

SUCCESS 4 ALL



LEARNING HUBS®
Young People Learning From Each Other

S4A NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

September marked the beginning of Success4All's 11th year and with it we have seen some changes!



We have opened a 7th Learning Hub at the Scotswood Centre in the West End of Newcastle. The Hub, which is kitted out with comfy sofas and bean bags, runs every Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30 – 6pm.

However, we also had to say some goodbyes. Sadly, the Millin Centre, where our first ever Learning Hub was based in 2006, has closed down. Due to this, we have moved our Millin Centre and Newcastle Skills Centre Hub to the Carnegie Building on Atkinson Road in

Benwell, where Success4All's first ever offices are now based! We now cater for both Primary and Secondary tutees in one place on a Monday and Wednesday at our Carnegie Hub, 4:30 – 6pm, and Millin's Saturday's sessions have literally moved down the road to Farndale Road.

LEARNING HUBS

This year we have 7 Learning Hubs running with access to 15 sessions every week. Over this term, we have supported a total number of 221 learners that have registered with us. The young people have visited a total of 1146 times over the course of this term, at an average of 95.5 times per week. This year we have had a total of **48** one to one tuition contracts in subjects including English as a second language, Maths, English, French, German and Chinese.

31 volunteers have returned this year and 84 newbies have come on board, totally an enormous support from 115 volunteers. This term they have supported the tutees 617 visits at an average of 55.8 times per week.



Our Learning Hubs

Millin Centre

This term our highest number of one to one contracts were at the Millin Centre Hub.

'Last week I got 49/50 on my Maths tests. Coming to the Learning Hub helps me with my Maths and I like coming because it helps me with my school work.' (Tutee)

'I love coming to homework Club. My tutor always helps me no matter what and I have access to computers to expand on what I learn.' (Tutee).

Skills Centre

As the one to one contracts have drawn to a close this is what one pair has to say . . .

'Really helpful, Malaika is a great teacher and I learnt a lot during my 6 weeks.' (Tutee)

'Doing a one to one contract has really helped me improve my confidence and watching Iman progress over the past couple of weeks has been a real treat! (Tutor)

MERRY Christmas



Wingrove

Our Wingrove Hub has been doing exceptionally well this term. So well in fact that we are starting a second session at Wingrove that will run on a Wednesday, 4:30 – 6pm in order to cater for the waiting list that has formed!

Our new trainee Learning Hub Coordinator says that *'Joining the S4A team has been very rewarding. This term I have loved meeting the children, young people and volunteers and it has been great to see the rapports build between them. My highlight this term was hearing that after providing a reference for one of our volunteers, she has now got interviews to start her PGCE next year at Durham or Newcastle University. Watch this space!'* (Learning Hub Coordinator).

Scotswood

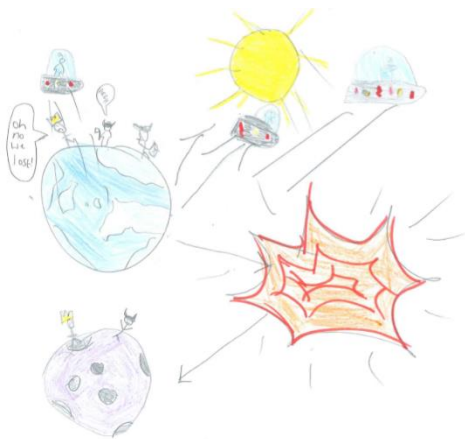


Scotswood is our newest Learning Hub in partnership with the Scotswood Centre on Armstrong Road. In only 2 months 14 children and young people are now registered and attend on a regular basis.

