

Stamford Youth Bridge Academy (SYBA)

Investing in our Children's Education'

Welcome

SYBA in developing creative, simple but powerful educational resources evidenced to the Maths National Curriculum, has taken a decisive step towards Equality, in an effort to level the playing field for ALL our children regardless of colour, language, creed, ability, disability, gender or whether rich or poor. Working in partnership with 18 schools, (10 Primary and 8 Secondary), Early Years through to Year 10, DBS Registered club member 'Buddies' from seven responsive satellite bridge clubs have achieved the following:

CONGRATULATIONS!

2,500+ Starter Bridge Stage One/Two Certificates
30 MinibrIDGE Certificates &
8 Bronze Certificates

Thanks to our fantastic teams of DBS Registered member 'Buddies'

Schools Participating include:

- Primary:** Abbey, Baston, Copthill, English Martyrs, Morton, Nettleham, Oakdale, Oundle, Malc Sargent, Westfield,
- Secondary:** Belvoir High School, Bourne Acad., Bourne Grammar, Catmose College, Montsaye Acad., Stamford Welland Acad., Uppingham School & Stamford Endowed School.
- Pre-School:** The Children's Garden Day Nursery & Montessori Pre-School - 30 three/four year olds
- Charity: Action for Kids:** Young Adults (15 – 26 years) with Learning Difficulties – In-house London Staff Training
- Inter-Schools June Tournament:** Oversubscribed. Ten schools participating. Maximum pupil capacity 100. SYBA disappointingly had to turn down two schools.
- House of Lords Visit:** 12 Bourne Acad. and 4 Uppingham School students visited the HoL to play Bridge with Peers and have a tour of the building.

Taking Bridge into Schools: TRAINING COURSES FOR BRIDGE CLUBS

Introduction

We all remember the horror stories of going into schools, you're all fired up, ready to enthral youngsters with the game of bridge. Hours and hours of preparation beforehand. For the first few weeks everything is going fine, actually maybe even better than you anticipated, though you just have this niggling thought that it could be better. And you really wish the same youngsters would turn up each time. Oh yes, everyone has a perfectly good reason for not attending because. . . . they are needed for a music lesson or was it a football match? Oh yes, Roly said he was needed to help with the Drama group, Josh has an appointment at the hospital and so it goes on. The school is really helpful but the problem is everyone is so very busy. You arrive at Reception. Lisa looks surprised. Mystified really. Hadn't someone told you there was a Geog. Trip for Year 7 today and they weren't arriving back until 5pm? 'Sorry, No, there won't be an after-school bridge club today.'

The Solution - A Winning Formula: 2,500+ youngsters have participated in a Starter Bridge quality experience **in Curriculum time in schools**. It's an exciting time for responsive bridge clubs but also a cultural change in how bridge clubs can work with schools based around the Schools Agenda.

SYBA's success is built around four criteria.

Firstly, working to the schools Agenda, **evidencing the National Curriculum**, we make it easy for schools to want to work in partnership with us. The word partnership is important. **Schools must have a 'stake' in our success**. Our relationship is built on 'Trust'. You only get one chance. Everything we say we will do, we must fulfil 100%. **Feedback from schools has given and continues to give direction to SYBA's ongoing educational programmes. And we are listening.**

Secondly, our amazing 'Buddies' (60+ in number) are DBS registered and are currently signed up for in-house training courses to comply with the 'Safeguarding Legislation Act 2018'. Our 'Buddies' believe that by taking bridge into schools they are doing something worthwhile, purposeful and meaningful. Our oldest Buddy is 83 years young.

Thirdly, our structured, scripted, SYBA certificated Educational Programmes '**Making Maths Fun**' for Primary Schools and '**Taking the Fear out of Maths**' for Secondary Schools, evidence the National Curriculum, e.g. Numeracy, Logic, Critical Thinking, Reasoning, etc. Schools want to work with us because we bring a different dimension to the classroom. Inter-action is one of the most noticeable together with learning through partnership play. Youngsters love working with a partner. We cater for all abilities from the most challenging pupils to the highest achievers. Starter Bridge takes no heed of gender, colour, creed, wealth, language, age. We are levelling the playing field, breaking down the barriers where bridge has previously only been seen to be for the 'elite', the 'white' and the 'old'. Following

a 30-45 minute Starter Bridge Taster for a whole year group, for example Years 4/5/6 (age 8-11 years) each pupil is awarded a Participation Certificate flagging up their success. A spin-off has been that five classroom teachers are now attending SBC bridge lessons.

Fourthly, prior to the initial Taster in Curriculum time, we will have negotiated with the school to offer a **2/6 week follow-on lunchtime bridge club, an after-school bridge club or a maths based Curriculum scheduled programme**. For example Primary Schools may ask you to come in for three Fridays in Golden Hour, last session of the day, 2pm - 3pm. If it's a 5/6 week after-school club for Primary schools the 24+ youngsters will be presented with Starter Bridge One certificates by the lead Buddy in an Assembly, highlighting each youngsters achievements. This is always a huge success and ends up with more youngsters signing up. We always have to put a 'cap' on numbers.

