



## EASTER NEWSLETTER

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Although this term has finished earlier than planned, because of the current global issue we are all facing, we hope to be running our Learning Hubs again very soon.

In this newsletter, we share some wonderful stories and achievements the young people and volunteers have made as well as highlights from the services we run.



Children and young people will need time to adapt to these unusual times, with no school and lots of time indoors. Although it is important for them to continue studying, it is also important to give them time to adjust to what is happening around them.

Many schools will be assigning online work every week; check in with your child to see how they are coping, they may need your help. There are also plenty of online resources such as BBC Bitesize for them to look at if they want to try something new. However, being pushed into a strict and intense study programme will be overwhelming.

Please remind them to keep learning as well as doing things they enjoy. They could make their own timetable with slots for exercise, reading, lunch and hobbies like cooking or drawing to keep them busy and simulated through the day.

## Connect With Us!



We look forward to the reopening of our Learning Hubs in the near future and to see all the parents, children and young people, volunteers and centre staff we engage with on a weekly basis. Until then, staff are contactable through email, phone and our Success4All social medias – all linked to below. If there is anything you need support in, we are here to help during this challenging time. Stay safe –  
**The Success4All team**

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# February half term holiday club

We had a blast at February Half term 2020!

We ran two holiday clubs, one at our Benwell hub at the Carnegie Building on Atkinson Road, and one in Arthur's Hill at the Apostolic Church on Callerton Place. 21 young people joined us across the week to take part in crafts, sports and cooking activities with PlayinNewcastle and Linda.



Making pottery shaped like our favourite animals!



Let's get crafting.

The highlights of the week were our trips out to Segedunum Roman Fort and the Vue Cinema to watch Dr Dolittle!



Getting active at our local park.



What a great day at Segedunum!

We hope the children and young people enjoyed themselves and look forward to seeing them again soon!



# Our Learning Hubs

Every term, our Learning Hub Coordinators choose one tutee and one tutor befriender to be awarded for their efforts and commitments to learning.

A huge congratulations to this term's winners, they are: Aaron, Faisal, Mo, Abid, Maheem, Shadab, Maria, Manyong, Casieleigh, Sam, Jay, Hannah, Ida, Ana-Marie and David!

We are always very impressed with the dedication of children, young people and volunteers at our Learning Hubs. Keep up all the great work!



*'I was happy that I won the award. I was pleased about the award. I enjoy homework club.'*

– **Aaron**, Tutee at the Westgate Hub



How many of our tutees enjoy being at the Learning hub?

What words would you use to describe your hub?



How many of our tutees enjoy learning new things?



\*The more times a word was used, the bigger it appears



*'I like learning. I like using revision guides and workbooks to help me with my education and SAT's which are coming up soon. I feel good about the SAT's and a tiny bit nervous but coming here for 2 years has been excellent and will really help me in the SAT's.'*

– **Maria**, Tutee at the Arthur's Hill Hub



# Our Learning Hubs



## Here's what our volunteers had to say:



*"I like the atmosphere here, it's really laid back. I like helping the tutees because they're friendly and will listen to you. I grew up in Saudi Arabia and some of the techniques I used to*

*answer questions are different to the ones young people use to do their homework here. It's nice to use what I've learnt and share it with the tutees to support them with their learning.'*

**-Shadab**, Tutor at the Arthur's Hill Hub



*"I really enjoy tutoring - especially Maths to my peers in Sixth Form. I have gained so much confidence as well."*

**-Ana-Marie**, Tutor at the Guy Readman Hub

*"I feel I have built really strong relationships with the tutees I work with. I was really invested with their education and how they are doing in their exams."*

**-Abid**, Tutor at the Benwell Hub



*"We are honoured! We have been working hard and shown our dedication by supporting the hubs twice a week. We have built strong relationships with the tutees and have finished our Level 3 accreditations a few months ago but continued because we have enjoyed helping the tutees and seeing them gradually improve overtime"*

