



Library Projects and Activities 2023 - 24

Activity/Event/ competition	Category	Time/ Duration	Subject/staff involved	Overview/Information	Pupil Reach	Impact measure
Awards						
Young People's Book Prize	Curriculum	October - March	Science	<p>Non – Fiction Pupils read, review and vote for the best non-fiction Science book. 6 books on offer Judged in March Pupils all get a Light point for each book they read and review. Over 700 schools participate. In March, an online prize giving ceremony will provide our pupils an opportunity to ask the authors of the shortlisted titles questions.</p>	KS3 pupils Mainly Year 7 keen scientists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Point analysis • List of pupils who participated • Pupil Voice
The Young Quills for Historical Fiction Awards	Curriculum Reading for pleasure	January - March	History	<p>Authors writing historical fiction for young readers between the ages of 5 years though to young adult. Publishers apply to have the books considered for the awards, allowing the HA to create a longlist. The books are then sent into schools across the UK. We get approximately 20 free books to keep and each book has to have been read and reviewed at least once by Easter. Pupils get a postcard for first book they read and review. Then all get one Light point from the library and 2 from History for each book they read and review.</p>	Avid readers from all year groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Point analysis • List of pupils who participated • Pupil Voice • Data gathered below
Lancashire Book of the Year 2024	Reading for Pleasure		JRI	<p>One of the 24 judging schools for the Lancashire Book of the Year 2024 award.</p> <p>The award is voted for by Year 9 students in high schools around the county. Each school is given a collection of books, submitted by publishers as being the best books they had produced for the 12-14 age group. The young people then read the longlisted titles and later on the shortlisted titles before choosing the overall winner.</p>	Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Point analysis • List of pupils who participated • Pupil Voice

				<p>Pupils get one light point for each book read and review.</p> <p>3 events links with the award: 21th November - Trip to Lancashire Archive (Limit to 5 pupils invited)</p>		
<p>Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration</p>	Curriculum	October - 20 June 2024	HMU	<p>The Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration is awarded by children’s librarians for an outstanding book in terms of illustration for children and young people. As part of the award young people are invited to take part in the judging of the Shadower’s award. They ‘shadow’ the judging process for the Yoto Carnegie Medals; they read, discuss and review the books shortlisted, engage in reading related activity which they can share online, and vote for their favourites to win the Shadowers’ Choice Awards.</p> <p>Miss Murphy in Art will deliver a lesson to all pupils in year 7 and 8 looking at the books shortlisted and exploring the illustration in depth. There will be an opportunity for pupils to sketch from key illustrations in the books or attempt to use similar techniques as the ones used in the books shortlisted.</p> <p>Potential online community building.</p>	Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Point analysis • List of pupils who participated • Pupil Voice
<p>Excelsior Award</p>	Reading for Pleasure	Spring term (January to end of March)	JRI	<p>The Excelsior Award is the only fully independent, nationwide book award for graphic novels and manga - where kids aged 9-18 decide the winner (via four age-appropriate categories) by rating each book as they read it! The award now regularly attracts over two hundred schools from all over the UK and Ireland.</p> <p>We judge the Excelsior Award Blue, for students aged 11 and over (Key Stage 3). 5 books were shortlisted in 2024.</p>	Pupils who love manga and graphic novels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Point analysis • Book reviews • Data collated in this document

Book Boxes

Immigration and Refugee Book box	Curriculum	December	Geography	Books linked to the curriculum currently studying. Embedded into Medium term plans and pupils encouraged to borrow them. Light point for each book read.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff feedback Light Point analysis Pupil Voice Medium Term plans
WW2 Book Box	Curriculum	April	History	Books linked to the curriculum currently studying. Embedded into Medium term plans and pupils encouraged to borrow them. Light point for each book read.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff feedback Light Point analysis Pupil Voice Medium Term plans
Read to your sibling poetry box	Curriculum	Spring term	English	Books linked to the curriculum currently studying. Embedded into Medium term plans and pupils encouraged to borrow them. Light point for each book read.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Providing more access to books

BorrowBox accounts	Reading for Pleasure	Autumn term	JRI	Partnership with Lancashire County Council Libraries. Each year, our new intake of pupils are being registered to the LCC libraries and provided with a borrower number, pin and library card. First time we have run a competition to invite pupils to visit their local Lancashire County Council library	New year 7 cohort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Voice
½ price book sale	Reading for pleasure	November May	JRI	Location: School Library. Two events per year: autumn and spring term.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figures of sales
Book Swap	Reading for pleasure	March	JRI	Location: School Library.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbers of books swapped
Adopt a Book fundraising campaign	Reading for Pleasure and Curriculum	February	JRI and LBR			<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Reading to siblings at home	Reading for pleasure	Ongoing	JRI	New project idea Books available for pupils to take home to read to younger siblings.	Pupils with siblings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blog on Firefly

