

The Orme Academy

READING NEWSLETTER

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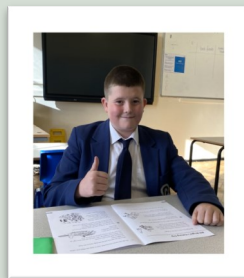
Whole school reading continues to go from strength to strength. This year, reading events have given students from every year group the opportunity to show their enthusiasm for reading...

Events this year have included:

- ◆ **PYJAMARAMA** - Students took part in a reading marathon and positioned themselves around the school in different locations at every hour. The winner read a staggering 30 comic books in one day and demonstrated their understanding by taking a mini quiz at the end of each one.
- ◆ **READ WITH YOUR CHILD EVENT** - Parents / Carers were invited into school to read with their child in our library. They each took turns to read out loud and were awarded a book of their choice to continue reading at home.
- ◆ **READ WITH A BUDDY** - To challenge our reading enthusiasts, older students at The Orme Academy have been reading with Year 7 and 8 students during form time.

FRESH START READING PROGRAMME

Students accessing one to one intervention have been demonstrating their outstanding attitude and progress to learning by modelling good practice to other schools.



Year 9
ACE reader of the week

Celebration of Reading

This year, we have congratulated over 100 students for volunteering to read out loud in their lessons, with encouragement from their teachers. This is a fantastic achievement! These students have received a praise letter home as well as prizes in assembly. The benefits of reading out loud supports students with vocabulary development, processing skills and comprehension.

An extra shout-out goes to those students working with Mrs Goodstadt - our reading tutor, who have improved their confidence enough to be able to read out loud consistently in their lessons.

Well done - keep up the good work!

Plans for the New Year

Students will be asked to read out loud in all lessons using their digital device. This is a fantastic opportunity to read at every stage of the lesson.

OSCAR

Our School Cares About Reading

This year, we have launched our OSCAR award system for students who show an enthusiasm for reading in their lessons.

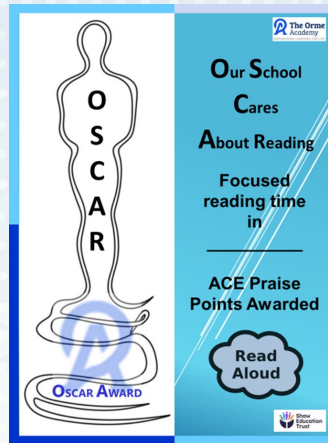
Teachers have taken part in training sessions to include opportunities for focused reading time in specific subject areas.

Fantastic resources are being used from DIFFIT and the on-line newspaper My Day - articles written by young people for young people.

Teachers are committed to ensure that the young people they teach have the opportunity to read - making no excuses for taking the time to share something of interest.

In addition to the ACE rewards system on Talaxy, we now have an extra addition with OSCAR points. Any student demonstrating a passion for reading will be awarded an OSCAR point for their efforts.

At the end of each half term, the OSCAR trophy will be awarded to the student who has made an outstanding contribution to reading at The Orme Academy; nominated by class teachers.



**Year 7 Winners
Reading Out Loud**



INTRODUCTION OF SPARX READER

Exciting news! This term, the English Department have launched SPARX reader in all library lessons.

SPARX reader is a reading, comprehension and vocabulary digital program that gets all young people reading regularly to help to improve their literacy.

Once a student has completed on-boarding, they can access a range of books matched to their reading ability. Students will gain Sparx Reading Points and teachers are able to monitor accuracy and precision with an on-line monitoring tool.



Students who complete all homework set on SPARX reader will be awarded with a GOLD Card which will trigger prizes and other incentives.

Primary Transition READING

During Enrichment, several primary schools in the local area have taken part in a performance workshop led by The Orme Academy. This term, year 6 students have been focusing on script writing and creating their own lyrics.

Students have concentrated on the development of vocabulary and intonation of speech.

From page to performance, students have selected word choices and included these in their work.

For the fourth year running, Songbook 2023 will see young people join together to deliver a Christmas message to the local community. This year, the chosen hit was 'I'm Still Standing' the original Elton John classic more recently made famous by the animated movie 'SING.'

Students have explored vocabulary and added their own interpretations to appeal to different target audiences.