



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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It's Christmas!

The end of another term marks many more achievements across our Learning Hubs, Clubs, STEM Challenges and Learning Bus events.

Our newsletter highlights tutees who have demonstrated hard work and tutors who have supported them to reach their goals in the Learning Hubs. We also delve into what's been happening at our Clubs in Benwell, Slatyford and Thomas Walling Primary School; they include Coding, Science, Arts and Crafts, Drama Clubs.

The Learning Bus has been out again for a Halloween party at Meadow Well and more STEM Challenges at schools.

Here's what Mrs Arkless at Larkspur Primary School had to say about our STEM Challenge: *"I love the fact that the children are given time to investigate. This means that they learn from their mistakes and from each other. There's lots of talk, experimenting, trying new ways of doing things, testing and hypothesising throughout the lesson."*

In this issue, we want to take the time to congratulate some of our young people and volunteers for their success'. We have Nihal who has improved hugely in time for her English exams, Mitchel who received an award at university and Alice who has written her own story book!



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Our Learning Hubs



Each term, we reward the children, young people and volunteers with Tutor and Tutee of the Term awards. Here are this term's winners:

Benwell

Yassir (Tutee) – "I feel amazing getting this award, because I never thought I would get anything like this. I think I'm doing great because I'm trying my best."

Aadam (Tutor) – "I feel honoured to receive this award. It just goes to show the Learning Hub appreciates everyone's effort and the hard work they put in. I would like to thank Success4All for helping me develop and get to this stage as I was once a tutee as well."



Guy Readman

Godstime (Tutee) – "I have improved in my language and speaking. People supporting me have helped me build my confidence. The Learning Hub has helped me be more secure about myself."

Thomas (Tutor) – "Volunteering at Success4All has been extremely rewarding even straight from the beginning. I would thoroughly recommend the experience to anyone who has the opportunity to tutor."



Throckley

Lexi (Tutee) – "I feel good because I've never actually got it before. I like the Learning Hub because I get to do my homework and it's fun."

Caitlin (Tutor) – "I have been volunteering with Success4All for three years now and I have loved every second. It's great experience for anyone wanting to work with children in the future. There is wide variety in the sessions and it's a thoroughly enjoyable experience."



Arthur's Hill

Mohammed (Tutee) – "I feel happy, I have never got a reward before. I have been working hard in English, maths, grammar and science. My tutor helps me to understand more and my homework has got a little better."

Geordie (Tutor) – "It has helped me a lot with my confidence. It's about the confidence to create a lesson plan to support my tutee. I enjoy my time and I try my hardest to help as many young people as I can."

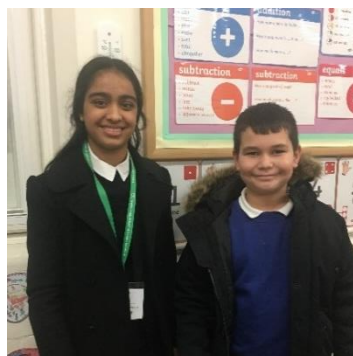


Our Learning Hubs



Westgate Hill Primary

Danear (Tutee) – "I feel good because my mum said be nice to people and I have been nice and behave at the Learning Hub."



Sabah (Tutor) – "It's really rewarding volunteering here as I am able to help others with what they find challenging. I think I won because I'm committed in coming every week."

Slatyford

Soy (Tutee) – "I feel proud to have the tutee of the term award because I have worked hard for it. I have helped Zain with his maths as well."

Manyong (Tutor) – "The kids are really nice. I find it rewarding when someone says, 'Thank you for helping me.' When they didn't understand something at the start and then at the end they do, I feel proud."



Meadow Well

Arminas (Tutee) – "Bradley's a really good teacher. I have improved my spellings by adding new ends to the word including: 'ing'."

Bradley (Tutor) – "I have enjoyed working with Arminas because he's hard working and fun to work with. I think I was nominated because we work well together and are a good team."



Learning Hubs

Learning Hub	Number of sessions a week	Number of Tutees registered	Number of Tutors registered
Benwell	5	77	52
Guy Readman	2	23	8
Throckley	1	18	8
Arthur's Hill	2	28	24
Westgate	2	30	16
Meadow Well	1	15	5
Slatyford	1	14	5

If you are interested in our Learning Hubs and would like to register your interest, please contact:

Email: info@s4a.org.uk or call: 0191 273 2229

Clubs



WEYDA

WEYDA have reached the last quarter of their year-long fake news project. The final product is a toolkit fully equipped with examples and ideas of how other young people in their communities can help fight fake news!

We are hoping to visit schools in the New Year to share what we have learnt and to collect more opinions on this important topic.

Highlights this term:

Pizza and Parliament

People from the community including our Local councillors were invited to an event where we discussed the issues affecting young people and voted for the ones we hope to see the government tackle soon.

Edinburgh

The group visited the city of Edinburgh to collect stories from galleries and museums about propaganda and Fake News. This included the Scottish National Gallery, Museum of Edinburgh and Scottish Parliament building.



Thomas Walling Clubs

Arts and Crafts

This term the children in KS2 have enjoyed crafting kites, fidget spinners, firework paintings, coloured sand and Christmas cards.

Even with the activities they weren't so sure about at first, the children all tried and helped each other along the way!

"Arts and Crafts is awesome and fun." Leon Y5

"It helps you a lot, arts and craft is amazing." – Aaliyah Y3





Science Club

Many of our science activities this term involved getting your hands dirty and all the children were excited to get involved! Activities included making batteries with recycled materials, building shelters to see which group had the best waterproof and wind proof design and finishing off the term making salt candy canes for Christmas!

For some activities, children even had a chance to work in teams and had competitions!