For Secondary schools after the initial Taster for whole Year 7/8/9 groups, (age 11-14 years) it is usually followed by a lunchtime or after-school club, although our best practice partnership has been with Year 7 students in an Academy where two of our fantastic 'Buddies' have been going in for the past two years on Wednesdays each week 1.00pm-2.30pm curriculum time. Certification is provided in stages: Starter Bridge One & Two, Minibridge followed by Bronze Awards.

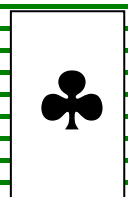
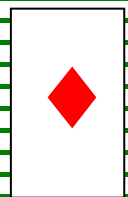
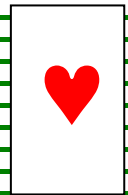
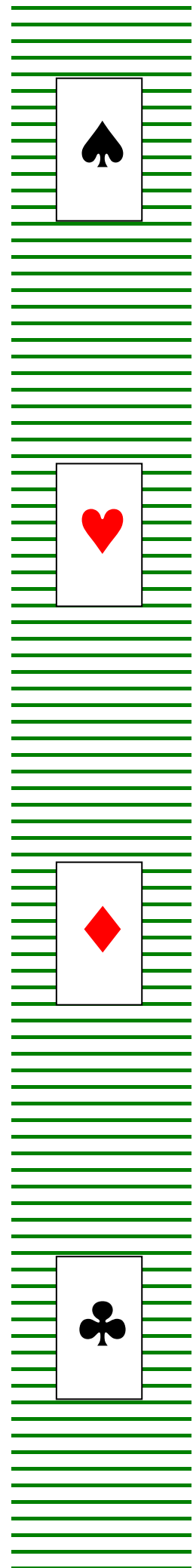
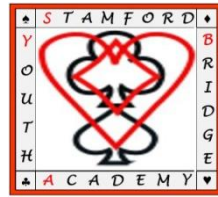
Inter-Schools Summer Tournaments. SYBA has now run three, always on a Friday morning in June and they have been hugely successful. We offer three categories: Starter Bridge, Minibridge and Bridge. The first year we had 72 pupils all either Starter Bridge or Minibridge only. We can accommodate 100 students (25 tables) and the last two events have been hugely oversubscribed. Primary Schools already have the date for 2020 in the diary and we understand that some of the Residential and Sports Day events for Year 6 are built around this date. A sprinkling of stardust is added to the Tournament with the attendance of Alan Shillitoe (Junior Squad Leader) and three Junior Internationals, Jonno, Kripa and Aaron all brandishing their England uniforms.

Twenty-four of our students represented SYBA in the Loughborough National Schools Cup earlier this year, two of our Primary School (bridge pupils) coming a staggering 7th. Two of our Minibridge students, also Primary, were awarded 1st place.

We don't pretend to 'know it all' but our Buddies feel we have the experience to offer the Stamford Initiative to other responsive Clubs who may be interested in our **Educational Programmes**. Working in partnership with sixteen schools, besides offering structured programmes and resources which can be replicated nationally, we can give simple tips for making the experience more effective for both the Buddies and the School.

SYBA run Training Courses for Club members at Stamford Bridge Club, Exeter Gardens, Stamford PE9 2RN Tele: 01780 757789. To find out the date of the next Training Day please email liz@jonesdale.plus.com.

We do hope you will join us. Liz Dale, MBA Educ.



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For Bridge Club Members
TRAIN THE TRAINERS COURSE'
STRATEGY: Consistency & Growth

16th March or 1st June 2019 10.30 – 3.00pm at SBC

SYBA in an attempt to level the playing field for ALL our children regardless of background has developed simple, creative but powerful mathematical educational resources evidenced to the National Curriculum, transforming how responsive Bridge Clubs can work in partnership with schools.

Key Course Objectives: Using the Stamford model, each bridge club member delegate will leave with an Action Plan:

- to initiate and deliver into Primary Schools, a 'Making Maths Fun' scripted, uniformed, quality Starter Bridge Taster Session for 30 – 200 pupils.
- to initiate and deliver into Secondary Schools, a 'Taking the Fear out of Maths' scripted, uniformed, quality Starter Bridge Taster Session for 30 – 200 pupils.

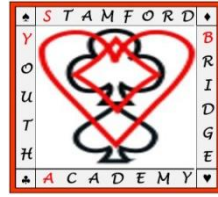
Quotes:

'Thank you again for the investment that the club has placed in our students' Anthony, Principal, Secondary Academy

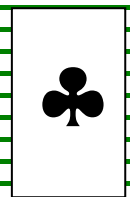
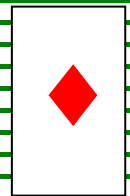
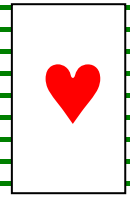
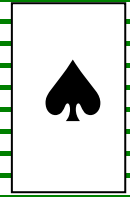
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'It's been inspirational. The sessions have had a very positive impact on the children'. George, Head Teacher, Primary School.

