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SPONSORED READ TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE LIBRARY

16th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As many of you may have already heard, we are busy raising funds to develop our school library - a hugely important part of our school environment for a number of reasons! Evidence and research data shows that:

- School libraries have been found to impact pupils' general academic attainment, reading and writing skills, plus wider learning skills, as well as their scores in history, mathematics and science.
- School libraries have also been found to have an impact on pupils' reading enjoyment, reading behaviour and attitudes towards reading. Motivation and attitudes in particular have been connected to school library use.
- Several personal and interpersonal outcomes, such as self-esteem and the feeling of success and accomplishment, have also been associated with school library use.

Cressida Cowell (Children's Laureate) is currently carrying out a huge campaign, her 'Life-changing Libraries' project, which keenly highlights the importance of library spaces for primary schools. A link to her open letter to Prime Minister, Boris Johnson is

here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35sN7cXNfFE&t=137s> We are incredibly lucky that we have a dedicated space and a huge array of books for our children to enjoy - however, it is much in need of some regeneration and so we need to raise funds for this to happen.

So that the children feel a valuable part of this process and develop some ownership over their amazing school library, they are also being asked to help generate some of the required funding through a dedicated Readathon - to celebrate all things reading!

Our Readathon will kick off on Monday 21st June - the same day as our Scholastic book fair starts and will continue for 3 weeks. We would love for family and friends to sponsor your children in their reading! This can be done by sponsoring them to read pages of a book (if they are reading through a huge tome!) or for the amount of books that they read.

Teachers have been asked to upload a sponsorship form onto your children's Google Classroom, which can be edited with names, pages, books and amounts of sponsorship money and there is also one attached to this letter should you want to download and print one off.

The Readathon will finish on 9th July, and can we please request that all sponsorship money be paid by 16th July.

Sponsorship money can be collected by parents and donated on Scopay under “Readathon Sponsorship 2021” . If you unable to do this, we are happy to collect cash which can be handed in a named envelope to school. We are trying to move to a cashless School Office, but we are keen to raise as much money as possible.

Good luck everyone with your reading - your teachers would love to hear about the books that you are reading throughout the three week period - and perhaps lots of new books could be added to the Year group Padlets for others to get some recommendations from!

Kind regards

Mrs Crabb, acting English Lead
Ms Gough, Reading Lead
Wallace Fields Junior School



Wallace Fields Junior – Readathon Challenge!

We need a new library!

We are challenging you to read as much as you can, get sponsored and help use create a new library space for all!



Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Books I am going to read:

1: _____ 2: _____

3: _____ 4: _____

5: _____ 6: _____

| Sponsors name | Sponsored amount (per book) | Total sponsored | Donated |
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| <i>Mrs. A Person</i> | <i>£1</i> | <i>£4</i> | <i>✓</i> |
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