

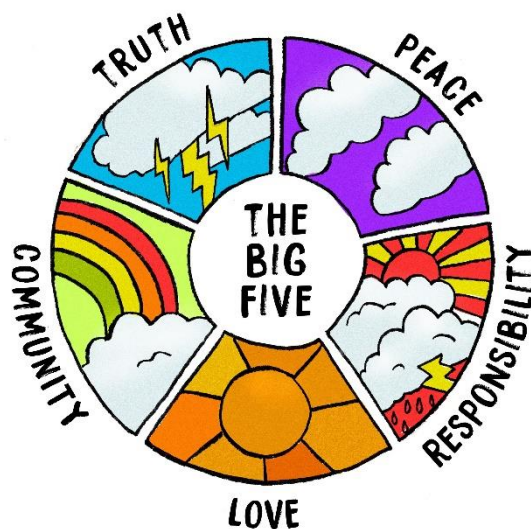


The Big Think

The Big Newsletter Volume 25

Accepting a Shared Responsibility for our Young People so they can thrive!

**THE BIG FIVE Project Workshops
& Anti-Bullying Week Resources**



RESPONSIBILITY: Teamwork

*I create the weather patterns,
together we change the climate.*

Does your Primary School community want to work together to create a mentally healthy climate where everyone can thrive?

Then sign up for our next BIG 5 Project Workshop.

Bring along a Leader, a Teacher and a Learner (or just yourself!) to one of our **FREE The Big 5 Workshops** to learn about our new Social and Emotional Learning project for Primary schools. THE BIG 5 Project will unite your entire school community in accepting a shared responsibility for establishing a safe, caring and enabling learning atmosphere for everyone.

This free workshop will introduce your working group to our model for developing **5 BIG SEL Skills** through **5 BIG Values** over **5 Weeks!**

The session will walk you through how to deliver the 5 Assembly and Lesson Kits for ages 5-11 (TRUTH, PEACE, LOVE, RESPONSIBILITY and COMMUNITY) that will begin the journey of understanding ourselves, respecting others and caring about the planet.

**Next Workshop Dates:
8th & 17th November, 1st and 6th December 2022**

[Book a Space Here](#)



KS2 LESSON PLAN Session 1
TRUTH
Trust



KS2 LESSON PLAN Session 2
PEACE
Understanding Self



KS2 LESSON PLAN Session 3
LOVE
Sharing



KS2 LESSON PLAN Session 4
RESPONSIBILITY
Respect for others



KS2 LESSON PLAN Session 5
COMMUNITY
Conservation: Clean air

**5 BIG FREE Online Session Kits
to use over 5 BIG Weeks**

This fun, collaborative, whole-school climate change project consists of 5 easy-to-facilitate Assemblies (for ages 5-7 & 7-11) with follow-up Lessons that include:

- Silent Sitting meditations by [Calm for Kids](#) mindfulness specialists
- Real-world stories edited by The Big Think Lead Author Maisie Chan ([Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths](#) - winner Jhalak Prize 2022, Runner-up Blue Peter Book Awards 2022)
- Values Inquiry and Big Circles
- Journaling
- Songs by Big Thinkers Band (from [Pssap](#) - creators of Grey's Anatomy soundtrack!)

Once you sign up for the resources, remember to bookmark the page so you can access them as many times as you like. You may want to use the Silent Sitting meditations after lunch every day with the whole school community taking part to gain peace and focus for the afternoon.

The first session TRUTH: Trust takes place inside every classroom in the school at the same time. The next 4 sessions are all led by an Assembly with follow-on lessons straight after back in class.

All sessions are tightly structured using SAFE guidelines and should allow teachers to become facilitators who are able to watch, listen and act rather than just impart knowledge.

Sign up for THE BIG 5 Project FREE resources



The Big Think whole-school PSHE Programme has new funding available for small schools around the UK!

The Barleycorn Trust is supporting small schools (usually 1-form entry) enabling you to sign up for The Big Think annual membership at the cost of only £1 per child. They are especially keen to assist young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and schools struggling with small budgets.

If you are a small school that would like to join The Big Think Community and access our 120 Assembly and Lesson Plans, then contact us with an Expression of Interest, briefly outlining how The Big Think could enhance the work you are already doing in PSHE, SMSC and Personal Development.

[Contact Us with an Expression of Interest](#)



Support Anti-Bullying Week 14-18th November 2022

The theme this year is Reach Out.

*Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless.
But it doesn't have to be this way.
If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.*

You can sign up and download our free Anti-Bullying Week Assembly and Lesson kits for KS1 and KS2 from the foot of website the-big-think.org.

The kit explores the value of **RESPONSIBILITY: Courage** and includes:

The Big Question

Can you ask for help when you really need it?

Silent Sitting meditation

Courage of the Lion

The Big Story written by The Big Think Lead Author Maisie Chan

KS1 - **Daisy's First Day**

KS2 - **Slinging Mud**



Sign up for free Anti-Bullying Assembly & Lesson kits

The Big Think Lead Author Maisie Chan wins major Children's Book Awards!

My first novel **Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths** won the **Jhalak Prize 2022**, **Branford Boase Award 2022** and was shortlisted for the **Blue Peter Book Awards 2022**



The Big Think has been so lucky to have Maisie Chan write over 50 stories for our PSHE programme! Maisie wrote both of the Anti-bullying stories and in the forward to The Big Think Stories Book Maisie says:

What makes The Big Think so special? I believe it is the diverse and inclusive stories. There are so many different types of children in the world whose realities are not often reflected in literature. This brings to mind the quote from Gandhi:

'Be the change you want to see in the world.'

And this is exactly what Maisie Chan has done! She has written two award-winning children's books - *Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths* and *Keep Dancing Lizzie Chu* - and both stories are told from the viewpoint of young British Chinese characters - something Maisie sorely missed out on experiencing as a Chinese child growing up in Britain.

Thank you, Maisie, for making such vital changes in children's literature, working towards all children being able to see themselves represented.

Contact us to find out more



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