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Pathways



Thoughts of the Day...

"I am going to identify my behaviours and set triggers to achieve my best."

"I am going to reflect on the behaviours we expect from our staff."

"I have learnt how to view situations in a different way."

"The power of positive thinking and making sure this happens every day."

"A great range of speakers. Please continue to invite inspirational speakers to the Island."

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Leadership Conference with Damian Hughes

"a brilliant conference - very inspiring"

Key Dates

19th September 2018

New to Phonics Course

27th September 2018

Learning Support Assistant and Teaching Assistant Network Meeting

3rd October 2018

NQT Autumn Conference

7th November 2018

Early Years Conference - Alistair Bryce Clegg

Early Years Meet and Magpie

The best one yet!

Thank You

Reflections of the year and plans for things to come.

"Ask not what your Island can do for you, but what you can do for your Island."

Leadership Conference

On a warm and sunny Friday, the Island Teaching Alliance held their first Leadership Conference at the Quay Arts Centre. The conference was opened by Anita Warwick from the Forest Learning Alliance, who set the theme of the conference, in terms of getting the right balance of leading and managing and 'thriving not surviving!' Anita introduced the High Sheriff, Gioia Minghella-Giddens, a teacher herself for twenty-five years. She talked passionately about her love of the Isle of Wight and the fabulous opportunities that we as leaders, have to change the future of our children's lives, but also be leaders for others to follow. We are hoping to get a copy of Gioia's poignant words to share with everyone.

Next came Matt Miller from the National Governor's Association. An ex senior detective in the Metropolitan police, who is now a National Leader of Governance. We are sure his story from detective to Governor must have been an interesting journey! Matt spoke passionately about Leadership and Governance and has offered to work on the Island, developing training and opportunities for our school Governors. Look out for more information in September.

After a cooling tea break, we were engaged by Damian Hughes, who shared stories, research and life experiences of how he supports behaviours in teams and people across the world. This was linked creatively to questions and issues that arose from the audience as the morning progressed. Damian's thought processes were always brought back to answer the question posed. We believe that we could have continued listening to Damian for far longer than the time allowed, as he captivated the audience and questioned, not only our own behaviours, but the behaviours of others. There was some very simple advice offered, that will continue to impact on our leadership and understanding of achieving the best from our schools and all those within.

The heat was definitely rising at this point in the afternoon, but our MP, Bob Seely, took to the floor to talk a little bit about his vision of the Isle of Wight and to answer questions from the audience. The day was concluded with a very moving and inspirational life story from Wendy Smith, a Paralympian, who shared her journey to success, by overcoming life-changing circumstances. We all left knowing that we can rise to any challenge that faces us on the Isle of Wight and make our education and learning great. We have to dig deep and believe we can.

We would like to thank the team who supported the Conference and ensured it all ran smoothly. A superb conference and the first of many.

