

ALCHEMY EARLY YEARS: DEVELOPING CREATIVITY WITH THE UNDER 5's

Alchemy Early Years is the umbrella name for Alison's Under 5's activities

'Children have dramatically enhanced their listening skills'

'The sessions have supported children with speech & language difficulties'

'Their self-esteem has been promoted'

'Children have had a great opportunity to demonstrate their creativity through song, rhyme, stories, dance & movement'



UNDER 5's SESSIONS

Fun, imaginative & multicultural, the workshops are full of learning opportunities. One-off sessions (30 - 45 minutes) or a series of workshops (several in a day or a series of weekly sessions) can be tailor-made to support topics & themes or you can just enjoy whatever Alison cooks up for your consumption.

- ☺ Stories familiar, traditional & improvised
- ☺ Traditional nursery songs from around the world
- ☺ Instrumental activities
- ☺ Movement & dance activities

Storytelling, music & movement workshops all involve creative use of toys, puppets, instruments & movement enhancing materials provided for each session by Alchemy Early Years.

All workshops are designed with a working knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. In particular, sessions aim to develop children's imagination & expressive communication skills (both verbal & physical) & to nurture their creative & social skills within a fun & safe environment.

Music & storytelling workshops can accommodate any number of children. However, music & movement sessions are best enjoyed in smaller numbers. Just let us know how many you are expecting & we will prepare the session accordingly.

UNDER 5's SESSIONS

ONE-OFF SESSIONS ARE IDEAL FOR:

- ☺ Special events & celebrations, e.g. in the Early Years setting, children's library, community centre & local park
- ☺ Developing children's imagination
- ☺ Promoting creative use of story
- ☺ Inspiring children & adults together in creative activities
- ☺ Involving children & adults in participatory creative, instrumental & singing activities
- ☺ Widening traditional & multicultural song repertoire

SEVERAL SESSIONS ARE IDEAL TO:

- ☺ Enhance language skills
- ☺ Nurture confidence & self-esteem
- ☺ Promote listening skills
- ☺ Foster expressive communication skills
- ☺ Cultivate creative thinking
- ☺ Support musical development
- ☺ Encourage confident & creative movement skills
- ☺ Develop the singing voice & familiarity with traditional & multicultural song repertoire
- ☺ Develop confident & creative use of hand held percussion instruments



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INSET & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

An experienced & enthusiastic facilitator, Alison is available to lead INSET & devise & lead training programmes for staff wishing to develop musical skills, creative movement & storytelling ideas in the Early Years setting. These sessions are specifically designed to support the needs & interests of each setting within the setting.

'It has been a great pleasure having Alison working in our setting...we have appreciated her warm approach which has enabled adults & children to feel comfortable & explore their own creativity. Alison has been an inspiration to us all...'

'...with Alison's tuition & excellent notes from her sessions we will introduce the morning children to the new ideas

we have learnt & immensely enjoyed'

'The sessions & Alison's excellent role model have given staff lots of new ideas & developed their confidence in promoting music & movement'

'As manager of the setting I am now more aware of the staff members who have a special interest in dance & music & movement'



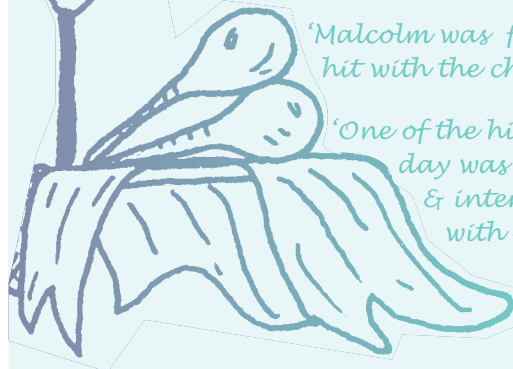
Freelance artist & educator Alison Blunt has many years of experience working with children of all ages with a particular focus on the Under 5's age group. She has travelled far & wide leading music, storytelling & movement workshops, often combining these together.

She is available for bookings in your own setting working either solo or in collaboration with her wonderful music & storytelling partner Malcolm Bruce.

Fees vary depending on the number & nature of sessions that you would like.

'Malcolm was fantastic...a big hit with the children'

'One of the highlights of the day was the storytelling & interactive workshop with Alison Blunt'



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