



THINKING TOGETHER: STORIES, TOOLS & SUCCESS

EVENT 3 MAY 20, 2026

CELEBRATING OUR THINKING TOOLS JOURNEY

The third and final session of the THINKing Tools Learning Hub was a tremendous success! With representatives from eight schools coming together, the room was filled with energy, professional dialogue, and a shared commitment to fostering students' holistic development.

This final gathering was more than a workshop — it was a celebration of growth, collaboration, and forward thinking.

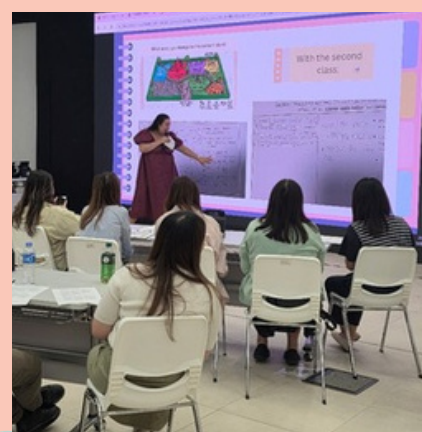


LEARNING FROM DIVERSE SCHOOL SCENARIOS

One of the most motivating elements of the session was listening to eight school scenarios that highlighted the adaptable use of thinking tools. From Key Stage One to Key Stage Two English lessons and co-curricular activities: educators shared how these tools facilitated:

- Creativity
- Critical thinking
- Problem-solving

These authentic examples illustrated how thinking tools can be flexibly adapted — whether for scaffolding language development, enhancing inquiry, or promoting reflective thinking. Each narrative emphasised a powerful truth: these tools are effective across different contexts when teachers grasp their purpose and adaptability.





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PROFESSIONAL SHARING & AUTHENTIC DIALOGUE

Teachers participated in meaningful, collaborative discussions regarding their implementations of thinking tools. Schools shared openly about:

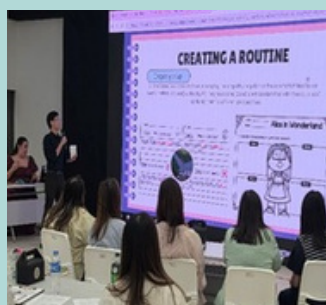
- Successes — moments of breakthrough when students' thinking was significantly deepened
- Challenges — candid conversations addressing obstacles and potential solutions
- Adaptations — innovative methods they used to customise tools for their learners
- Next Steps — the tools they intended to use in future

These genuine conversations provided participants with the opportunity to reflect profoundly on their practices and consider which thinking tool could further enhance student engagement and learning.



THE POWER OF PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING

A highlight of the session was the professional networking that unfolded. Educators connected across schools, discovering common goals and exploring opportunities to support one another beyond the learning hub. This emerging network represents a sustainable community of practice — one built on trust, shared expertise, and genuine commitment to continuous improvement.





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Key takeaways

SUPPORTING DIVERSE LEARNERS WITH THINKING TOOLS

Educators showcased how tools such as Empathy Maps, SCAMPER, See-Think-Wonder, I used to think and now I think, What makes you say that? and 3-2-1 Reflection help scaffold thinking for students of varying levels, making complex cognitive processes both visible and manageable.

THE POWER OF FLEXIBILITY

The same tool can be effectively utilised across various units, themes, and grade levels. Teachers demonstrated their creativity by adapting these tools to fit their unique contexts, highlighting the strength of professional agency.

EMPOWERING STUDENT VOICE

Time and again, teachers noted how thinking tools enhanced student voice – encouraging students to express their ideas more confidently, ask questions, and collaborate with their peers.

COLLABORATION ENHANCES PRACTICE

When educators come together to plan, share resources, and learn from each other's experiences, everyone benefits. The professional network established through the learning hub will continue to nurture growth well beyond this year.





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Participant Voices:

Teachers celebrated authentic school sharings demonstrating diverse thinking tool applications across contexts. The gallery walk, elevator pitches, and peer feedback sessions fostered meaningful professional dialogue. Educators appreciated learning real-world successes and challenges from eight schools. The event reinforced thinking tools' transformative power and strengthened the sustainable community of practice educators will continue beyond the learning hub.

Thank you!

From the NET Section and TT Learning Hub team –

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the educators who participated, shared openly, and committed to this professional journey. Your commitment to student-centred learning and holistic development is genuinely inspiring.

Let's continue to grow together and create an environment where every learner thrives.

