



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO ENJOY LEARNING TOGETHER COMING SOON TO BRYN SCHOOL

Ziggies is a proven family engagement tool benefiting children between the ages of three and eight.

It is aimed at giving parents the confidence to encourage and support their children's love of stories, develop their physical literacy skills through movement and build on their creative potential and fine motor skills through arts and crafts.

Ziggies began as a literacy programme, with arts and crafts being used as a vehicle to inspire a child's love of stories; whilst developing a parent's confidence as they see their support having a positive impact on their child's development.

What are the benefits to the parents?

Parents who attend Ziggies enjoy:

- Facilitated quality time with their child/children
- Fantastic activity ideas to replicate at home
- An increase in confidence to support their child's development
- An improved relationship with the school
- An opportunity to volunteer with the programme

“ I enjoy Bringing my daughter to Ziggies to spend time with her and our friends. We make arts & crafts and have lots of fun! ”

Parent at Hawthorn Primary



How does Ziggies Work?

Ziggies is an after schools club with a difference.

The weekly Ziggies sessions are led by parent-volunteers who have been trained and supported by centrally employed Project Co-ordinators.

Ziggies sessions consist of interactive story-time based around a popular book e.g. the Gruffalo, followed by a number of physical and craft-based activities relating to the story, characters or themes of the chosen book.

100% of Head Teachers stated that they have seen an increase in parental involvement in the school

Project Co-ordinators continuously develop templates of activities so that the parent-volunteer is equipped with the resources to deliver to other Ziggies families.

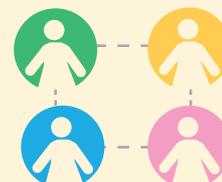
Ziggies achievements to date:



Over **100** trained parent-volunteers



Weekly sessions in over **35** schools



Runs across **5** local authority areas by **4** delivery partners



Good practice identified by Estyn



A quarter of 'grown ups' attending are male



Over **100** families attended Ziggies Camp

+ 1000

Over 1000 people engaged through the project to date

70%

Increase in families enjoying stories in the home



Over **30** session types available per year



Access to **Ziggies.org** for all trained volunteers

What are the benefits of Ziggies to the child?

Pupils who attend Ziggies enjoy:

- Quality time with their parents
- Facilitated activities and craft
- Social interaction with their friends
- Being creative and taking craft home
- Being introduced to new books
- Playing physical games

What do the children say about Ziggies?

- "I look forward to Ziggies every Tuesday!"
- "I like arts and crafts and I always have fun at Ziggies!"
- "Very very fun, I like Ziggies a lot!"
- "It's cool and awesome!"
- "I like playing games and doing craft!"



What's all this about parent volunteers?

Following our coffee morning last week we have already got some keen parent volunteers who are going to receive training in delivering the sessions. It's not too late if you want to be a volunteer just come and enquire at the school. You do not have to be a parent volunteer to come along and enjoy Ziggies!

When is it starting?

We will be looking to start the club after Easter. It is open to pupils and parents/grandparents from 3-8 (Nursery - Year 3). It will run directly after school once a week for an hour (day to be confirmed). If you are interested in coming along then please return the slip below. The club is completely free! We will then send you more information in due course.

Do I have to stay with my child or can I pick them up at the end?

These sessions are specifically designed for parents and their children to work in partnership so all children need to be accompanied. They can also be brought along by grandparents.

I have older children that I would have to bring along. Is that a problem?

That's fine. Older (and younger) siblings can join in the shared learning experiences.

How much does it cost?

There is no charge! It is completely free.



Name of child(ren): _____ Class(es): _____

I would like to register my interest in attending the Ziggies after school club with my child(ren)

Signed _____ (parent/guardian)

email address: _____