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The Archie Project

An intergenerational dementia awareness initiative

Reminiscence Learning created, fully supports and leads the project.

The project links the local schools, care homes, businesses, services and community members.

We believe that by engaging with the children at a young age we are dispelling the fear of dementia and changing the attitudes of our workforce for the future.

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Archie's patron: Angela Rippon CBE
'The Archie Project is brilliant' 'It gives them (the children) an opportunity to develop caring attitudes towards their own family and eventually towards society in general'



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About the Project



The focal point is a book which tells the story of a scarecrow called Archie who has a dementia (Alzheimer's disease). The story uses the idea of colour being drained from Archie when he is in a state of ill being, feeling unloved and invisible in his community, to a gradual return of colour when he is included, in a state of well being, loved and being treated no differently to his friends.

- A simple concept but one that both adults and children can relate to.

The Archie project is for year 4 children and includes a comprehensive Archie workbook with an additional book for children who require more assistance with their learning, called 'Archie the Scarecrow and his Friends' (Often part of PSHE sessions).

There is a teacher's handbook and DVD and a selection of Archie merchandise for the children (bags, pens, stickers and balloons) designed to ensure the project is memorable and has sustainability within the community. Archie plaques, window stickers and Archie images will become an easily recognisable symbol for a dementia friendly community. With a comprehensive guideline package, this project can easily be introduced to schools, care homes and sheltered housing schemes.

There are also optional supportive books that focus on different types of dementia.

There is an assembly, scarecrow parade, song, drama, Archie mascot, quizzes/ activities and an educational board game

to enhance their learning. Children visit the care homes on a regular basis for intergenerational activities such as shared lunches, story telling sessions, dancing, snooker, baking, gardening and crochet clubs - they are encouraged to interact with the residents now that the stigma and fear of dementia has been reduced. As a continuation of the project, life story work and engagement with a Nao robot is introduced to the children and residents.

A research project led by Exeter University has had exciting results that show significant shifts in the children's stereotypical views about older people (becoming more positive after the intervention) and in their attitudes and intentions about how to treat older people with dementia (becoming more inclusive and helpful after the intervention than before) - children 7-9 years old showing the best response.

Testimonials from parents, children and teachers have expressed; positive feedback, knowledge gained, and a fun interactive learning tool, even showing evidence of early diagnosis and improved family cohesion.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in this project please contact us on 01823 668676 or office@reminiscencelearning.co.uk



Project Feedback

Care homes commended on their work with the project as part of their CQC rating



CARE HOME TESTIMONIAL

The Archie Project at Oakfield has been in place for two years and if it ever stops a huge space would be left at our home. I have noticed how each resident benefits and responds in different ways to the visits, for all that attend in the group it is a reason to leave their bedroom where otherwise they would stay for the day. Some love just feeling the chaos and vibrancy that a room of children provides- our home literally feels over run with 'life', other residents much prefer a quieter visit in their room

'The children have enjoyed using the workbooks and have grown quite fond of Archie. Having a character like Archie for the children to relate to has helped make the project more meaningful for the children.'

SENIOR TEACHER - OLD CLEEVE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

TEACHER TESTIMONIALS

For us, the Archie Project has been a fantastic opportunity for pupils to build friendships with people from a totally different generation. They have learnt a lot about life in the past, as well as appreciating that older people are just like them in a lot of ways. It has been a delight to see the joy our visits bring to the elderly residents, as well as the confidence it has given a lot of our pupils

TEACHER WESTON ALL SAINTS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHILDREN TESTIMONIALS

Because I learned about Alzheimer's I realised my granddad should go to the doctors because he had some of the symptoms and we found out he did have dementia

We learnt that it is important to respect people with dementia

Just because they have dementia it doesn't mean we should treat them differently

PARENT TESTIMONIAL

My daughter has certainly engaged with Archie and is looking forward to the play later next month. Up till now my children were both starting to distance themselves from their Grandad as they found having to constantly repeat themselves hard to cope with. They couldn't really understand why Grandad was taking up so much of my time and why when they had already told Grandad something he was asking them again a short time later. . . What is clear to me is by engaging with children and helping them to understand what dementia really means you can make a difference in both family and social environments

**PARENT OF STUDENT
AT DANESFIELD SCHOOL**

RESIDENT TESTIMONIAL

They are so young but to be interested in us old people is marvellous. They are such nice boys, I was surprised and pleased to have Harry and Tom visit me being an oldie. Their gesture of beautiful flowers makes me feel like I've not been tossed aside. It's very good indeed.

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Would you like to be part of the Archie Project?



Would you like to run an

Archie Project?

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Make your community dementia friendly!

Award winning intergenerational dementia awareness project linking schools, care homes and businesses

There are 2 options

1. Reminiscence Learning deliver and support the Archie project for a full academic year
 2. Reminiscence Learning provide training, all resources and ongoing support for you to deliver the project
- * online training available

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