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PRIMARY SCHOOL  
LEARNER'S POTENTIAL  
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Mighty Oak  
PUBLIC SPEAKING

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# SHAPING FUTURE LEADERS



## MISSION

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to become a confident speaker, hold a commanding presence and retain this skill for life.

## AIM

The aim of The Mighty Oak® Public Speaking Programme is that every pupil leaving school will know how to address an audience in a confident, articulate manner, using all their public speaking tools.

## FOCUS

The focus, at primary school level, is on delivery (how we say it) and less on content (what we say). To that end, we help the pupils with their words, freeing them up to work on delivery without having to think about creating content.



# BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAMME



## For Teachers

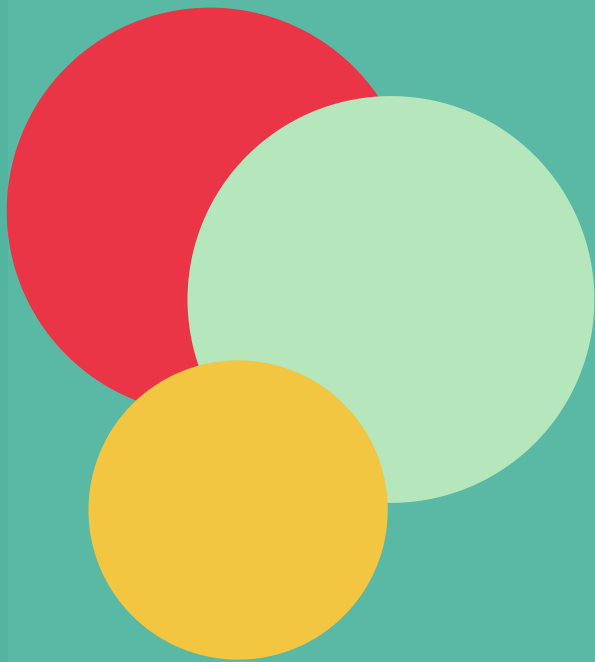
- Learn effective, explicit teaching methods to ensure pupils develop their public speaking skills.
- Improve ability to communicate effectively with parents, lead departments and manage whole school assemblies.
- Gain valuable personal professional development with insights into how to create engaging and effective presentations.
- This programme aligns with the primary language curriculum in Ireland and the Spoken Language curriculum in the UK, achieving many of the outcomes, and relieving teachers of workload. In order to obtain the best outcomes, consistency is key!

## For Pupils

- Develop their confident speaking skills and confidence in speaking in front of an audience.
- Learn, consolidate and practice effective communication techniques to help them present their ideas clearly and concisely.
- Gain valuable experience in presenting in front of an audience, which will be helpful in future job interviews and other professional settings.
- Develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills through interactive, hands-on activities and opportunities to compete at our annual public speaking competitions.



# THE CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS



## Challenge 1

**Limited time:** Teachers and pupils may have limited time to devote to confident speaking training.

### Solution

- The programme explicitly addresses many of the learning outcomes as directed by the curriculum, allowing the teacher space to use this creative course to ensure that learning happens.
- The programme is designed to be flexible and efficient, allowing teachers and pupils to fit it into their busy timetable. The curriculum is comprehensive, the lesson plans are simple and easy to follow and covers all of the necessary material in a manageable amount of time.
- We practice speaking in unison - every child speaking; this allows for anonymity and has proven to increase both the child's confidence and through consistent use of a 'strong' voice, consolidates the learning.

## Challenge 2

**Limited resources:** Teachers and schools may have limited resources, such as funding or access to hall space to provide effective confident speaking training.

## Solution

- The programmes are designed to be affordable and accessible, even for schools with limited resources.
- We are constantly applying for funding and sponsorship to help any school with funding difficulties. Please ask us.
- In the event of not having a large room or hall space, classroom space can be used to facilitate the programme.

## Challenge 3

**Pupils with educational challenges or pupils who have English as a second language:**

### Solution

The lesson plans are well paced and very interactive with all children participating all the time. No standing around waiting for one child to speak. Before any speaking happens, the pupils 'sort out their words in their heads' for a short period of time and then, using their strong voice, say what they have to say. The children are then fully prepared, organised, and equipped with what they have to say.



# COURSE OVERVIEW

- The Mighty Oak® Public Speaking Programme is a comprehensive and engaging programme designed to ensure that all pupils leaving primary school, know how to address an audience in a confident, articulate manner.
- The programme is designed to be flexible and efficient, allowing it to slot into busy timetables.
- The programme covers many of the primary language curriculum learning outcomes.
- The programme targets progressive outcomes for each year Class/Year.
- The programme is designed to be affordable and accessible, even for schools with limited resources.
- Teachers have access to all resources needed to manage the programme in an efficient, simple manner.

Public speaking made fun and easy for young learners. From nervous to confident in no time!



