



Reading Newsletter



Autumn 1

Welcome to our first reading newsletter of the new academic year. Whether your child hasn't been able to put a book down during lockdown and summer, or if you've struggled to get them to pick one up, this newsletter is for you! Welcome to those parents and learners who are new to the school, and welcome back to our current ones.

This newsletter is a chance to find out about new, high quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry as well as a chance to get tips and up to date information about helping your child with their reading journey. Thank you so much for all the amazing feedback we received via the parent survey at the start of term. There were some great, innovative suggestions made about how we can work together to promote reading as a community, and we are taking everything you said on board, and hopefully you can see some of this starting to come into fruition already. Together we want to create a wonderful reading culture which lasts a lifetime.

We hope you enjoy gaining new ideas to support your child and their reading. Thank you for all of your support. Mrs Emery (Reading and Literacy Coordinator)

The Importance of Reading for Pleasure

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF **READING 20** MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987



There is overwhelming evidence that literacy has a significant relationship to people's life chances. Reading for pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school.

If your child isn't a 'book worm' yet, don't worry! There are so many wonderful and exciting authors out there, that there's a book to engage and inspire your child out there... they just may not have discovered it yet! And that's where we come in...

Embracing the Digital Era.



We understand that in modern society, the way in which teenagers access reading material has changed. They now read via tablets, I-phones, Kindles, on digital magazines and websites, as well as traditional print materials. At Longdendale we have made the decision to embrace this by investing in a digital library, which learners can use to access books at the touch of a button, wherever they may be.

Sora, is a free reading application, which links to our current library software. With over 3000 fiction and non-fiction books to choose from, there is something for every learner on there.



There are e-books and audio books, and facilities available to adjust the font size/background colour and spacing of the words, so learners can tailor the books to their own preferences.

Learners can take out up to 5 books at one time, and earn achievement points for the reading they are doing.

Excitingly, most of the English Literature set texts are available for our learners to access, along with numerous revision guides, to compliment the Young Adult fiction they have access to.

Please encourage your child to read a few samples of the books we have available, and then to choose a book they like the sound of.

We would appreciate any feedback you have on the Sora app and its usability. Please drop an email across to literacy@lhs.aspireplus.org.uk

We hope your child enjoys this new app, and takes advantage of all it has to offer!

We will be in touch soon regarding a virtual training session, if your child has not yet been able to log onto SORA. Look out for a text in the near future, with more details on this event.

Cross-curricular Reading Lists

ESL	Author	Title	Synopsis	Book Cover
	Rachel Lambert	Women in Sports	A funny illustrated and inspiring book. Women in sports highlights the achievements and stories of the female athletes from the 1900s to today, including pioneers, Olympians, and record-breakers in more than forty sports.	
	Jessica Ennis	Unbelievable from My Childhood Dreams to Winning Olympic Gold	On 4 August 2012, Jessica Ennis kicked off what some described as the greatest night in British sporting history. For her it was the end of a long, winding, and sometimes painful road. This is an inspiring tale of following your dreams no matter what the odds are for you.	
	Anthony King	The Dancer's Study Guide	The Dancer's Study Guide will help you become a professional performer. This detailed guide tells you what it means to be a dancer with a strong emphasis on fitness and nutrition and a story of how you can maintain your fitness while performing.	
	Jordan Romero	No Summit Out of Sight	At thirteen, Jordan Romero became the youngest person to summit Mount Everest. This was just the beginning of his quest to climb the seven summits. He reached the summit at the age of fifteen and published his memoir when he was seventeen. It is a story of courage, adventure, and the drive to succeed.	
	Melanie Blackman	Pig Heart Boy	Pig Heart Boy picks up another topical issue. That of embryos or animal organ transplants. Cameron takes his only a few months to live, and is no longer able to play sport, swim or live a normal life in any way. With no suitable human organ donor available, he agrees to try the revolutionary new process and is given a new heart. <i>from a Dig</i>	
	Tom Palmer	Over the Line	It's the proudest moment of Jack's life. He has a chance to prove to his dad that he has a chance to prove to the world that he's a professional. But the dream of playing for his country, the promise of a Cup in Europe offers a chance to prove to his dad that he's a professional. But Jack and his teammates will have to survive a set of challenges that they are never to play a	



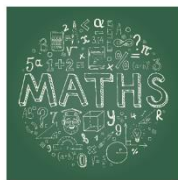
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Cross-curricular Reading Inspiration Booklet

