

## **A Message from Leading Link / Children's University**

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been very busy since we filmed **REMOTELY CHRISTMAS** , which I know a lot (12,000) of children and parents enjoyed watching.

We would like to tell you about our new project: The **Brightsiders**.

The Brightsiders is a group of characters brought together to help young families appreciate the small things in life, do things together to create memories. They have been developed to run during the Covid-19 lockdown as it has come to light that many families need a distraction from everything and this is a light, fun and entertaining thing to do.

Here's a promo link <https://youtu.be/3r0bJYMsg4I>

We will be streaming out twice a week on a Tuesday and Thursday at 1pm, The Brightsiders will visit places in Northumberland such as The Zoo, a local Theatre, the park, beach, local woods etc.

**The first episode will be on YouTube on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 1pm and has been filmed at Northumberland Zoo.**

**Find us on YouTube on**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** <https://www.youtube.com/user/leadinglink11> and click on '**The Brightsiders Episode 1**'.

**Thereafter re-visit every Tuesday and Thursday for the next episodes.**

Thank You

These are characters in The Brightsiders and we hope you enjoy watching their adventures

### SONNY BLUE SKY

**Real Name:** Zachary Douglas

Mr. Blue Sky has realised that it has been quite tiresome for some parents to homeschool as children across the UK have been told to stay at home unless essential. In order to help provide the kids with something to do as well as encouraging the families to become involved in the fun too, Mr Blue Sky has set out on a mission; to explore the natural world of Northumberland and find new and exciting things for kids to do while being educated at the same time.

**Likes:** Having Fun, discovering new things, showing off, exploring, children, helping others

**Dislikes:** Horrible people, the law being broken, people not having fun, people struggling

Mr Blue Sky can be boastful at times. However, in reality he has a heart of gold. His main power isn't like any other superhero. His power is to put a smile on other people's faces and to also bring facts to people and make them much smarter than he is. That way once the kids grow older with all the facts, he has taught them, they will hopefully all make the world a better place. He's got many colour pockets and a big hat full of props. He's also got a mischievous pet mouse and tortoise.

### PIPER BLUE SKY

**Real Name:** Cinnamon Clark

Piper is quirky and energetic. She spends most of her free time roller blading in the great outdoors and while doing so, she comes across the little things that she has always wanted to see such as a red squirrel or an owl or a very tall tree! Piper is fun, never seems to have a sad face on her and most importantly, she loves children! She loves to play games, show them how to have fun and even make the parents laugh! Her favourite snack is oranges because she also loves the smell of oranges.

**Likes:** Roller skating, the great outdoors, animals, nature, fresh air, healthy eating, oranges, girly things, doll's houses, playing games, hoola hooping, dancing, children, laughing and jumping

**Dislikes:** Sad faces, being stuck indoors, the dark, rude people, not having fun, smelly socks, animal cruelty

## PROF. AND HIS DOG HAMISH

**Real Name:** Paul Lowder

**Dog's Real Name:** Hamish

Prof lives with his dog Hamish in quite a large house, close to Sonny Blue Sky and Piper. His wife died some years ago and they had no children. He doesn't even seem to have any relatives.

He's a bit forgetful and always jumping from one thing to another – scatter brain I suppose and his dress sense is REALLY special – but he does love nature and the countryside. He's also interested in all things mechanical and a bit of history too. If he's not out for a walk somewhere, he's got his head in a book or is investigating something on the internet.

He does enjoy talking with Sonny and Piper. He's watched them grow up and tries to help them with their investigative minds – although as they've got older their questions have become more complicated, sometimes giving him a headache, in a nice way of course. He loves learning and says no-one should ever stop learning, no matter how old they are!

A gentle soul, he's always happy to help someone out of a problem and tends to have a big smile on his face.

(HAMISH) – Hamish is a Highland Terrier and is autistic and gets a little edgy around change. However, he has a great life as he is surrounded by people that know and understand him so he feels very safe

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## BILLY FLOWER

Billy Flower is an alien from out of space who has landed on planet earth on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021! Billy has flown away from his planet after it was destroyed by climate change.

Therefore, he hopes that living on planet earth will stop him from being in the same situation again. He has taken refuge in Plessey Woods. There, he explores the wilderness and discovers new things every day. He learns how to read, how to count, how to play certain games and how to live like a human being

**Likes:** Having fun, learning more about planet earth, what humans do, music, nature, the colour green, laughing, fruit and veg

**Dislikes:** Litter, being naughty, not having any friends, being alone,

Billy is very shy but also when it comes to talking to adults who know more about the planet, he seems to grow more confident. He is shy around children but means well. As he stays on the planet longer, he begins to feel more like he belongs, even though he is very different compared to everyone else. He loves learning more and more about how the world works.