenge. The STEM Challenge is practical and team-based learning to solve a big question through exploration and experiments.



Over 5 weeks, we have looked at: the properties of water, water filtering, transport of water, water pressure and dam building! This has helped us understand all of the uses that water has how we can utilise them.

The final stage of the Water STEM Challenge is a visit to Northumberland water treatment plant. Here we will see how the water we use everyday is cleaned to be used again. They will meet people who work at the plant and understand the jobs they have there.

Success Stories

Isma

Isma has really impressed us with her fantastic attitude to learning, beautifully presented work and amazing work ethic. She is always enthusiastic and eager to challenge herself. Isma has been doing some terrific reading and has been working hard to develop her comprehension and mental maths skills.

'I always learn and practice and have been doing good at school. I think I have improved coming here because the tutors have helped me get things right in school.' - Isma



Isaac

Isaac enjoys using his creativity to learn more about the work he does in school. After completing his homework, he likes making art to present what he has learnt. 'It's really fun and I like doing it every week.' – Isaac

Recently Isaac painted Earth as his subject was 'weather, Earth and Space.' We are blown away by Isaac's creativity. Keep up the good work!



Caitlin and Victoria

Caitlin in her 2nd Year of University and Victoria in her 3rd year of university volunteer at the Throckley Learning Hub.

'I was walking to the bus after being at Success4All and Victoria was walking up behind and offered me a lift home. It turned out we only lived down the road from each other.' – Caitlin

Caitlin and Victoria now travel together every week!

'The Hub has a relaxed atmosphere which easily enabled us to become friends.' - Victoria

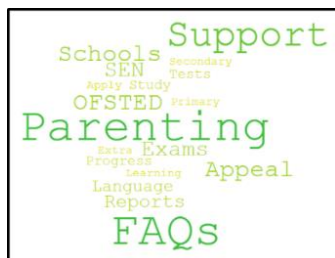
'One of the best parts of volunteering is getting to make so many friends.'



In the Community

Blogs

All of the amazing Events, FAQ's and updates... can be found on the Blog page on our website. We like to keep you updated on what Success4All is up to so you can get involved too!



We will be continuing our FAQ series for Parents on our blog. If there are any topics you would like covered, please get in touch and let us know!

Website: www.s4a.org.uk/blog/

Chester-le-Street



The Learning Bus visited Hermitage Academy in Chester-le-Street on March 23rd. The bus was parked outside the school entrance and was open for parents and young people to explore. We looked a sound through making homemade Harmonicas; upstairs we had mini experiments looking at vacuums coding and amplifying sound.

Easter Study Support

During the first week of Easter, we will be holding Easter Study Support. This is open to children and young people who want to work with one of our trained volunteers to prepare for any tests, mocks, SAT's or Exams they have coming up.

Get in touch to volunteer or register for Easter Study Support!



Easy Fundraising

Don't forget that you can help raise money for Success4All by using easy fundraising when you are online shopping at no cost to you!

Simply go to this site and follow the instructions to get started!



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/success4all/>

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WEYDA



Become a member of the WEYDA Group and learn how to spot Propaganda in the Media!

In the next stage of the project we will be planning and putting on events to bring the local community together and hear their opinions on fake news and propaganda.

The project is open to all those aged 13 – 19, to get involved, Call: 07588217683 or Email: iram@s4a.org.uk



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