

Time4Reading

Primary / Secondary Newsletter – Autumn Term 2015 Number 2

Time 4 Reading Schools

We now have 52 primary schools registered for Time 4 Reading and 9 secondary schools. You can still register by emailing:

helean.hughes@southglos.gov.uk.

Welcome to:

- Marlwood
- Winterbourne International Academy
- Sir Bernard Lovell
- Castle
- Yate Academy
- Downend
- Brimsham Green
- Bradley Stoke Secondary
- Abbeywood
- Mangotsfield Primary

Extreme Reading – focus of the month

Each month we are inviting members of our school communities to take photos of them extreme reading and display the photos at school / in the library and send them in to go on the newsletter.

The groups are:

September – PE teachers

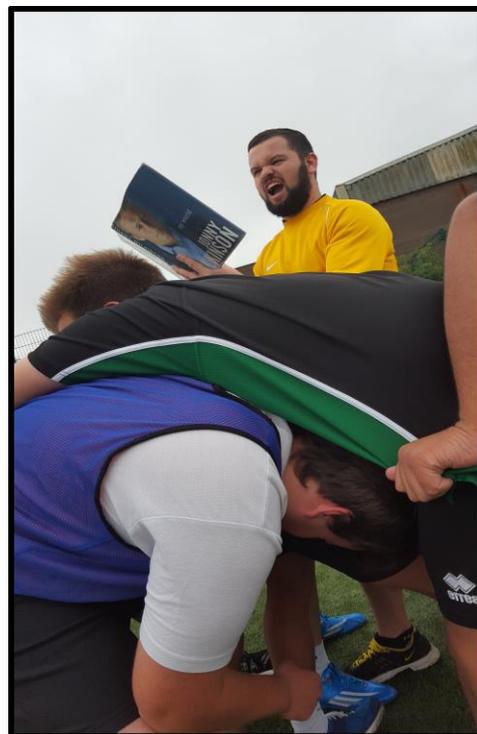
October – Headteachers

November – Parents

December – Caretakers / Cleaners

ENGAGE YOUR PARENTS!

NORTH ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE USING THE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AS A GREAT WAY TO ENGAGE PARENTS. THEY ARE BRINGING BOOKS ALONG AND HOLDING A BOOK SWAP.



Matt from Marlwood, PE teacher, taking time in the scrum to read a good book!

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This is the number of quizzes taken on the Accelerated Reader scheme by participating schools in South Gloucestershire since 1st September 2015. If you would like your school's quizzes to be added to this total, please email Karen Carrington K.Carrington@marlwood.net every Wednesday before 4 pm.

Participating schools:

Marlwood School

The Ridings Federation Winterbourne International Academy

Downend

Mangotsfield

Record Breakers, Summer Reading Challenge 2015

'The Reading Challenge this year was good! I struggled getting my 6 year old to read and it has made it so much fun with rewards the kids look forward to!' (Maggie Days, Yate)

It's been another successful summer in South Gloucestershire - **over 6700 children have taken part in Record Breakers, Summer Reading Challenge 2015 and kept reading this summer!** Very many thanks to **your team for their support in promoting the scheme.** Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays, but taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge gets children into libraries to maintain their reading skills and confidence – because everything changes when we read. Thank you for your support in encouraging your pupils to take part in the Challenge this year; we know the backing of schools has a significant impact on the number of children taking part.

The Challenge finishes 12 September and it would be great if your teachers could encourage as many children as possible to complete the Challenge. Celebrating children's achievement by asking them to bring their medals into school, sharing their success in assemblies or awarding merit points for example is a huge incentive for children to complete the Challenge. Together with talking to children about the books they have read during the holidays and helping them decide which book to read next, this will significantly increase the number of children who complete the Challenge this summer.

We will be contacting schools in October with the number of children from each school who have taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge. In the meantime, if you would like more information about the Challenge please contact Emma Fisher, Children & Young People's Librarian for South Gloucestershire Libraries (emma.fisher@southglos.gov.uk , 01454 868451).

INSPIRE OTHERS – SHARE WHAT IS GOING WELL IN YOUR SCHOOL!

This newsletter is a great place to share what is going well with Time4Reading in your schools. It could be an inspiring reading workshop, a 'Stay and Read' session, a group story telling experience or a library visit. No matter how big or small we want to hear about it and share it. Please email: louise.lewis@hawkesbury.org.uk or helean.hughes@southglos.gov.uk with your reading successes and we will publish them here for everyone to share.

FREE RESOURCES!

Let everyone know about Time4Reading. Once you have signed up for Time4Reading you will receive a pack of posters and bookmarks to be used in your school.

Happy reading – Louise Lewis.

Calling All Secondary Schools

A number of schools have already started to get involved with Time4Reading. If you have not downloaded your information pack, please do so at <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/time4reading> and click on the Secondary School link. If you would like us to add your name to the schools working for their Bronze Certificate, please contact Karen Carrington at K.Carrington@marlwood.net. You will then be sent posters and bookmarks to help you in your campaign to get your school community reading.

If your students are working with Accelerated Reader this year, please contact Karen Carrington. We would like to include a running total of how many books have been quizzed in participating schools within South Gloucestershire.

Marlwood School gets reading with a time4reading Interactive Display

I am very grateful to Sam Doig who has put together this fabulous display in our LRC at a moment's notice. From the reading list, the book title, author's name and Accelerated Reader level of each book has been stuck onto an individual leaf. Students can get involved by looking for a book at their AR level, reading it and then writing their name on the leaf when they have taken and passed their quiz. The leaf will then "fall" into the bronze section, until we have read 50 books. We can then start to fall into the silver, and gold sections respectively and students will be able to see the titles of the books which still need to be read. A selection of these books is also on display nearby.



Rugby World Cup Fever

Now in its fourth year, the South West Reading Passport 'Read XV' will support the 2015 Rugby World Cup and encourage readers to tackle a book. 'Read XV' offers an innovative and engaging way to encourage readers to explore a wider range of reading for pleasure. <http://readingpassport.literatureworks.org.uk/>

This year's programme is bigger than ever with free workshops with authors at libraries around the South West and a news and resources on the website www.readingpassport.org. The project is a partnership between the South Western Regional Library Service (SWRLS), Literature Works and the Royal Literary Fund and has also received a grant from Arts Council England. 'Read XV' is also supported by Arts Council England and is part of the 2015 Festival of Rugby.

