



Time4Reading

Primary / Secondary Newsletter – Autumn Term 2015 Number 6

Number One in the South West

The Reading Agency have published the participation results for Record Breakers, Summer Reading Challenge 2015 and we delighted to tell you that **South Gloucestershire has the highest participation rate in the southwest** with 27% of children aged 4 to 12 taking part. Schools play a significant role in encouraging children to take part in the Challenge. **Thank you for all your support this year and helping to achieve such a fantastic result.**

The national figures for the Summer Reading Challenge 2015 are available at <http://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/summer-reading-challenge-2015.html>. For any further information about the Summer Reading Challenge, please email emma.fisher@southglos.gov.uk.



It's the Christmas Holidays – and the Christmas Mini Challenge is here!

If you loved the Summer Reading Challenge, why not do a mini-challenge this Christmas? Sign up at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for all the details of a new challenge running between 12 December 2015 and 6 January 2016. All children have to do is read any three library books to get their virtual badge and unlock a secret video reward!

Visit your local library or log on to www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries to find your nearest library and snuggle up with a book this Christmas. It's free to join in the fun.



Time4Reading School Award encourages families to visit libraries

The Time4Reading School Award is encouraging families to use their local library and read more. As part of the School Award, children and their parents have been challenged to read books from a list of 100 recommended reads.

The response in libraries has been very positive and has resulted in new families joining the library, for example, a parent who joined Cadbury Heath Library said that she had never used the library before taking part in Time4Reading. She went on to say that before Time4Reading, her family had read every night but now they are reading more than one book a night and that both her sons have enjoyed looking at and reading books they haven't seen before. When asked if she would recommend the library to friends and family, she said 'Yes. The library staff have been very helpful.' This shows how Time4Reading is having a positive impact on how families read and enjoy sharing books together and how schools and libraries working in partnership can inspire people to read more.

It's free to join and borrow books from your local library and there are no library fines for children. Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries to find your nearest library.

Extreme Readers of the Month



Vicky the cleaner at Marshfield Primary School has been busy reading whilst she hoovers!

Bronze Awards

St Peter's Primary School
Coniston Primary School
Bradley Stoke Community School



Head teacher Steve Moir and LRC Manager Lisa Macdonell with some students from Bradley Stoke Community School receiving their Bronze Award.

Silver Awards

Cadbury Heath Primary School

One Giant Read

An exciting new reading initiative goes live on Tuesday 1st December 2015. As British European Space Agency astronaut Tim Peake's Principia Mission prepares for launch in December, a new reading project – One Giant Read – will become a reality here on Earth - See more at:

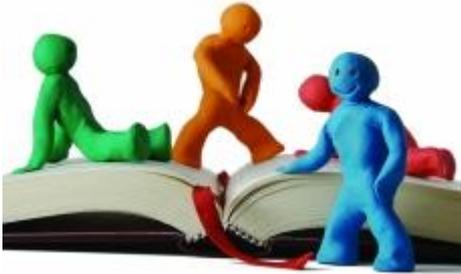
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INSIDE OUT WORKSHOPS AT ABBEYWOOD

Last year, we had a brilliant opportunity to work with Lesley from the local organisation Pageturners. Lesley works with students who are suffering from low self-esteem and uses novels and other works of fiction to inspire debate, encourage empathy and help them deal with issues through creative writing and other activities. The workshop at Abbeywood was hugely successful with a range of year 8 girls benefitting from the afternoon. The idea was to promote reading and build self-esteem and judging from the girls' feedback at the end of the event, they got a great deal from it.



Pageturners
opening books opening minds

World Book Day at Abbeywood Community School!

World Book Day is an international event which was celebrated on the 5th of March, in order to encourage children, teens and even adults to get reading! Here at Abbeywood Community School, we decided to have a non-school uniform day, to dress up as our favourite book characters (comics included), and raise money for Save the Children's literacy campaign. Save the Children are currently running a campaign because, unfortunately, 44% of children from poorer families still cannot read well. The day reminded us how lucky we are to have the opportunities we have as well as celebrate our love of reading.

