

Drive Teams

All staff at St Mary's are part of a Drive Team. There are five Drive teams all led by members of staff who hold various responsibilities. They meet regularly to develop projects, discuss ideas and evaluate the impact and effectiveness thinking schools is having.

Each Team has a different area to develop within the school. Their main goal is focused on implementing and embedding thinking to ensure improvement in all areas of learning and behaviour.

Meet the Drive Leads and some of the projects that have been developed.

Attitudes to Learning - (Pupil Voice)

Mrs Winders is the drive Lead for the Attitudes to Learning Team. This team's overarching aim is to gain the voice of pupil's in school. This enables school to adapt, develop and create meaningful change for the benefit of all our pupils and develop their awareness as a learner. We also work with the pupil's Thinking School Ambassadors.

Some of their projects have included; from pupil voice, analysing the impact of how thinking frames have been used in different subjects. Carrying out surveys to measure pupil's; perceived learning capability, self-regard, general work ethic, attitudes to attendance, preparedness for learning, response to curriculum demands, and confidence in learning. The information we have collected has been used to help develop strategies and next steps to move forward . They have worked closely with the Pupil Well Being Team to develop strategies and programmes to address areas for development.

Promotion/Catholic Life

Mrs Talbot heads the promotion team. This team focusses on the promotion



of Thinking School's, albeit with pupils, staff, parents and the wider community. The team meets and is driven in its aim to make thinking schools at the forefront of the curriculum. The Team have been integral in implementing pupil's understanding of how the brain works, some of the other projects include; Promoting the use of thinking vocabulary

through the Implementation of vocabulary boards in all classrooms.
Development of Thinking school newsletters.

Teaching and Learning

Miss Griffiths is the leads the teaching and learning team. This team is at the forefront of thinking school's teaching and learning across school. The team was instrumental when developing the use of thinking frames across the school. Providing both support, training and support for staff and pupils. They have worked closely with the attitudes to learning team to monitor and measure the impact thinking frames have had.

Learning Environment Team. As the name of the team indicates, the learning environment team, directed by Mrs Cummins, focusses on the learning environment. This team has been instrumental in ensuring school and every classroom has the thinking school's philosophy woven within and clearly present in our school community. The team has helped to Develop consistent display/focal points in all classes where the elements of a thinking school are promoted for example understanding our brain, questioning, thinking frames. They are currently working on the main entrance hall ensuring that everyone who enters the schools knows and gains an understanding of a thinking school. During school open evenings they have also set up pop up stalls to give parents and prospective parents an insight on what a thinking school is.

Pupil Well Being and Safety Teams. Mrs Leech our pastoral lead, has recently taken over the reigns to head up this team. This team's main has been to work on developing self regulated learners. In conjunction with our PATH's model school status and Therapeutic schools journey many incentives are in place for our children. The team has monitored and detailed strategies already in place and the development of new ones.