

The 21st Century Learners Oracy Hub Newsletter (Autumn 2, 2023)



Welcome to the latest newsletter for the **21st Century Learners Oracy Hub** for schools in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire and Cheshire! We have a fantastic programme of events in the coming months, starting with the first of our 'P4C across the curriculum' workshops which will focus on philosophical enquiry in art. I'm delighted that the session will be presented by a real expert in the field of aesthetic enquiry – **Dr Sara Liptai**. Sara's session is suited to primary or secondary art leaders, but equally to any teacher looking to diversify their P4C practice. If you are new to P4C, this is a great opportunity to find out more.

In December, I'm thrilled to say that colleagues from Oaklands Nursery will be leading a workshop on **P4C in the Early Years**. Since first engaging with P4C in 2018, Oaklands (featured in the image above) have developed some remarkable practice which has contributed to their outstanding curriculum and was recognised in their recent Ofsted report. You can read all about Oaklands' P4C journey at <http://21stcenturylearners.org.uk/?p=1662>.

Next term our P4C workshop series will continue, with a session on **P4C in English** presented by the amazing Topsy Page. There will be a new opportunity to begin your P4C journey with **Level 1 training**, and an opportunity to be trained in the use of **Thinking Moves A-Z** – a fantastic scheme for teaching thinking and metacognition from Dialogue Works. More details of forthcoming events can be found on the next page.

If you would like to find out more about what the Oracy Hub can offer, and indeed if you would like to shape that offer, we would be delighted if you would join us for an online meeting after school on **January 31st** (please contact admin@southstar.org.uk for more details and to reserve a place).

Forthcoming Courses

SAPERE- validated Level 1 (foundation) training in Philosophy for Children (P4C)

Date and time: February 29th and March 6th 2024 (2-day course), 09:30 – 16:00

Venue: Ellison Primary Academy, Ellison St, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 OBL

Cost: £250 including lunch and refreshments

Trainer: Dr Neil Phillipson (SAPERE trainer)

Course Overview

The course will: introduce the theory and practice of P4C; provide tools to develop your students' questioning and thinking skills; connect P4C to the curriculum; demonstrate philosophical enquiry in practice; present P4C resources and sources of teaching materials. You can find out more about P4C at sapere.org.uk/

To book your place, please email admin@southstar.org.uk.

P4C Across the Curriculum Workshop 1: Aesthetic enquiry – P4C in Art

Date and time: November 30th 2023, 13:00 – 16:30

Venue: Ellison Primary Academy, Ellison St, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 OBL

Cost: £90 including refreshments (£70 is for schools booking all 5 P4C across the Curriculum sessions)

Trainer: Dr Sara Liptai (SAPERE trainer)

Course Overview

In this course we'll consider using images for the sake of understanding them better as images; in other words, we'll practise aesthetic enquiry. We'll do several mini-enquiries and exercises with pictures, and consider the special power of aesthetic enquiry for giving participants the experience of making meaning from images while also deepening their understanding of the pictorial conventions represented by the images.

To book your place, please email admin@southstar.org.uk.

P4C Across the Curriculum Workshop 2: P4C in Early Years

Date and time: December 8th 2023, 09:00 – 12:30

Venue: Ellison Primary Academy, Ellison St, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 OBL

Cost: £90 including refreshments (£70 is for schools booking all 5 P4C across the Curriculum sessions)

Trainer: Nadine Key (Headteacher, Oaklands Nursery)

Course Overview

Using the Philosophy for Children enquiry approach in the Early Years can be a powerful tool to support young children's Communication, Language and Personal and Social Emotional Development. This course will explore ways practitioners can use the principles of P4C to enhance existing best practice in the Early Years. Practitioners will gain confidence in their facilitating role and their ability to deepen children's thinking skills for the youngest of children, ensuring all children are given a voice.

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Future Courses

Thinking Moves A-Z – metacognition made simple, **January 18th 2024**

P4C across the Curriculum Workshop 3: P4C in Literacy, **January 25th 2024**

P4C across the Curriculum Workshop 4: P4C in RE, **March 7th 2024**

P4C across the Curriculum Workshop 5: P4C in Science, **April 18th 2024**