'It has been rewarding to see the progress of two French sisters who have just moved to England. Starting with phonics, they have now successfully completed Success4All's beginner English as an additional language package and have moved on to the intermediate booklet. I can't wait to see where they are at next term.' (Tutor)

'Her Mum stressed at the beginning that she needs support with comprehension so this is what we have focused on. Deleni has been doing really well working through the reading comprehension book and she told me that she has even moved up a reading level at school!' (Tutor)

'I feel really proud that after working with Tishanth for a while that he has moved into Mastery Literacy level at school'. (Tutor)



Walker Technology College



'This year's new volunteers have been doing fantastic work, trying their hand at every subject that comes along, even if it's not their specialty - they're inspired by our students, many of whom are successfully tackling their GCSEs in English after only a few years of learning the language. Cara (Studying Portuguese, Spanish and Latin Studies at Newcastle University) is helping Kirina (year 10) with her English and getting help with Portuguese in return!' (Learning Hub Coordinator)

'Salamatu (year 11) has been learning Mandarin Chinese with Florence since October and can now introduce herself and have a short conversation!' (Learning Hub Coordinator)

Throckley



'It is so good to see that Throckley is thriving. We have doubled the numbers of children attending and volunteer support this year! I am so proud of the work that the volunteers and children are doing together. 2017 is looking to be a great year and I am excited to see what happens.' (Learning Hub Coordinator)

'Larissa is Throckley's first one to one tutee. She has suffered from low confidence in her abilities in Maths but since working with her tutor she has come on in leaps and bounds. She now feels more confident to tackle her GCSE's next year.' (Learning Hub Coordinator)

I was so impressed with the dedication when I worked with two Y5 tutees who completed 7 pieces of homework in one Learning Hub session!' (Tutor)



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM
EVERYONE AT
SUCCESS4ALL!**

Our Learning Hubs

**MILLIN
CENTRE**
61 Tutees
44 Tutors

**SKILLS
CENTRE**
28 Tutees
20 Tutors

WINGROVE
14 Tutees
13 Tutors

SCOTSWOOD
14 Tutees
4 Tutors

BLAKELAW
14 Tutees
12 Tutors

THROCKLEY
22 Tutees
11 Tutors

**WALKER TECHNOLOGY
COLLEGE**
68 Tutees
13 Tutors

Our Clubs

CODE CLUBS

This year thanks our sponsor the Reece Foundation, we have continued to run four Code Clubs across Newcastle, in Blakelaw, Throckley, Wingrove and Walker (where the club is now based at Walker Technology College).

The help of our 6 fantastic Code Club volunteers who help us run these clubs mean that on average 23 children a week have been available to develop their IT skills!

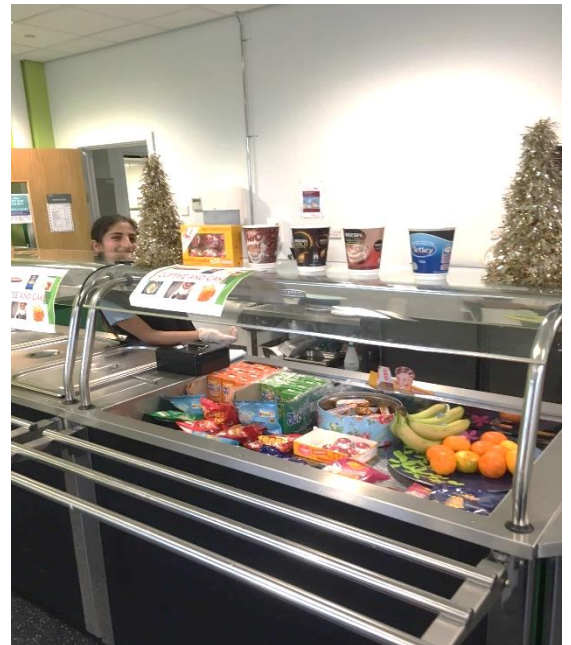


George, our Code Club Leader at our Throckley Learning Hub says that “It’s impressive how quickly the kids learn. Most have done some coding at school, but Code Club gives them the chance to improve upon their skills and become more able to solve problems using code.”

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BROADY’S YOUTH CAFÉ

This term has seen two students from Walker Technology College (one in year 8 and one in year 10) volunteer to manage an after-school café every Wednesday! The Year 10 student thought of the idea for the café after they took part in a project with Business Sparks who came to our Learning Hubs to support the children and young people with their business ideas.