Title	Synopsis	Book Cover
Hidden Figures	Hidden Figures tells the story of a group of African-American women who, over a period of over 25 years, made major contributions to the US space program and resist discrimination. Overcoming racist attitudes themselves as brilliant mathematicians and engineers and helped lead the United States to victory in some of the pivotal moments of the Cold War-era space race.	
The So	Just no one. Every camera's an eye. Every microphone an ear. Find me and we can see. Sixteen-year-old Mexican American programmer. One of the best in the world. Defined to find his missing brother. Twelve-year-old girl who's brilliant. Engineering genius. Targeted by the internet to military warlord. Painted by a ruthless sixteen-year-old activist blogger. Mysterious the spotlight when her father became involved with a corrupt Chinese official. The game: two numbers games. A head-to-head competition devised by India's youngest CEO and visionary. Welcome to the revolution. Get ready to run.	
The Simpsons and the Mathematical Secrets	You may have watched hundreds of episodes of the Simpsons (and its sister spin-off Futurama) without ever realising that the entire universe of the show is based on some of the most brilliant mathematics ever. In The Simpsons and the Mathematical Secrets, Simon Singh explains how the brilliant writers of the cartoon used mathematical concepts throughout the show's twenty-five year history.	
Genius in the Revolution	Benjamin Franklin is not like most people. He can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of anything she has ever experienced. She's not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of anything she has ever experienced. She's not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of anything she has ever experienced.	

On the school website, in the library section, parents and learners will soon be able to access reading for pleasure recommendations, linked to the interests of their children. You should have received an email with these on last week.

Each department has come up with some fantastic recommendations for books to suit everyone's interests and tastes. You will also be able to find the English Department's 'Top 100 Books to Read Before you Leave Secondary School,' along with a list compiled by TES, which specifically looks at books to engage reluctant readers. This will also be emailed out to you. Learners are encouraged to read one of departmental recommendations and review it, to earn a prize! These will continue to be updated throughout the year, as new titles are released.



Love Maths?



Love Art?



Love Drama?



Love Health and Fitness?



Love MFL?



Love Science?

Upcoming Events and Competitions

Date	Event	About	Activities
08/09/20	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 • Year 7 Tweet a book teaser competition. Deadline 18th September. • Parent Voice- Reading due in https://nationaltoday.com/international-literacy-day/
27/09/20-03/10/20	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
01/10/20	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/
02/10/20	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	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 • Library- Hidden Figures screening. https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/
31/10/20	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.	<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/

Black History Month Recommended Reading Lists

Please find below some suggestions for some fiction books your children may wish to read, linked to Black History Month. Some of these titles are available via the Sora app, where you will also find a collection entitled 'Let's Talk About Race,' with an additional 65 books available to borrow. All books listed, along with reading ages, have been recommended by The Book Trust.



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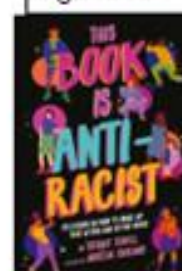
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Age 9-12



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National Poetry Day Poet Spotlight



“HIS PERFORMANCES RUMBLE WITH RAGE, PASSION AND HUMOUR. YOU WILL LEAVE HIS SHOW BRIMMING WITH ENERGY, HEART POUNDING AND BRAIN WHIRRING.” GUARDIAN

To celebrate National Poetry Day, on the 2nd October Year 10 will be treated to a visit and performance from popular performance poet, Luke Wright. This is not the first time Luke has worked with Longdendale learners, it's his fourth! Every time he manages to keep the learners highly engaged with his inventive and engaging poetry which documents 21st century British life with wit and humanity.

Luke has toured his work for over 20 years, and is a regular at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and Radio 4. He's written poetry for two documentaries on Channel 4. *The Seven Ages of Love* (dir. Zara Hayes) was shortlisted for a Grierson Award.

The learners are going to love his comic work, but be affected by some of the more serious work as well. It will really help them to see how poets come up with ideas for their work, and why they decide to write them. This will help as they move towards their study of poetry at GCSE.

“ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT POETS OF HIS GENERATION.” JOHANN HARI, THE INDEPENDENT

National Poetry Day Poet Spotlight

“Harry Baker’s intricate, quick-fire rhymes have always been on the impressive side of mind-blowing” - The Scotsman



In addition to Luke Wright’s visit, on the 2nd October Year 9 will be treated to a visit and performance from World Poetry Slam Champion Harry Baker.

Harry has emailed to say: ***“I’m so excited to be coming and sharing some of my poems with Longdendale - For me poetry is a chance to look at the world differently as well as what’s in ourselves. It’s way of being playful as well as thoughtful with our worlds, and National Poetry Day is a brilliant excuse for everyone to be able to experience that, whether they are coming at it for the first or the thousandth time”.***

Harry Baker published his debut anthology ‘The Sunshine Kid’ with Burning Eye in December 2014. The subsequent show of the same name was voted ‘Best Spoken Word show’ of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2015. Now a fully fledged maths graduate and full time poet/adventurer, His work has been shared on [TED.com](https://www.ted.com) and viewed millions of times worldwide, as well as being translated into 21 different languages. He is working on a new collection and is in the middle of touring his sell-out Edinburgh Fringe show ‘I am 10,000’ based on turning 10,000 days old! (although now producing content from home while gigs are postponed).