

Longdendale Literacy Calendar

2020-2021

Autumn Term			
Date	Event	About	Activities
8 th September 2020 (Reading/Writing)	International Literacy day	Each year September 8 th marks UNESCO's International Literacy day, raising awareness globally on the issues surrounding adult and child literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of subject specific reading lists by each department to learners, and parents. • Read and review a subject book competition launched. Deadline for entries- Monday 5th October • Tutor Activity- Learner Voice- Reading • Parent Voice- Reading • https://nationaltoday.com/international-literacy-day/
13 th September 2020 (Reading/Oracy)	Roald Dahl Day	Celebrated every year on the anniversary of his birthday, the unofficial holiday celebrates all the characters created by the much loved and read children's author.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library showing of The BFG movie. • Golden ticket event- Take out a book from the library and look for a golden ticket in your book. Chocolate prize for the 5 winners (POSTPONED Due to Covid regulations). • Tutor Activity- Roald Dahl content discussion. • Library display of Roald Dahl Books
27 th -September- 3 rd October 2020 (Reading)	Banned Books Week	Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English lesson focus on Banned Books week. • Assembly (DE/EBS) • Creative display in library of books. • http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/banned
1 st October 2020 (Oracy/Writing)	National Poetry Day	National Poetry Day celebrates poetry's power to bring people together.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-curricular poetry sharing in lessons. • Performance Poet- KS3/KS4 • Competition- Write a poem with the theme-Vision • Creative Writing club • https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/

2 nd October (Writing)	Library Equality Writing Competition	Competition- Black History Month- Write a poem or short story, based upon the theme of equality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched in tutor time. • Promoted in English lessons. • Worked on in creative writing club. • Judged by the librarian. • Anthology printed and displayed • Book token prizes. • Deadline 22nd October 2020
October- All Month (Reading/Writing)	Black History Month	Black History Month was launched in London in the 1980s, where the aim was for the local community to challenge racism and educate themselves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library display: Novels and Non-Fiction by BAME writers (Digital version offered on SORA) • Write a review competition- Deadline 18th December 2020 • Assembly • Library- Hidden Figures screening. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/
31 st October 2020 (Writing)	The Young Walter Scott Prize (Competition deadline)	Competition- If you are aged between 11 and 19 and interested in history and writing, the Young Walter Scott Prize is ready to take you on an adventure. The fiction can be in any form – prose, poetry, drama, fictional diaries, letters or reportage. Stories must be set in the past – any time before you were born! Prizes include a £500 travel and research grant, and £100 book tokens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched in Creative Writing club in September. • Promoted in English lessons and tutor time https://www.walterscottprize.co.uk/young-walter-scott-prize/how-to-enter/
November 2020 (Writing)	Blue Peter Book Award- Shortlist	Celebrating the greatest authors, the most creative illustrators and the greatest reads for children since 2000.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website/Twitter release of shortlisted books. • A selection of the texts made available in the school library.

13 th November 2020 (Reading)	World Kindness Day	Celebrated annually, on this day, people are encouraged to attempt to make the world a better place by celebrating and promoting good deeds and pledging acts of kindness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor activities. • Books displayed and promoted linking to the theme of kindness and empathy • Library showing of the film 'Wonder.' • https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/doing-good-does-you-good/random-acts-kindness
December (TBC) (Reading)	Year 11 Parent's Evening- Pop-Up Bookstore	To promote reading for pleasure, a selection of books will be available to purchase, from the subject reading lists, and other popular titles for Young Adult readers. Parents can purchase for their children, and take away the same evening.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text and letter to go home to inform parents. • Year 10 Student leaders to run the bookstore in the entrance hall.
14 th - 18 th December (Reading)	Book Swap/Sale	Students are encouraged to bring in books to swap for a new one, and new books are available for students to buy as gifts for Christmas presents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vouchers are given to learners who donate a book. • Students leaders to coordinate. • Sales to take place at break time, every day on the last week of term.
December	Christmas Festivities	Learners get into the festive spirit with a wide range of activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRC Christmas Card Competition • Showcase Christmas Film

