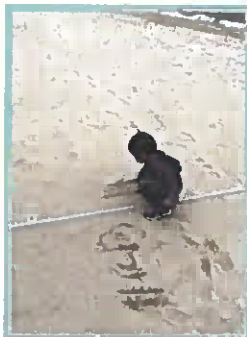


How can you help your child with maths?



Point out maths in everyday life. Numbers, shapes and patterns are everywhere!



Be positive about maths.

Praise your child for effort, rather than being 'clever'.



The team: volunteers Frank, Intisar, Max & Saima with support from Dianne (VAER), Pat and Rhys (Multiply.ER).

Hi everyone! We are the Multiply Newsletter team. We have been working on the newsletter for a number of weeks and we are really happy to share it with you. Our first newsletter contains information about our upcoming courses and events, puzzles, an interview with a Multiply learner and much more. We hope you enjoy it.

Meet our Partner

Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire work with Adult Learning Services to recruit and support volunteers engaged with the Multiply project.



VAER support local people in finding their way to get involved in the community. This can be anything from joining a group, volunteering or taking part in local conversations.

www.va-er.org.uk

Browse volunteering opportunities & groups at www.eastrencommunityhub.org.uk



Newsletter volunteers Frank and Max with VAER's volunteer coordinator Dianne.

The **Multiply Project** in East Renfrewshire is part of the council's **Adult Learning Services**.

You can **contact us** via email us

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call us at 0141 577 3454 or

text/WhatsApp 07867 150 905.

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"Homework!" by Mashid won our Multiply photo competition for Maths Week Scotland in October.

Upcoming Courses

Express your interest now for **courses starting in 2025:**

Cooking and Eating on a Budget
Maths for Everyday Life

Supporting Parents Supporting Children
with Maths



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Puzzle Time!

Fill the 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes contain all the digits 1-9. No doubles!

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You can find the solution on the back page.

Reader Question

How do you plan your travel and how are numbers involved in that?

Do you include your children in scheduling the school run? How?



Send us your answer for the next newsletter!

Contact details are on the back page.

Let's work it out together!



Saima and Intisar met with Humaira to talk about her experience on the Multiply Course "Supporting Parents Supporting Children with Maths".

Did you find the course helpful?

Yes, it was very helpful. I am from Pakistan and the method of teaching there is quite different from teaching your own children here. They get confused and say "We don't understand, Mummy, you're doing it the wrong way", even though I know I'm doing it right, but for them it's hard to understand different methods. I'm quite relaxed now when my son is doing his homework because he knows I'm doing it the way they are doing it in their school. So that's helpful for me.

Have you tried any of the methods you learned with your children?

They gave me a lot of information packs and a lot of games. I learned a lot. My son started fractions and Nicola gave me a pack with very easy fractions. When I showed him, he got very excited because it is the same way he's using in school. It was a pay-off moment for me, learning something and your child is excited about it. I have learned how to deal with different situations. Children don't know how to ask for what they need, but as a

parent we should know what their needs are and how to support them – mentally or physically – to praise and encourage them.

Did you learn things that help you in your everyday life?

I'm going into the childcare field and I had two interviews last week and in both the interviews I mentioned this class and that it helped me a lot with how to explain things clearly, especially regarding numeracy, literacy and how to explain things to children when they are young. And I got the job!

Did the course help with your confidence?

Oh, yes definitely. I am more confident now than I was last year. When you're staying home, doing nothing, your confidence is getting lower day by day. Even when a course is not your field, at least you're doing something. It's always helpful to learn something new. It's about your own self development.

Would you recommend this course to others?

Yes, especially when you're struggling with your children's homework. That was my problem. My son loves to do homework, but he wasn't really sitting nicely. As a parent I learned a lot from this course how to help him and how to communicate. Just saying: "Let's work it out together!" and it's not hard. We ask when we need help. That was the best part of this course. ■