Independent Association of Prep Schools

Q05 English: The Storytelling Schools Method – oracy and creativity for excellence in literacy

Date: Tuesday 24 January 2023 Venue: Holiday Inn London Bloomsbury, WC1N 1HT Cost: IAPS Member - £229

Storytelling Schools is an educational method, which combines literacy, oracy and creativity into a single scheme of learning. It is a tried and tested way of raising standards in writing, while building fluency in spoken language and purposeful engagement with the arts. At the heart of the method, a child learns to perform a story orally, proving a springboard of vocabulary, comprehension and enthusiasm upon which to build further learning.

This quick and efficient performance method builds confidence in communication and robust memory skills. It is also an invaluable tool for exam preparation.

For the teaching of writing, the method enables children to orally rehearse and explore their ideas before writing, leading to accelerated success for reluctant learners and offering new ways to extend eloquence for high achieving writers.

A range of techniques are also taught showing how to use the creative arts to support improved writing by extending language levels, content understanding and imagination. The method can be used from pre-school to sixth form and provides a set of communication skills, which will serve students well throughout their future lives.

Audience: Heads of English and English teachers. Although the course will focus on Key Stages 1 and 2, the principles of the method are applicable in Key Stages 3 and 4 as well.

Course Director: Ellen Sutherland

Presenter: Dr Chris Smith, Storytelling Schools

Programme:

- 1000 Registration and coffee
- 1030 Welcome and introduction
- **1035** Session 1 Overview of the Storytelling Schools Method
- 1130 Session 2 How to Teach a Story to your Class

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- 1230 Lunch
- 1330 Session 3 Story Deeping with the Creative Arts
- 1430 Break
- 1445 Session 4 Story Recycling: Making New Stories from Old
- 1530 Session 5 Story Creation: The Plot Matrix as a One Stop Shop for Story Making
- 1600 Course ends

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