

TrinityLearning Volunteer Newsletter, June 2023

A busy summer term will see us back at Larkmead school training and supporting their 6th formers as they run the Toolkit for Happiness workshops and we're already thinking ahead to September with our upcoming volunteer training sessions. Plus, we would love you to join us for a celebration of all our wonderful volunteers!

Volunteer Celebration Event - we are so grateful for the support of all our volunteers and would like to show our appreciation with a Volunteer Celebration on Thursday 15th June from 4-6pm in the Conduit Centre Hall. All volunteers and supporters are warmly invited to join us and celebrate our wonderful volunteers.



Please RSVP (and let us know if you have any dietary requirements) so we can ensure we get plenty of snacks and cake, by dropping a note in to the Conduit Centre or emailing Nicola at nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

Volunteer Appeal - we're now looking for volunteers for school projects for the 2023-24 school year starting in September. Our regular projects include Thinking Books and the Kingfisher Singing Group and they each require a commitment of about one and a half hours per week. Thinking Books is TrinityLearning's mentoring scheme for primary schools. Our volunteer mentors go into schools regularly to meet children one-to-one or in small groups. They share reading of carefully selected books which start conversations about feelings and relationships. We're committed to Safeguarding, provide full training, and support volunteers through the application process and DBS checks.

Thinking Books Volunteers are greatly appreciated by the schools they support as can be seen in recent teacher feedback "Thinking books has been very useful for a boy in my class ...He enjoys the quality 1-1 time and being able to read for a long stretch of time without being interrupted. Throughout the week he sometimes asks how many days until he can read with his Thinking Books adult again and reminds me of the details of the story. It has definitely been a worthwhile and useful tool for him."

If you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more about Thinking Books please email Nicola at nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

Upcoming Volunteer Training - dates for your diary. Email Nicola to book your place nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

Safeguarding training- all volunteers working with children must refresh their Safeguarding Training by attending one of these sessions annually

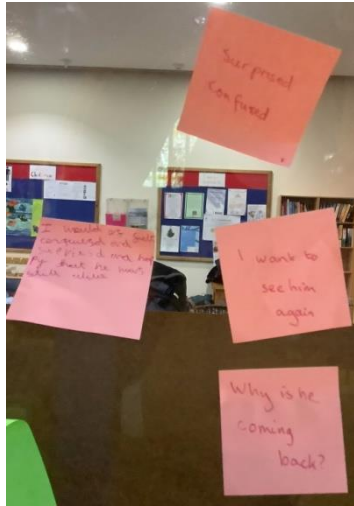
- 7th September 12-3pm
- 11th September 9-12am

Thinking Books training - volunteers should aim to attend both sessions where possible.

- 19th September 9am-1pm Thinking Books (Taz and Nicola)
- 20th September 9am-1pm Thinking Books (Lisa)

Report back from our Experience Easter event

Experience Easter had a joyful return to Trinity Church this year. The groups of children who attended responded well to the peaceful atmosphere of the church and the increased space enabled all the children, even those who find group activities challenging, to take part in the activities. Kingfisher School's visit with seven pupils was a particular joy as the TrinityLearning Kingfisher Singing Group came along and the children and adults seemed to



really enjoy the adapted version of Experience Easter which included many of the lovely songs from Deacon Selina's Toddler Group Service.



Taz and Katie Doney visited Drayton School and supported their introduction to the online Experience Easter which was well received. Then later that week we welcomed groups from St Edmunds School, Carswell School and St Nicolas School to Trinity Church. Highlights included the children's hopes and dreams, written on palms, which included many hopes focused on preserving the environment as well as hopes for kindness and peace.

In addition to our 'live' visits, classes from Europa School, Clifton Hampden School and Wootton St Peter's School also took part in our online Experience Easter.

Knitted bunnies - calling all knitters! If you'd like to volunteer from home why not put your knitting skills to good use to make a small rabbit for our Thinking Books project – a school-based project which helps children to understand their own and other people's feelings better. We'll supply the pattern, wool, and stuffing. If you're interested, please email nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com



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We look forward to seeing lots of you in person at our Volunteer Celebration later this month and we thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes, Nicola W, Taz, and Nicola S