



A Forest of Thinking - Promoting Habits of Mind with Wonderment and Awe!

Moira Primary School, in County Down, Northern Ireland has recently been successfully accredited as a Thinking School by the University of Exeter. The creative Drive Team decided to celebrate this by holding a fantastic *Forest of Thinking* art exhibition which they organised with the support of the school's hard-working Parent Teacher Association.

The purpose of the exhibition was to profile the **Habits of Mind** which the school has now embedded as a core metacognitive strategy along with other tools such as questioning strategies, Thinking Frames and Visible Thinking Routines. In preparation for the event, each year group explored and celebrated a specific Habit of Mind, creating inspiring artwork using a variety of media and techniques.



The artwork was then displayed within the inspiring outdoor environment of the school grounds, transforming the school into a vibrant *Forest of Thinking*.



Parents, carers, grandparents, governors and members of the local community were invited to visit the exhibition. They had opportunity to walk around, enjoying the children's work while reflecting on the Habits of Mind that support successful learning and personal growth.



Well done to the Drive Team, whole staff and PTA for all their thoughtfulness and practical hard work in bringing this special event to life, and of course to all of their pupils for their incredible artistic contributions – it certainly was an awesome way to promote the Habits of Mind and to celebrate creative thinking with the wider school community!