Spring Term			
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27 th January (Reading)	Holocaust Memorial Day	Holocaust Memorial Day 2021. 27 January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. Every year on that day Holocaust Memorial Day takes place. In the words of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, Holocaust Memorial Day encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Library display of books linked to the Holocaust-Sora collection promoted on app. ● Library showing of 'The Book Thief.' ● Assembly
30 th January-6 th February (Reading/Writing/Oracy)	National Storytelling Week	Every year there are hundreds of events during National Storytelling Week. It's a celebration of storytelling for all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Creative Writing Club to look at Greek Myths, fairy tales and ghost stories. Then the focus will be on storytelling, rather than story reading. https://www.sfs.org.uk/national-storytelling-week
31 st January (Writing)	Wicked- Young Writers	The prestigious 'Wicked Young Writers Awards' was established by the long-running musical WICKED to link the important messages of the production with a competition that would inspire young people to use creative writing to look at life differently. The Award recognises excellence in writing, encourages creativity, and helps develop writing talent in young people between the ages of 5-25 years old, from all backgrounds and areas of the UK.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● English teachers to promote in lessons. ● Focus in Creative Writing Club ● Deadline for entries- 8th March 2021
4 th March (We celebrate it on 5 th March) (Reading/Writing/Oracy)	World Book Day	World Book Day is a registered charity on a mission to give every child and young person a book of their own. It's also a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) reading.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DEAR day. All departments to offer lessons relating to books from their recommended reading lists. ● Teacher Fancy Dress ● Year 7 Sponsored Reading Competition (To be launched week commencing 22nd February)-Tutor group raising the most money wins a prize.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy Leaders off timetable, to create newsletter about cross-curricular events taking place. • Shelfie Competition- Prizes for the winning tutor group. • Art- Design a National Book Token • Student Book face competition (to be launched week commencing 22nd February- Deadline 13th March) Prizes for winners. • Pop up bookstore for learners to spend book tokens in/purchase other books. • Author visit- (<i>Alan Gibbons- TBC</i>) to visit assembly and discuss his work
8 th March (Reading)	International Women's Day	International Women's Day, is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library display: Fiction and Non-Fiction- Sora collection released. • Library showing of ' Moana.'
5 th March-14 th March (Reading)	British Science Week	British Science Week, run by the British Science Association, is a 10 day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library display: Fiction and Non-Fiction- Sora collection released. • Library showing of 'Gravity.' https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/
23 rd April (Reading)	Shakespeare Day	Many fans and enthusiasts across the world celebrate Shakespeare Day on April 23 rd every year to honour the literary genius, Shakespeare.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library showing of 'The Lion King/She's the Man.' • Competition- Guess the meaning- Shakespeare quotes- Shakespeare goodies for the winners! • https://britishshakespeare.co.uk/shakespeareday.html
16 th -22 nd May (Reading/Oracy)	Mental Health Awareness Week	The aim of this week is to educate the public about mental health issues and to promote better mental health. This event is also a vehicle to raise funds for the Mental Health Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library display: Fiction and Non-Fiction- Sora collection released. • Library showing of 'Inside Out.' • Tutor activities (JNo) • Therapy colouring classes. Calming Music Dealing with exam pressure guidance and support LRC to continue to provide a safe space for learners to talk to someone. • https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/mental-health-awareness-week

Summer Term			
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June (Reading)	Pride Month	June is Pride month. It is a month dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQ+ communities all around the world. It is so important that young people grow up and see their type of family reflected in the books we share with them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library display: Fiction and Non-Fiction- Sora collection released. https://prideinlondon.org/
23 rd June (Writing)	National Writing Day	National Writing Day is an annual celebratory project designed to inspire people across the UK to get writing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole-school activities promoting extended writing. https://firststory.org.uk/writeday/?medium=email&source=GovDelivery
July and August (Reading)	Summer Reading Challenge	The Longdendale Summer Reading Challenge is designed to keep you reading throughout the summer. Sign up with your English teacher and collect your challenge card.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students complete the Summer Reading Challenge over the summer, and return it in September to receive your award!

n.b. Pop-up bookstores will be available at all Parent's evening