

What is an Into Film Club?

Into Film Clubs are free for state funded school and non-school settings, such as youth clubs, cinemas and libraries. Clubs give children and young people the opportunity to watch, discuss and review films, as well as training and online resources to make their own films.

Club leaders receive free access to:

- Resources
- Support
- CPD training
- Filmmaking
- Industry interactions
- DVD catalogue
- Competitions



Case study – Wales:
Penybont Primary School, Jemma Evans, Teacher

Why it works

It is a great opportunity for them to socialise and has really improved their communication skills and self-confidence. It is really rewarding to see pupils who are usually timid and shy in lessons, suddenly come to life and be quite vocal when discussing the films we have seen or are about to watch.

I try to use film as much as I can to enrich the curriculum – this is a digital age and my children are mostly visual learners, but they get so much more when their senses are evoked by vision and sound rather than just looking at a picture in a text book. We have been able to explore themes and issues through the use of film.

Delivery

Speaking and listening skills are constantly developed before and after the screening of a film with group discussions and talk partners. We talk about film trailers and analyse movie posters, along with having film debates and word games. There is lots of peer interaction and mutual support – the children learn so much from each other. The Into Film resources come in very handy – the interesting adjectives and comparisons activity ideas in the [Primary Review Writing Guide](#) are very helpful.

Results

Thanks to our Into Film club, they are now able to use their new imaginative vocabulary and are encouraged to read their sentences back to think about punctuation and grammar. Having a club means my pupils are now able to explore themes and issues through the use of film. I feel that the members of my club have acquired new vocabulary, learning film words such as synopsis, spoiler and dialogue. They even know how to use the word 'protagonist' and most of my members are only seven years old!

The school also participated in Into Film's See It Make It project, which partnered the school with a professional filmmaker. They made a short film 'Big Money Surprise' where the pupils learnt about camera shots and techniques during workshops. All children gained an understanding of high production values. They created their own school blog about the project available on the school website.



"It has been the highlight of the school year for myself and my film club members"

– Into Film Club leader, Jemma Evans

750 Into Film Clubs in Wales

56 youth made films in Wales in 2014

So what are you waiting for? Join Into Film today and explore the opportunities available. Visit www.intofilm.org now to get started.