**-Faisal and Mo**, Tutors at the Westgate and Benwell Hub



## Our Learning Hubs



Learning Hub	Number of sessions a week	Average number of tutee visits each week	Average number of tutor visits each week
Benwell	5	66	44
Guy Readman	2	15	10
Throckley	1	12	9
Arthur's Hill	2	18	10
Westgate	2	25	12
Meadow Well	1	8	6
Slatyford	1	7	5

If you are interested in registering your child at one of our Learning Hubs or would like to volunteer yourself to support your community, please contact:

Email: [info@s4a.org.uk](mailto:info@s4a.org.uk) or call: **0191 273 2229**

# Clubs

## Code Club



This term at Code Club, a lot of our young people have been carrying on figuring out Scratch as well as trying out some new techniques and resources such as coding in Python and trying out the 'Code For Life' framework.

We've also seen a fair few attendees becoming more confident in their abilities and starting to create their own games in our sessions using Scratch. It has been incredibly rewarding to see that so many young people who started out this year for the first time have progressed so quickly and we hope that they carry on coming to the club next year.



## WEYDA

We're pleased to announce an exciting new change to our youth group.

The WEYDA group have undergone a re-branding and now will be called Stand4! We wanted a punchy name that highlights the work and mission of the group – they stand for what they believe in hoping to make a positive change to the communities they live in.



We are very excited to start our next project hopefully in Summer 2020. It will be all about heritage and our connection to the heart of Newcastle - the River Tyne. Young people aged 12-18 can take part and register their interest with us at: [Iram@s4a.org.uk](mailto:Iram@s4a.org.uk) or **07588217683**

## Our Clubs



Club	Number of Tutees registered
TW Arts & Crafts Club	14
TW Science Club	15
TW Yoga Club	12
TW Code Club	16
Benwell Code Club	9
Slatyford Code Club	14

\*Thomas Walling (TW)

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

**Kirsty@s4a.org.uk** or call: **07588217703**





# Thomas Walling Clubs



## Yoga Club ✨

Over the last term at Thomas Walling, we started a new after-school club – Yoga!

Yoga is a calm and relaxing exercise where we stretch and move our bodies. It began in Northern India over 5,000 years ago. When we do Yoga sometimes we make shapes and poses with our bodies, sometimes we just notice how our body feels or we work to build our strength and flexibility.

If you want to give some Yoga a go at home, you can follow along on YouTube –search for Cosmic Kids yoga.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Each yoga routine follows the story of a character. At yoga club, we have been Squish the Fish, Coco the Butterfly, Nelson the Pigeon and many more!

## STEM Club

STEM Club is very popular with the children who attend - they show lots of enthusiasm every week. Their favourite activity this term was shelter building which everyone enjoyed. The children all showed great team work skills.

At the end of a session one of the children said *"It was really interesting and challenging because we had to think about what materials we had to use as it had to be windproof and waterproof."*



## Arts and Crafts



One arts and crafts activity this term was making dream catchers. All of the children were very creative and thought carefully about their designs. One of the children who attends the club said *"I really liked trying to thread the string through the holes."*

## Code Club



Code club have made various projects on Scratch this term, some children even challenging themselves to create their own games. During a session, one of the young people said:

*"I enjoy scratch; you can choose your own backdrops and sprites as well as choosing what they can wear."*

# The Learning Bus



The Learning Bus continued to bring lots of fun, practical science activities during British Science Week this year!

Our Learning Bus visited Larkspur Primary School on Tuesday 17th March. With lots of amazing investigations, we discovered how birds have different adaptations to their beaks to suit their favourite food and how we can protect our skin from the sun. A beautiful rainbow even appeared right behind the Learning Bus.

On Friday 20th March, we visited Broadwood Primary School for even more STEM experiments. A pupil from Broadwood made us this beautiful poster to celebrate - thank you very much!



Also this term, we joined Throckley Community Hall in celebrating the Nicole and Jessica Rich Foundation. It was a lovely day spent with the community, with families hopping on board to make musical instruments and carnival masks!