As part of our celebrations, we had reading-themed starter activities and a 'drop everything and read' session in lessons, as well as competitions in the library to design a new bookmark and book token. Ms Storey ran assemblies all week to talk about how we are all readers in our own way and how reading is a great way to escape the stress of real life. Reading can be anything: books, song lyrics, magazines, websites, social networks...even road signs! Reading helps us find out who we really are, explore other worlds and even just navigate our way through life. Finally, our brilliant Bookclub attended the South Gloucestershire Concorde Book Awards, which are a set of awards with books nominated only by young people. Three fabulous authors spoke at the awards: Ali Sparkes, Gillian Cross and JA Buckle. Our Bookclub had the opportunity to speak to the authors, buy books and get them signed. It was a great afternoon.

Next year, we hope even more staff and students will dress up in costumes to raise awareness of the importance of books!

By Ella Beaven, Cameron Dawson, Sophie Coates and Adam Pritchett



Extreme Reading Themes Spring Term

Spring term 2016 themes will be:

January – students

February – governors

March – cooks / lunchbreak supervisors

Reading Hacks

'Reading Hack' is a new project launched by The Reading Agency, working with young people aged 13-24 years old to use the library, volunteer, inspire others to read and organise activities.

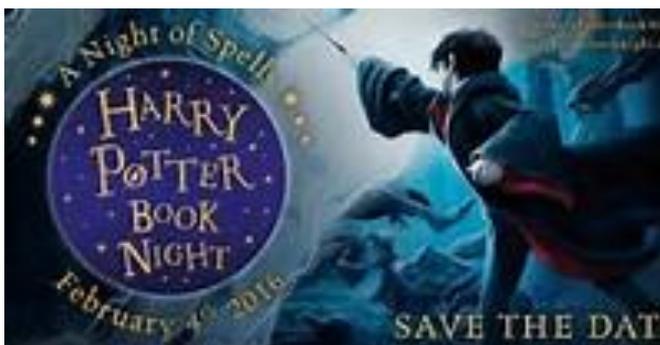
Reading Hack combines three strands of activity and young people undertake a number of them:

1. Reading-inspired activity
2. Volunteering roles
3. Peer-to-peer reading advocacy

Why not encourage your young people to get involved:

<http://readingagency.org.uk/young-people/004-get-involved/readingactivists-project/>

World Book Night



World Book Night is an annual celebration of reading and books that takes place on 23 April 2016. It sees passionate volunteers give out hundreds of thousands of books in their communities to share their love of reading with people who don't read regularly or own books. World Book Night is run by The Reading Agency, a national charity that inspires people to become confident and enthusiastic readers to help give them an equal chance in life. To find out more go to: <http://worldbooknight.org/>

Jolly Christmas Reads

- Mog's Christmas – Judith Kerr
- A Boy Called Christmas – Matt Haig
- Christmas with the Savages – Mary Clive
- A Village Christmas – Laurie Lee
- The Jolly Christmas Postman – Janet Ahlberg
- When Christmas Bells Ring – Katie Flynn
- Mystery in White – J. Jefferson Fletcher
- Horrid Henry's Cracking Christmas – Francesca Simon
- The Chocolate Lovers' Christmas – Carole Matthews
- Norma – The Slug Who Saved Christmas – Sue Hendra
- Alfie's Christmas – Shirley Hughes
- The Night Before Christmas – Clement C. Moore
- Little Miss Christmas – Roger Hargreaves
- A Child's Christmas in Wales – Dylan Thomas
- The Best Christmas Present in the World – Michael Morpurgo
- The Christmas Eve Tree – Delia Huddy

Contribute to the newsletter

Please send us pictures of your reading events / displays or anything else you are doing for Time4Reading:

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