"It is interesting with a lot of activities, it is helpful for knowing things that we don't really know." – Imogen Y6



Our Clubs

Club	Number of Tutees registered
WEYDA	20
TW Arts & Crafts Club	16
TW Science Club	16
TW Drama Club	5
TW Code Club	15
Benwell Code Club	7
Slatyford Code Club	7

*Thomas Walling (TW)

If you are interested in our Clubs and would like to register your interest, please contact:

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Code Club

We currently run 3 Code Clubs situated in the Slatyford and Benwell areas and Thomas Walling Primary School.

Children at the Clubs have the opportunity to explore by creating games on Scratch. Many have progressed to designing their own games this term after working through the project tutorials on hand.

'It's really fun and I enjoy making things.' – Kiki Y5

The children have also thoroughly enjoyed using the Lego robots and were able to make dancing birds, airplane rescuers and a flying bird all out of Lego!



Drama Club

We focused on characterisation and the children explored different styles of movement and vocalisation. They also learnt part of the Moana dance and song.

Another one of the exciting projects they were working on was a re-altered Disney movie using tales from stories including Pocahontas and Rapunzel.



The Learning Bus



Our Learning Bus has been out and about again at lots of schools and community centres.

Halloween Party

Our Meadow Well Hub held a Halloween party to welcome parents with their children and young people on board to enjoy some spooky activities.

On the bus we had: face painting, slime making, spider run and much more.

We would like to thank our Meadow Well Learning Hub coordinators for organising the Party and making it a huge success!



Egg drop shop

Our increasing popular Learning Bus activity Egg Drop Shop took place again this term - this time at St. Augustine's RC Primary School In Darlington! This Learning Bus visit was kindly supported by the Institute of Physics.

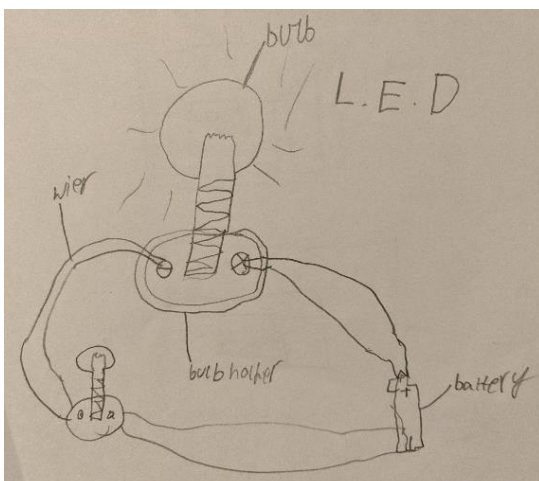
Egg drop shop is an activity where children engineer a structure to protect an egg. They work in teams and are given a fictional budget of £100, which they can spend at the egg drop shop for materials to build with. It's a race against time until the eggs are dropped from the back window of the bus to investigate which structures worked best.

Well done to the children in year 5 and 6 at St. Augustine's for their enthusiasm and some very impressive designs.

STEM Challenge



So far this term, we have had 3 STEM Challenge projects taking place at Larkspur community primary school and Front Street Primary School.



It's been a very electrical term as all of our STEM Challenge projects have been investigating Energy: how energy travels in circuits, the conductivity of different materials and where our electricity comes from.

These projects have been kindly supported by the Northern Gas Networks and Northern Power Grid Community Partnering Fund. During the final week of our project with the classes, we went on a trip to a gas collector that is currently in the process of being demolished!

Success Stories



Nihal

'My success was in GCSE English language. I jumped from getting grade 2 to grade 5 which has made a big difference in my life.

I revised a lot and believed in myself. Also, I took all the advice that my teachers and my tutor told me. My English teacher has helped me a lot and so has my tutor. This is because they believed in me and gave me the best advice ever to pass my exam.

I have chosen to become a volunteer at the learning hub because I want to help children to achieve their target. This is because someone helped me to get to my target, so I would like to do the same.'



Mitchell

Mitchell was awarded the Newcastle upon Tyne Law and Society prize for being the highest achiever in his year in Criminal Law getting a 78% overall.

'I went to a dinner with all the Newcastle Law Society and was presented with a trophy and cheque for £50.' - Mitchell

It's wonderful to have such a committed volunteer, who supports 2 learning Hubs a week whilst also focusing on his final year at university.



Alice

At the Slatyford Learning Hub, Alice has been doing some creative writing. She has written a story book called: 'The Dance Flower' complete with some colourful illustrations.

The story is about the adventure of a young girl called Ellie who makes friends with a flower called Rainbow. Rainbow shows lots of kindness by helping someone who has been left out.

Well done Alice, keep up all the good work.!





Festive Poem

Christmas!

The first thing that people do when Christmas begins,
is to open the Christmas calendar so that Christmas day wins.

After that they will jump back in bed,
and then jump out again running downstairs.
They will burst into the living room only to see,
presents scattered around the Christmas tree.

"Mum, dad wake up!" They scream,
but sadly they are way too into their dream.
They scream and scream again until their parents wake up,
Running downstairs to take a look.

"Wow!" The parents scream, feeling so full of glee,
"Are some of these presents left for me?"
They open up their presents to find,
a toy reindeer that was one of a kind.

As they were cooking their Christmas dinner,
They listened to Christmas songs from their favorite singer.

Merry Christmas to one and all,
I hope that you enjoyed this festive poem! 😊

Written by Aleena at the Slatyford Learning Hub

What we're looking forward to next term...

We hope to be running our February half term holiday clubs. They will be located in our Benwell and Arthur's Hill Learning Hubs and include fun and educational activities as well as trips out for the whole family. Keep your eyes out for more updates on our Facebook page.