

## Talking Together in Cambridgeshire

*Chatting with children, helping them learn*

Happy New Year to You All! Here's a little update from Talking Together in Cambridgeshire about some of the work we're currently involved with.

### **Consultation and Celebration Events 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

We would like to invite you to join one of our Talking Together in Cambridgeshire online Consultation and Celebration Events which will be held on 25th and 26th January. These events are open to all from across our Talking Together communities to attend. We will take a look at what we have achieved together so far and celebrate the funded project work that community groups from across our reach areas have been involved with. We will also be giving an update on the plans for our Festival of Stories. If you'd like to join us, please do let us know which of the events you might be able to attend. Nearer the time we will email an agenda out to you. The event links are below:

#### **Tuesday 25 January 2022 from 2pm-4pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92749068710>

Meeting ID: 927 4906 8710

Passcode: 686823

#### **Wednesday 26 January 2022 from 6.30pm-8.30pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94787174492?pwd=eG5qNHRub3lZbkJmZVIIMWhZb21TUT09>

Meeting ID: 947 8717 4492

Passcode: 484005

### **Festival of Stories 3<sup>rd</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

We will be holding a Festival of Stories from World Book Day on the 3rd March 2022 through to World Storytelling Day on the 20th March 2022. Festival events will take place in Talking Together reach areas which include March, Chatteris, Wisbech, Huntingdon, Melbourn, Meldreth, Duxford and NE Cambridge City. Talking Together will be working with partners including community groups and other services to bring the magic of stories to families of children aged 0-5. The Festival will shine a light on how stories can be used in fun and interactive ways to bring a twinkle of excitement to the everyday. It will also highlight how stories can help young children feel safe and connected to others, and help them better understand the world we live in.

If you represent a community group, setting or school from one of our reach areas and you'd like to get involved in the Festival in some way, please do get in contact. Basic details about the Festival can be found on our attached flyer, which we'd love you to display for families to view. Further details will be posted on our website in due course.

### **New 50 Things To Do Before You're 5 app videos**

Over the last two months we've let you know that Groundwork East, one of our funded project groups, have released five videos filmed in outdoor spaces across our reach areas which focus on specific 50 Things app activities. These have included:

#9 Mini Beasts and Bug Hunting filmed at Little Acre Fen Pocket Park in Chatteris

[\*\*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5p2vOuXK6Q\*\*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5p2vOuXK6Q)

#42 The Rough and The Smooth filmed at Brewery Field in Duxford

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cp-98vMtWN8>

#31 Boing! filmed at Wisbech Adventure Playground

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aP8h7vu40S8>

#46 Fantastic Paper Folding filmed at Nun's Way Park in NE Cambridge City

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CF156CI9Mq0>

#48 Natural Art filmed at Melwood Local Nature Reserve in Meldreth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlrYwipZZ9s>

Well, we are delighted to let you know that Groundwork East has launched their next three videos including:

#19 Growing little people plants and things filmed at The Moor in Melbourn

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5II69V\\_qlx4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5II69V_qlx4&feature=youtu.be)

#29 Pitter Patter filmed at West End Park in March

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anWO52zeEsk&feature=youtu.be>

#33 Home from home at Riverside Park In Huntingdon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1iW8bjWEVg>

The videos show Lucy of Groundwork East visiting outdoor spaces in and across the Talking Together in Cambridgeshire reach areas. Lucy talks about each of the activities and how these ideas could be used by families at home. Please do share the links to the videos with families you know, and feel free to add them to your social media streams too. We'd like to thank the Groundwork East team for producing the videos which are brilliant. We'd also like to thank those organisations who gave Groundwork East consent to film in the parks shown in the videos for their support with this project work.

If you are interested in learning more about our work, please take a look at our Talking Together in Cambridgeshire Facebook page and [website](#). If you have any questions about our work, please do contact us via [community.literacy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:community.literacy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or 01223 699671.

Kind regards,

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