				There is a specific aim to improve wellbeing and family bonds through this scheme.		
Audio books	Struggling readers	Ongoing	JRI	New project idea A small group of keen readers/ library users were identified and approached. They were all year 7 SEND pupils.	SEND pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil Voice • Attendance
Libresoft	Reading for Pleasure	Autumn term	JRI	Introducing pupils and staff to Libresoft is done through a School Post message. The year 7 also get a lesson where I combined getting started with BorrowBox and Libresoft.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff feedback • Pupil Voice
Eurotoolbox	Curriculum	January	Modern Foreign Languages	A selection of books from 7 different European countries. Selected by librarians from the best of what was published in 2023 and 2022. There are books in Spanish, French, Portuguese, German, Italian, Polish and English. Visit to primary schools with a selection of the Eurotoolbox's picture books. Year 9 pupils and MFL staff do a 1-hour session with the picture books.	Year 7 and year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff feedback • Light Point analysis • Pupil Voice • Primary school feedback
Lancashire Archive school website	Curriculum	Ongoing	Geography, Psychology and History	Lancashire Archive have built up a website with archived material linked to our school, curriculum and priorities. We are also looking at visiting the Archive for a body image workshop and for a technology through time workshop.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff feedback
Reading Interventions	Struggling readers	Ongoing	JRI	I have 2 reading intervention groups with 2 lessons each per week. They are pupils whose reading age is just below their chronological age.	KS3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of pupils who reach expected chronological reading age
Events						
World Book Day	ALL	7 th March	JRI JOM LDU All staff	Library Activities: Book binding Book swap Origami	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil Voice • Primary school feedback

				<p>All School: Staff video Staff doors leading to the Friday whole school quiz Pupils read a book – a video created and pupils listen to during form Form time curriculum – 5 days of reading</p>		
Harry Potter Day	Reading for Pleasure	12 th October	JRI	<p>Harry Potter Day was organised with the help of the pupil librarians. Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harry Potter Guess Who? • Other Harry Potter board game • Harry Potter origami bookmark • Harry Potter Quiz worksheets • Colouring <p>We also had a bake sale to raise money for the library. Photo booth with props The library was decorated for the occasion.</p>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil Voice • Light Point analysis
Book Spine Poetry	Reading for Pleasure	National Poetry Day (5 th October)	JRI	<p>Pupils were invited to write a poem using the words on the spine of different books during lunch time. Each poem was worth one light point to the pupils who contributed making it.</p>	All welcome but mainly library users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil Voice • Light Point analysis
Themed months	Reading for Pleasure Curriculum	Ongoing	JRI	<p>Not all months have a theme but the month that do I try to make displays surrounding that theme.</p> <p>Black History Month -October Non-Fiction November -November Pride month -June (I might be missing some)</p>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of books borrowed off displays
Christmas Cookbook Cookout	Curriculum	18 th December (first Monday of the last week of term)	JRI and Design Technology trainee	<p>Pupils borrow a Christmas cookery book and cook a recipe from it. They bring the food into school and share and discuss it at lunch in the library.</p>	Pupil with an interest in food tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil Voice • Light Point analysis
Year 9 Author Visit	Reading for Pleasure	March	JRI, Maths department, Geography	<p>Julian Sedgwick did a talk for the whole of year 9 and a writing workshop for 32 pupils in year 9.</p>	Year 9	

	and Curriculum		department and Science department	<p>Maths, Science and Geography each did a lesson covering different aspects of the Fukushima disaster as it is the setting for Tsunami Girl (one of Julian Sedgwick's novels).</p> <p>We sold the books Tsunami Girl and 100 Tales from the Tokyo Ghost Café prior to Julian Sedgwick's visit.</p>		
Human Library	Curriculum	April	RE	<p>Pupils 'borrow a human' to find out about their story.</p> <p>The theme will be Diverse Faiths.</p> <p>Pupils will be booking other pupils for 10 minutes slots during lunch time. That makes for 4 time slots (1:10 to 1:20, 1:20 to 1:30, 1:30 to 1:40 and 1:40 to 1:50).</p> <p>Lunch time activity in the library (library closed for the event)</p>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Point analysis • Pupil Voice • Staff feedback
Reading Leaders in primary schools	Curriculum and Reading for Pleasure	May	JRI, English, SEND	Reading leaders to go to local primaries to read to pupils in year 2.	Pupils taking part in the Reading for Pleasure scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Library Scheme						
Have a Go! Scheme	Reading for Pleasure	Ongoing	JRI	Pupils borrow a non-fiction book and have a go at some of the activities in the book. For instance, drawing following the instruction on how-to from a book.	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Point analysis • Copies of pupils' work
Pizza Reading Scheme	Reading for Pleasure	Ongoing	JRI	<p>The Pizza Reading Scheme is a loyalty card. Pupils get a pizza stamp for every book they read. Once they have read 6 books, they then also get a light point. The pupils who complete the most loyalty cards get invited to a pizza party in the library at lunch.</p> <p>There are 3 pizza parties per year. During the pizza party, the library is closed to other users and music is played.</p>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil Voice • Light Point analysis

Silent Thursday	Curriculum	Ongoing	JRI	Library is silent at lunch on Thursday to help pupils concentrate on homework and reading. This was introduced to specifically support Sparx Reading and reading for pleasure	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pupil voice
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