

Voluntary Tutor News



Voices 2 Book Launch

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- When you or your student changes address or phone number
- If the time of the class changes
- If you are unable to attend class and you would like us to contact your student
- If you have any other queries of any kind

Thank you to everyone who attended the book launch last month. The event was very well attended and was once again one of the highlights of the year for students and tutors alike.

We started by presenting certificates to our new voluntary tutors and this was followed by the launch of the book by our CEO, Breandán Ó Callarín. Following this, with lots of encouragement from our admirable MC, Brendan Moriarty, six student readers stood up in front of the large audience and read their stories from 'Voices'. One of the

stories called 'My Life as a Film Star' was written and read by a student who was featured in a short video called 'A Learning for Life'. Filmed last year, the video charts the progress of a group of our students from Ballybane aiming to sit the Junior Certificate English exam. This video was shown to the appreciative audience and the evening was brought to an end with food and refreshments. Sublime classical guitar music was provided also by Vincenzo.

The evening was a cele-

bration of our work here at GABES, and congratulations to all students and tutors who helped bring the stories to print. The event was an inspiration for next year too. Feel free to hand in any new stories or poems to Alison or Lisa! Copies of 'Voices 2' are still available on request.



Certificates presented to voluntary tutors by Breandán Ó Callarín

Summer Workshop: Thursday 18th June

Please add this date to your diary: **Thursday 18th June**. We are holding a short, interactive workshop for all tutors and voluntary tutors entitled: 'Presentation, Practice & Production' (PPP). The workshop will be given by Paschal Murphy and Diana Walsh, and is aimed

at presenting a method leading towards a unifying structure for classes and lesson planning in GABES.

The workshop will be held in Yeats House from 5pm to 7pm, and will also include food and refresh-

ments. We have recently completed 3 tutor training sessions and we will present all the new voluntary tutors with their certificates on the night as well. All tutors are invited. Please let Lisa or Alison know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Livewire Series: Teacher's Book Book Club



Teacher's Book used in conjunction with reader

The Livewire Series, published by Hodder & Stoughton in association with the Basic Skills Agency, have produced a large library of basic reading material that is well presented and interesting to read. Most of our students will be familiar with these readers, especially the Real Lives series covering such titles as 'Manchester United', but what is not so well known is that these readers are accompanied by a large collection of photocopyable worksheets in a corresponding set of Teacher's Books. Each Teacher's Book offers additional extension activities for

the readers, and these are clearly set out on the contents page of each Teacher's Book.

The exercises laid out here match the level of the readers. As a guide, check the colour codes at the top of the readers: yellow (easiest), green (harder), blue (more advanced) and red (most advanced). Once you have chosen your book, find the corresponding exercises in one of the five Teacher's Books and then photocopy the exercises as appropriate. The Teacher's Books are all on the shelves to the left of the readers, but do ask if you want to use them and can't find them.

By popular demand, one of the tutors, Diane Keane, has started a book club. The club meets once a week in Seville House on Tuesdays at 12pm. Activities include all kinds of reading and discussions from menus to poetry, newspaper articles, letters and more. Please feel free to tell your student about the club if you think they would be interested. All levels are welcome and the club would certainly help to improve both reading and English.

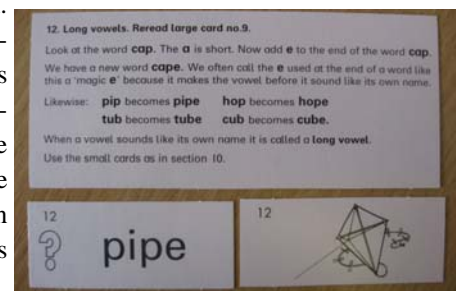
Reading and Spelling Box



This attractive kit has 22 sets of small, self-correcting questions cards laid out in a box, with each set of cards covering a different spelling topic or pattern. It is recommended for any student who may have a particular difficulty with a specific spelling or reading issue, such as the short vowel sounds, soft and hard c and g, suffixes and silent e words, for example. Before tackling

the small cards, students are encouraged to read and learn the information on a separate, large card which is related to the topic that they are working on. Once the information on this card is understood, the student may then tackle the topic using the small question cards. This set has

proven to be popular among level 1 students, as it is simple, clear, logical and fun. Ask Alison for a demonstration if you wish to try it out.



More Photos from the Book Launch

