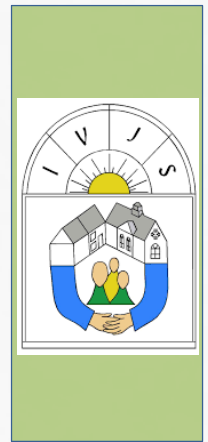


IVER VILLAGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN (P4C)
COFFEE MORNING 01/12/2017



WHAT IS P4C?

P4C stands for Philosophy for Children. The aim is to help children become more thoughtful, more reflective, more considerate and more reason-able individuals.

Children are taught how to create their own philosophical questions. They then choose one question that is the focus of a philosophical enquiry, or dialogue. The teacher becomes a facilitator, supporting the children in their thinking, reasoning and questioning, as well as the way the children speak and listen to each other.

WHAT IS P4C?

It is well documented that P4C has an impact on children's cognitive, social and emotional development.

P4C is about getting children to think and communicate well; to think better for themselves.

IMPACT OF P4C – RESEARCH FINDINGS

- Children gained on average 6 standard points on cognitive abilities
- Pupils increased their level of participation in classroom discussion by half as much again following 6 months of weekly P4C
- Children develop their confidence of supporting their views with opinions
- More open-ended questions used in the classroom
- Gains seen in communication, confidence, concentration, participation and social behaviour

LESSON STYLE

- Children sit in a circle
- Share a story, text or other stimulus
- Identify key concepts
- Get the children to think about the text and think of a **philosophical** question
- Choose the best question
- Discuss the question, listening to other perspectives
- Apply critical and creative thinking

WATCH VIDEO CLIP

IS LEARNING THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL
KNOW MATHS?

PROCESS THROUGH IVJS

- We are on the path to GOLD (3 year process)
- Member from Sapere provides training and support for us during this time
- Regular P4C sessions on timetable
- Questions on our newsletter / links on website

HOW CAN YOU AS PARENTS HELP?

- Discuss the question on the weekly newsletter
- Whilst listening to your child get them to ask questions about what they are reading
- Discuss what the book is about – what are the key concepts (e.g. love friendship, courage, play etc)
- Develop the understanding that there can be no right or wrong answers and it is ok to disagree