The Café is an excellent opportunity for children to relax and socialise over something to eat and drink following the school’s early finish every Wednesday. Broady’s is perfect for those who have just moved to the area and are settling in, and is also great for other students to wind down with a delicious cheese toastie after a hard day of school.

The Café will be open every Wednesday between 4pm and 6pm and runs alongside our Walker Code Club.

Our Clubs

WEYDA- EUROSOLE TRIP

This term saw an exciting trip take place for our WEYDA (West End Young Digital Artists) Club. Through their partnership with EUROSOLE, a team of Club members and project leaders flew out to Dublin on the 23rd October to take part in the first venture with the European learning project. The 4-day trip brought together young people from countries like England, Ireland, Finland and Belgium who are all part of the EUROSOLE project. It allowed them to share their experiences of solving big questions and take part in joint activities that tested their teamwork skills.



WEYDA's trip to Dublin encouraged them to learn new subjects and skills for themselves. On the first day they took part in ice breaker activities and established a collaborative community ethos.

The Tuesday saw them focus on self-reflection by getting them to lead SOLE, using tools they'd learnt. Before returning to Newcastle on the Wednesday, the group used self-evaluation to take part in practical team working tasks. The trip was one of our best successes this term as our best successes this term as our young people gained skills in working collaboratively with likeminded people of different nationalities.

Dublin marked the first of many opportunities with EUROSOLE, such as trips to Belgium and Finland that will appear in newsletters to come!



THE BUG HOTEL

Over the May half-term our children kept themselves busy by creating a Bug Hotel in the Life Transformation Church's garden!

Using funding from the Elswick First Community Trust the children researched and planted flowers that would attract bees and butterflies, before building the hotel from recycled wood.



Their aim was to create a safe and welcoming environment, perfect for bugs, bees, birds and hedgehogs. Over the summer and next year, they want to create a wildlife sanctuary that the local wildlife can call a home, this includes making bird and hedgehog houses to add to the bug hotel.



Funding

THE GREAT NORTH VOLUNTEER

In September one of our amazing volunteers, Jen, took the plunge and ran The Great North Run to raise funds for Success4All!



"I decided to run the Great North Run for Success4All after just a month or so of volunteering at the Walker Learning Hub. Whilst volunteering I realised the difficulty in accessing funding for the Learning Hubs and wanted to find a way to help support the work of Success4All. I was so impressed by the work done by Success4All and the support it provided to the students attending the Hub. I started volunteering at the Learning Hub at the same time as 3 English as a second language pupils and I was able to see how far and how quickly their English language skills improved; not only helping them in school but with their social and everyday lives too."

In total, Jen raised £400 for S4A so thank you to everyone who supported her – and most importantly: thanks Jen, you're a star!

GREAT WESTEND BAKEOFF!

This May, 13 bakers joined us at Fazal's Cafe on the West Road for The Great West End Bake Off for Success4All's 10th year anniversary – what better way to celebrate than lots of cake!



Friends and family of the bakers joined us between 12:30 and 2:30pm to taste the cakes and vote for their favourite. We had a great turn out – who wouldn't want to taste 13 different cakes?! Those who couldn't make it could vote for the cake they liked the look of on Facebook. The winning cake received a colossal 115 votes!



Success4All want to say a huge thank you and well done for everyone who participated and voted. £180 was raised on the day that will go towards buying new resources for S4A Learning Hubs! Happy anniversary Success4All!

In Other News

A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER 4 ALL!

This Summer we ran two Summer Schools in the first two weeks of August, one in Wingrove and another in Throckley. Over the two weeks 50 children and 20 volunteers took part in a variety of activities, from experiments to bell boats on the River Tyne and we saw some budding engineers who built towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows, breakdancing stars and keen bakers!

The children were also involved in planning activities, a group of girls planned a trip to the Arcade at the Metro Centre followed by a McDonalds. The girls, who attend our Throckley Learning Hub, wanted to reward all the children who attend. They did a fantastic job of coming up with an idea for everybody and planned every detail right from Arcade costs to the best transport method.



Don't forget that you can help raise money for S4A by using EasyFundraising at no cost to you!

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