**Mighty Oak**  
PUBLIC SPEAKING

# TRAINING CHILDREN IN THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING: INFORM, PERSUADE AND ENGAGE

## PRIMARY SCHOOL SPOKEN LANGUAGE

### PUPILS SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO:

- Listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
  - Ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge
  - Use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
  - Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
  - Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings
  - Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
  - Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesis, imagining and exploring ideas
- Speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English
  - Participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates
  - Gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)
  - Consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others
  - Select and use appropriate registers for effective communication

**SPEAK BIG**





# THE PROGRAMME

Staff Training is delivered by Mighty Oak founder Nicky Browne. The in-person training is thorough, impactful and hands on, with every staff member taking part. The clear objective is that every staff member leaves the training, confident in their ability to teach the programme to their class. Every class teacher has access to the lessons, the teaching manual, the video examples, certificates and skills assessment, ensuring every pupil receives a very high standard of teaching.



## WHOLE SCHOOL PROGRAMME

This programme is designed for children aged 6-12 yrs old. Your staff receive the training and tools they need to confidently teach public speaking to their class. The online resources are easily available to every class teacher.

## HYBRID PROGRAMMES

Taught by founder Nicky Browne and facilitated by the class teacher.

The hybrid programmes are vibrant, inclusive, fast paced and very effective with immediate results. The programmes include:

Age 8-9yrs: Learning how to speak in a confident, articulate manner; how to make an excellent introduction, how to deliver a short speech and how to ask an open question.... Learning, using and consolidating the four public speaking tools.



Age 9-10yrs: Learning how to create and deliver an engaging story in a captivating way. All 4 tools of public speaking are learned, used and consolidated.

Age 10 - 11yrs: Learning how to create and deliver a very well-structured short speech, (Inspiring, Persuasive, Entertaining or Informative) with an attention-grabbing opening, a clear pathway for the audience to follow and a compelling call to action close.

Age 12- 15yrs Learning how to present with confidence. The programme teaches presentation production and delivery skills to a professional standard. How to create and use slides effectively, where to place and how to handle questions, how keep to allocated time and how to give effective peer feedback.



# COMPETITION PROGRAMMES

Our competition programmes are available for:

## 8-9yrs

- In-person at Anglia Ruskin University, Essex, UK (April/ May time)
- International online competition (Runs once a year in April/May time)

## 9-10yrs

- International online Story Telling Competition (Runs once a year in April/May time)

## 10-11yrs

- International online Speech Competition (Runs once a year in April/May time)



# STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMMES

We have staff training programmes to teach new teachers, to support class teachers, and to promote continuous professional development in public speaking and presentation skills.

The Early Career Teacher Training programme teaches new teachers how to confidently present to peers, parents and at school functions.

# DELIVERY METHOD

- Staff in-set training sessions (in-person training)
- Strong teacher participation and practical application of theory
- Our objective is to ensure that every teacher leaves the training with a sense of increase, confident in both their own ability and in their ability to teach their class.

## All teachers will receive:

- Full staff training session
- Access to online course material
- Teaching manual
- Training videos
- Skills Assessment Document
- Lesson outline grab sheet
- Certificates for each pupil
- Follow-up check-in's and post-training assistance for the duration of the course





BECOMING A  
CONFIDENT  
COMMUNICATOR!

# FEES

## Whole School Programme

Launch and Staff Training  
£1,600.00 | €1,870.00

- Scheme of work with Lesson Plans
- Training Manual for teacher
- Training Videos
- Certificates and Skills Assessment Tool
- In-School 2hr Staff Training Session

## Subsequent Years Whole School Programme

£200 | €230

- Scheme of work with Lesson Plans
- Training Manual for teacher
- Training Videos
- Certificates and Skills Assessment Tool

## Staff Training

£200 | €230

Tailored to meet the changing needs of  
your school

\*Additional travel expenses may be  
incurred depending on location.



EMPOWERING  
EVERY  
VOICE



## OUR CORE

### MISSION

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to become a confident speaker, hold a commanding presence and retain this skill for life.

### OUR SERVICES

We provide public speaking programmes for primary, secondary and third level students. These programmes develop skills which will be used for life.

We teach your teachers how to incorporate these programmes into the very heart of school life. Every assembly, every performance, every communication, every day. Your pupils will know only one way to speak in public - with a strong, articulate voice and a commanding presence. We start the programmes at 6 years old so that by the end of primary school, the pupils are confident, articulate speakers.

**BUILDING  
CONFIDENCE, ONE  
SPEECH AT A TIME!  
EVERY PUPIL IS A  
STAR SPEAKER!**

## ABOUT US

We want to ensure that every child leaving primary school will know how to address an audience in an articulate, engaging manner, using all their public speaking tools.

### CULTURAL CAPITAL

Public speaking skills are part of the essential knowledge children need to be educated citizens. This feeds into Educational Authority frameworks which require schools to develop cultural capital.