## STEM Challenge



Three primary school classes have been taking part in our STEM Challenge projects so far this term. Year 3 at St Cuthbert's were investigating dinosaurs and what we can learn from their fossils. Year 4 at Farne Primary and the KS2 STEM Club at Front Street Primary were investigating the properties of water and how to get water safely to our homes.

Check out Farne primary's Year 4 blog on their STEM Challenge project here:

<https://year4farneprimary.wordpress.com/2020/03/17/splashing-out-on-a-challenge/>



If you're a teacher and would be interested in your class doing one of our STEM Challenge projects, please get in touch with our STEM Engagement Manager, Kirsty at [kirsty@s4a.org.uk](mailto:kirsty@s4a.org.uk) or check out the STEM Challenge page on our website <https://www.s4a.org.uk/stem-challenge/>



# Guy Readman Hub



Guy Readman Rising Stars is a yearlong study and careers programme with free tutoring for 20 young people in our Learning Hubs that are either preparing for GCSS or A-level/Level 3 exams.

This is funded by the children of Guy Readman- Guy Readman being a late prominent business man of the North East - and it gives the 20 young people the opportunity to fulfil 4 goals in one year. A career exploration goal, a higher course exploration goal, a skill development goal and an academic goal.

The programme is called Re-Think Your Potential. They are using a tool called Theory of Change to reach those 4 goals with the support of a peer tutor/befriender.

Success4All supports them in reaching their goals by organising university and company visits and career talks including Oxford University and Melissa, the NHS Careers & training Bus!



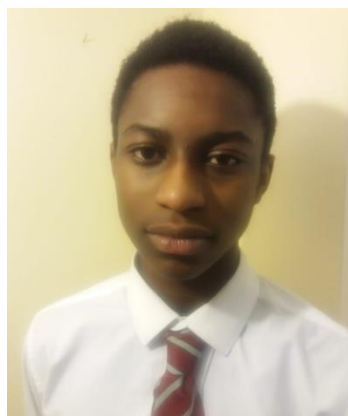
Our dedicated team of peer tutor/befrienders who have been trained in the programme.



So far, everyone is at different stages in achieving their goals Here are a few phenomenal achievements.



Virginia C. joined the programme afraid that she would yet fail English & Maths GCSE again She used all the tutoring support from us to pass Maths GCSE so that she could finally apply, alongside her Level 3 courses, for a nursing course at university. Guess what, she has a conditional offer!!



David wanted to develop his entrepreneurial skills. Together with a few friends, he developed the idea of a lunch time club at school called the Man Cave, creating a unique space for wellness activities. He and his team managed to secure £250 grant for this.



Sophie B. from Walker set her academic goals high and has been granted a 100% scholarship to study at the Royal Grammar School in Newcastle.





# In the Community

We would really like to build our online community, so we can continue to support families while we all make our way through these difficult times. Therefore, we have decided to post each day on our Facebook, Instagram and our website with activities for young people with a focus on learning and wellbeing.

Get involved and try some of the activities – share them with us too to get an opportunity to feature on our Friday show and tell post!

Our posting timetable is as follows:

## Tune in every day for:



Wax Lyrical Mondays



Let's Create Tuesdays



We're Well Wednesdays



Investigative Thursdays



Show and Tell Fridays

This term, we were also sad to see Marta, our international volunteer, who left for Spain in March. She has been with us for the past 9 months supporting our Learning Hubs, Clubs and February Half term Club.



*I would highly recommend volunteering at Success4All because they are the best team that could help you improve your personal and professional skills in an enjoyable environment, where children educational and social needs are the main purpose. – Marta*

Marta worked closely with Olivia who said: 'Thanks for all of your help, you will be a big miss at the clubs. Keep in touch, we hope to see you again soon.'

See you soon in cyberspace!



## What we're looking forward to next term:



The re-opening of our Learning Hubs, Clubs and delivering our Learning Bus and STEM services are our main priorities. We hope after everything returns to normal, we will continue just as before - or even better!

Our staff members are still working to prepare for new activities and to support parents during this time. Please get in touch for any support or advice you may need.