'I applaud their (SYBA's) efforts to engage and educate children in the Early Years.' Nadhim Zahawi MP Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families.



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'CPD TRAINING for PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND CO-ORDINATORS'

2,500+ Starter Bridge Stage 1 & 2 Certs Awarded 2016/18

Introducing Starter Bridge is transforming how Bridge Clubs can work with Schools in 'Taking the Fear out of Numbers and Mathematical Concepts' for children, evidenced to the National Curriculum through active card play fun

'CPD TRAINING for PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND CO-ORDINATORS'

Taking a Decisive Step towards Equality for ALL our young children regardless of ability, disability, gender, colour, creed or whether rich or poor

10.00 – 3.00pm SYBA Saturdays (inc lunch)

16 March & 1 June 2019

1. Primary Schools

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Quote: 'The big value in maths is it is a very tactical and strategic game encouraging problem solving thinking to work out an effective strategy'. Patrick, Classroom Teacher

Key Course Objectives:

Inspiring children to love numbers;

Engaging children to ask 'Why';

Moving children towards Number mastery, exploring process, problem solving and critical thinking through active card play fun.

Stamford Bridge Club is a Registered Charity

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF SYBA: 2017 – 2018

- Have delivered a 'Bridge Experience' and awarded certificates to over 1300 youngsters in 17 schools, with over 200 receiving weekly tuition.
- Visit to House of Lords by Bourne Academy and Uppingham School.
- Bourne Academy interviewed by BBC East Midlands for TV, which was shown in early December.
- Delivered Taster sessions to Maths Department, involving 360 youngsters over 3 days and have been asked to deliver regular sessions from September to the Maths Department of a local academy as part of the National Curriculum.
- Alan Shillitoe, England Under-16 Squad Coach is fully supportive and regularly delivers "Master Classes" and coaching to a high level and has made us a promise! Any youngster who achieves the EBED Silver Award will receive training with his England team in Cambridge. Definitely something to aim for?!

BUT, NONE OF THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE HELP OF ALL OUR FANTASTIC BUDDIES! A HUGE THANK YOU TO YOU ALL! AND TO ALL WHO WORK WITH SYBA AND ARE HELPING TO BRING BRIDGE TO SO MANY YOUNGSTERS.

- **Our 2nd Inter-Schools' Event held on Friday 22nd June was a fantastic success!** 100 local youngsters from 10 schools, played in 3 categories, ably supported by our many members and buddies and, although the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement, there was also quiet concentration when playing and an obvious desire to win. We were oversubscribed and, unfortunately, had to disappoint 14 youngsters and 2 schools.

Schools: Juniors (8): Baston, Copthill, English Martyr's, Morton, Nettleham, Oakdale, Oundle and Westfield.

Senior Schools: Bourne Academy and Catmose College

We were extremely privileged to host five high-profile visitors:

Nick Boles MP (Grantham and Stamford), Gordon Rainsford, General Manager of the EBU, Alan Shillitoe, England Junior Coach, Krippa Panchagnula and Johno Clarke, both England Junior Players, who have played in the European Championships and Krippa will be representing England in China in the 2018 World Championships.

Results: Seniors: joint winners: Bourne Academy and

Catmose College

Juniors: 1st Oundle Primary, 2nd Baston, 3rd Oakdale Starter Bridge: 1st Westfield, 2nd Morton

SEE ALL THE PHOTOS OF OUR INTER-SCHOOLS' EVENT HELD ON 22 JUNE ON THE SBC WEBSITE!

- We have had publicity in the Stamford Mercury, Stamford Living magazine, the website of both the EBU and EBED and, most recently the World Youth Bridge Federation.

- For the very first time, one of our schools – Uppingham – took part in the Loughborough Challenge, playing their very first match against the England Team, who are going to China!

- From September, we will be running 3 Junior Bridge Clubs - Bourne Academy, Catmose College and we are trialling a Bridge Club at Stamford Bridge Club on Sundays 3 pm to 5 pm, commencing Sunday 23 September until Sunday 9 December. Alan Shillitoe has offered his support, which is great news.

- **WHAT A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL YOUNGSTERS! COME AND JOIN US!**

QUOTES FROM 22 JUNE:

'we loved taking part'
'outstanding success'
'thanks for such a brilliant morning'
'what a great morning for the youngsters'
'I'm going to teach my parents to play Bridge'
'we want to play when we get back to school'



STOP PRESS!

We have just been informed that Liz Dale has been awarded the prestigious TOM BRADLEY AWARD 2018, FOR SERVICES TO EDUCATION by the EBU. For someone who has made significant contribution to the development of Youth Bridge. An honour, not only for Liz, but for Stamford Bridge Club. (details to be found on SBC website)