

## Parent and Pupil Workshop with Neil MacKay: “Taking the hell out of homework”

Venue: Alloway Primary School

Date: Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 from 7pm-9pm (tea/ coffee break included)

South Ayrshire Council is delighted to host an evening workshop with **Neil MacKay**. Neil is one of the world's foremost thinkers on dyslexia and author of the acclaimed resource book "*Removing Dyslexia as a Barrier to Achievement*" and "*Taking the hell out of homework*". He is an experienced teacher who has taught for 26 years, working with children with a wide range of ages, needs and ability. His audiences particularly appreciate his ability to offer workable responses to a range of learning needs without affecting the work of the rest of the class.

Neil is also the creator of Britain's Dyslexia Friendly Schools concept and it was with Neil's guidance and support that South Ayrshire's Dyslexia Friendly Schools approach was launched in 2010. Neil has recently been involved with South Ayrshire's relaunch of Inclusive Practice and Dyslexia Friendly Schools which will formally take place in August 2017

**This workshop will focus on typical homework tasks that are built around Neil's book "Taking the hell out of homework". The workshop will show how to learn spellings, deal with comprehensions, prepare material to learn for tests and get ideas down on paper. Neil will also model strategies such as paired reading, learning spellings, learning for tests and mind maps into writing with parents then trying out approaches with their children.**

**This workshop is open to all parents and carers with a child or young person who experiences literacy barriers to their learning but will be particularly pitched at children from ages 9 years – 13 years.**

**It is anticipated that the workshop will be very interactive in style and will allow opportunities for the modelling of a number of useful approaches and strategies to be used both in school and at home. For this reason the workshop is designed for both parents/carers and their children to attend.**

**To book your place on this workshop, please access our online form via <https://goo.gl/ip5m7m>**

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