

Testimonial for Mick MingStones – thriveinlife.uk

It has been a pleasure to welcome Mick MingStones from Thrive in Life to Whitehouse Primary School.

Throughout his time with us, Mick has had a transformative impact on our approach to outdoor learning. He supported staff to establish an inspiring Forest School provision featuring a range of creative and purposeful learning environment activities.

Mick's deep expertise in outdoor education and bushcraft is complemented by his exceptional ability to empower others. Through practical training and supportive guidance, he gave staff and pupils not only the skills and knowledge to deliver high quality outdoor learning, but also the confidence to take the lead. He has also provided us with a wealth of ideas to sustain and further develop our provision, ensuring that the work he has started will continue to grow long after his involvement.

Mick also led a tailored intervention with some of our more vulnerable learners, focusing on re-engagement and personal growth. His calm, empathetic manner helped pupils to develop vital skills such as teamwork, perseverance, and self-belief. Despite the occasional challenges posed by the weather, the children's enthusiasm never faltered - a testament to the rich, enjoyable learning environment Mick created.

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