

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



Film club members at The Swinton High School in Pendlebury, Greater Manchester, were treated to some expert industry interaction by make-up artist Sharon 'Spob' O'Brien, in a visit held in partnership with BAFTA.



Case study – England, North:

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School, Warrington, Catherine Littlewood, Year 5 Teacher

Why it works

Our club is all about fun. All pupils from Y4 - Y6 are welcome to our club and we welcome a broad spectrum of abilities and personalities (including Gifted & Talented English pupils and pupils who receive targeted support with all aspects of literacy).

Our film club runs every Wednesday for two hours as an after-school club. We are fully subscribed with 30 children. Indeed, at some points we have had a waiting list. Club nights are relaxed with the children organising the seats and popcorn provided.

Over the past year we have shown a wide variety of films, including: *Chariots of Fire*, *Cool Runnings*, *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *March of the Penguins*, *Arctic Tale*, *Horse Feathers* and *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.

The children are encouraged to be open-minded about all the films we show. They are encouraged and expected to review each film. We provide materials and support the children in developing their reviews. Some children write reviews at lunchtime and we provide supervised access to the ICT suite where necessary for children who don't have the facility at home. A by-product of this is the improvement in children's writing. This can be seen by viewing the reviews on Into Film website and also from noting that to date we have been awarded 'review of the week' eight times; one child has won this twice.

Results

Members of the film club have submitted more than 500 reviews in the past 12 months.

The children are developing their opinions and we see them choose to review films other than those screened at film club. From time to time we have shown film shorts, run competitions and had quiz sessions which have also been successful.

In September 2014 we held our first film festival, involving all members of our school community. Our theme was 'The way we treat each other', addressing citizenship issues and bullying. The festival was held over one day and evening. A staff INSET focussed on film reviews and developing literacy through film. All year groups in school (staff and pupils) fully embraced the festival.

Students attended the Into Film Festival screening of *Believe* at Central Library in Manchester in November 2014. This was followed by a Q&A with the young actors that appeared in the film.

We make regular use of the website and resources provided:

1. Film guides for discussion
2. Materials used for staff inset and distributed to staff to support their use of film at other points during the school year
3. Quizzes/resources used on club nights
4. Club leaders recently attended a CPD session run by Into Film showing how stop motion animation can be used to aid literacy activities in the classroom.

2,950 Into Film Clubs in the North of England

118 youth made films in the North of England in 2015

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