

The 21st Century Learners Oracy Hub Newsletter (Autumn 1, 2023)



Creative thinking

means we:

- make connections
- explore possibilities
- give examples
- make comparisons/distinctions
- suggest alternatives

Caring thinking

means we:

- build on each other's ideas
- help each other express ourselves
- communicate well
- support one another
- use body language

Critical thinking

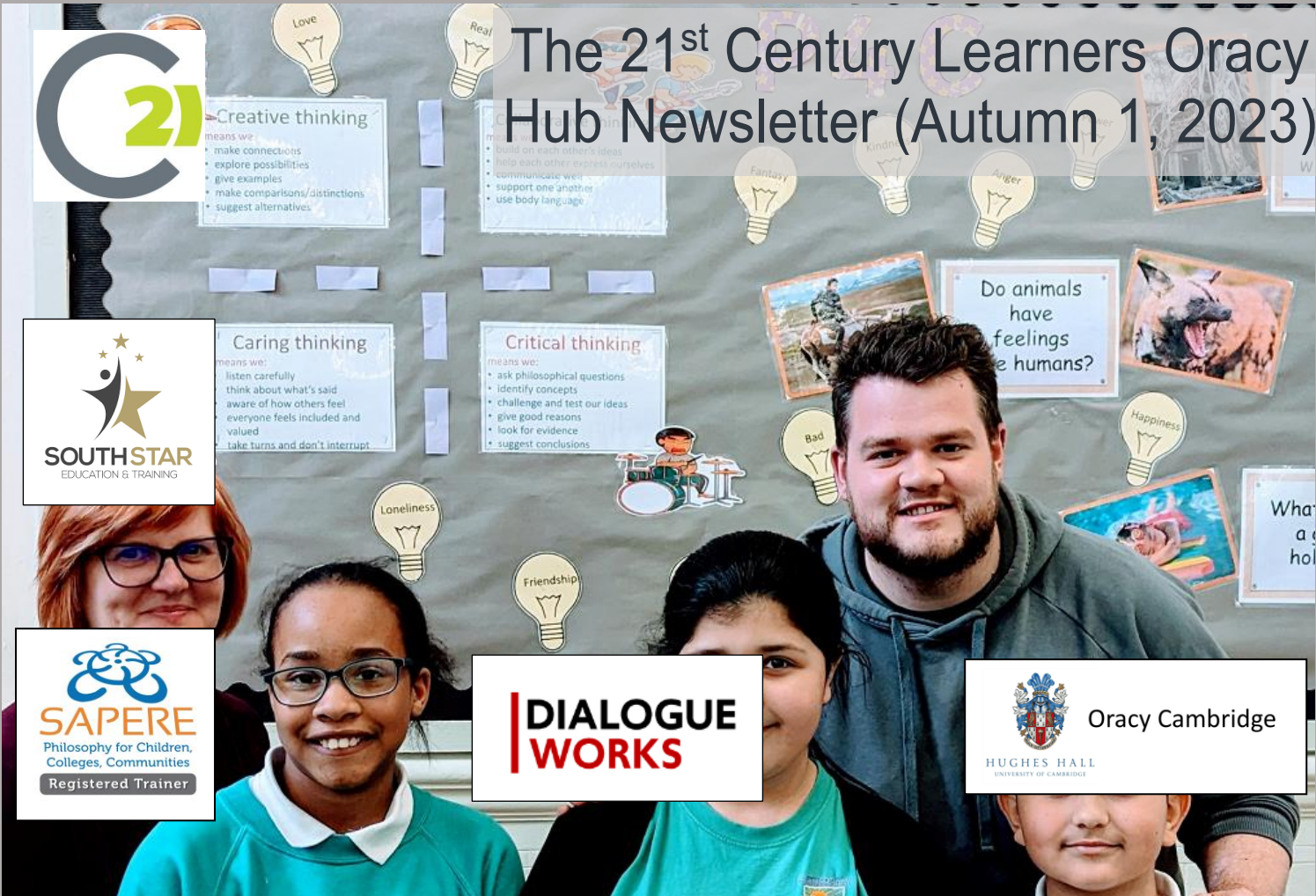
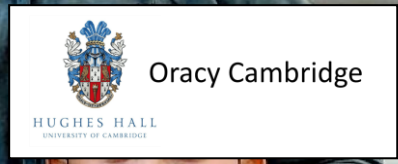
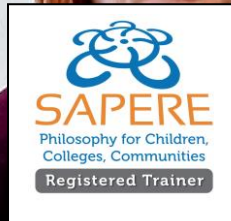
means we:

- ask philosophical questions
- identify concepts
- challenge and test our ideas
- give good reasons
- look for evidence
- suggest conclusions

Caring thinking

means we:

- listen carefully
- think about what's said
- be aware of how others feel
- value everyone's feelings and ideas
- take turns and don't interrupt



Welcome to a new school year, and welcome to the **21st Century Learners Oracy Hub** for schools in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire and Cheshire! Some great news to start the new term: schools from **The Societas Trust** have been developing some wonderful Philosophy for Children (P4C) practice for a number of years now, and this summer several of them have received a new School Award from SAPERE. Here's the roll of honour:

Silver Awards: Oaklands Nusery, Ellison Primary Academy, Goldenhill Primary Academy (awards are pending for Summerbank Primary Academy and Ash Green Primary Academy)

Bronze Award: Alsager's Bank Primary Academy



Many congratulations to all! You can read more about the fabulous practice at Summerbank, with a particular emphasis on P4C with EAL learners, in [this article](#) published on the SAPERE website (you can see P4C leaders James and Sarah and some of the school's pupils in the image above). And the practice at Oaklands and Ellison certainly didn't go unnoticed during their recent **Ofsted inspections**! Here's a lovely quote from the Oaklands report:

"Children are thoughtful thinkers. They have the words and confidence to share their own ideas, feelings and questions. They show great focus and enjoyment in these sessions.... children know how to express and follow their own beliefs. They learn to understand and respect that not everyone will share the same opinion."

I'm thrilled to say that colleagues from Oaklands will be leading a workshop on P4C in the Early Years this term. You can find more details of this and our other CPD offers, including our **P4C across the Curriculum** series, on the next page.

Courses for Autumn '23

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

Date and time: October 5th and 12th 2023 (2-day course), 09:30 – 16:00

Venue: The Bridge Centre, Birches Head Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 8DD

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: The Bridge Centre, Birches Head Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 8DD

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: The Bridge Centre, Birches Head Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 8DD

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**