

Evidence that P4C works

Dundee University (2006) showed the following gains in primary schools:

- Children gained on average 6 standard points on a measure of cognitive abilities after 16 months of weekly P4C
- Pupils increased their level of participation in classroom discussion by half as much again following 6 months of weekly P4C
- Incidents of children supporting their views with reasons, doubled over a 6 month period
- Teachers doubled their use of open-ended questions over a 6 month period
- Pupils and teachers perceived significant gains in communication, confidence, concentration, participation and social behaviour following 6 months of P4C

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The Impact of Philosophy for Children

Ofsted: Curriculum Grade 1

The thought provoking and exciting curriculum the school has developed over the last two years is an outstanding component of the school's success ... (this includes) the development of 'Philosophy for Children', a powerful tool which both excites the pupils and gives them the confidence to explore stimulating and challenging ideas and concepts. It not only strengthens their academic learning, but also encourages their empathy for others and gives them insights into the adult world.

Extract from Ropsley Primary School Ofsted Report, Feb 2007
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Facilitator

James Nottingham has been a P4C trainer since the mid 1990's. He has used the approach to raise achievement in every phase of school as a teacher, a consultant and a trainer. Channel 4 made a documentary of his ground-breaking work in 1999 (can be viewed online at www.sustained-success.com).

In 2005, James collected an award in recognition of the outstanding contribution that RAIS, the regeneration project that James founded and managed, had made to raising the aspirations and achievement of young people across the North East. He is now one of the best known and most sought-after trainers in the world of P4C.

James will be promoting P4C as a **featured speaker** at the International Conference on Thinking in Sweden in 2007.

P4C Taster Sessions

There are many opportunities to learn more about P4C, either by booking your own event or attending a session facilitated by James Nottingham. He frequently gives the keynote address at education conferences across the world, and offers P4C taster sessions at venues throughout the UK. Taster session fees are reimbursed if you subsequently opt for the full P4C support package.

“Curriculum was coming out as a 2 (Good) until two members of the team watched a P4C lesson and they lifted the curriculum to a 1 (outstanding) Thank you for the inspiration you gave my staff and children.”

From the Headteacher of Harewood Junior School, Stockton on Tees

For dates and booking information, go to:
www.sustained-success-events.com

P4C Support Package

Year 1

- A full staff training day
- A day in school with a combination of **demonstration lessons**, further staff training, a **parent workshop** and a twilight session (any combination to suit your agenda)
- A copy of *Radical Encouragement* – a book detailing how to structure school and community developments around P4C
- A CPD certificate for every member of staff present on both days
- School membership of SAPERE (the UK charity supporting P4C)
- Full access to the most comprehensive P4C website in the world, with downloadable resources, lesson plans and support materials (www.p4c.com)

Year 2

The second year is about growing sustainability via continued support and development. This normally takes the form of:

- Attendance by 4 members of staff on a Sapere Level 2 coaching course facilitated by James Nottingham and another leading international trainer
- Online support and coaching for the 4 staff throughout the year
- Professional accreditation of the 4 staff as Sapere Coaches (portfolio evidence required but full support will be given for this)
- Continued access to www.p4c.com
- Continued Membership of SAPERE
- Attendance by 3 members of the SMT to any of the School Leadership events regularly hosted by Sustained Success, to support the embedding of P4C across the curriculum (see www.sustained-success-events.com)
- Support with a school audit to help plan for future developments and progress across the curriculum

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Based on a two-form entry primary school