

## **Testimonial for Mick MingStones – thriveinlife.uk**

It has been a real pleasure to welcome Mick MingStones from Thrive in Life to Lemington Riverside Primary School (LRPS).

Mick has had a hugely positive impact on our school community. Working within the constraints of a limited budget, he supported staff to establish a fantastic Forest School provision with multiple learning zones. What sets Mick apart is not only his expertise in outdoor education and bushcraft, but also his ability to upskill and inspire the people he works with. Many of our staff had little or no previous experience in this area, yet Mick gave them the knowledge, practical skills, and – crucially – the confidence to lead engaging, purposeful outdoor learning sessions for children across the school.

In addition, Mick worked closely with a group of our more vulnerable learners through a bespoke programme aimed at re-engaging them with their learning. His calm, patient and empathetic approach helped these pupils develop key personal skills such as collaboration, determination, and resilience – all within the meaningful and motivating context of outdoor education.

Mick's work has left a lasting legacy here at Lemington Riverside, and I would wholeheartedly recommend him and Thrive in Life to any school looking to develop their outdoor learning offer.

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