



Live To Learn. Learn To Grow

Newsletter
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Reading

Since we came back to school in September, Miss Charlesworth and I have been very impressed with the learners' reading habits. There is definitely a love of reading throughout the school with many children trying to beat the amount of words they read on a weekly basis. Reading certificates are awarded to learners who have read the most words in the class within a week. Just this last week, a learner in Year 3 has read 12,307 words and a learner in Year 5 read 157,467 words. Below are 10 reasons why you should be encouraging your child to read every day. It is especially important that this continues during the half term break.

1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.

After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do and reading is no different.

2. Reading exercises our brain.

Reading is a more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV. For example, Reading strengthens brain connections and builds NEW connections.

3. Reading improves concentration.

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

4. Reading teaches children about the World around them.

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

6. Reading develops a child's imagination.

As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

7. Reading helps children to develop empathy.

As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

8. Reading is a fun.

A book doesn't take up much space and is light to carry so you take it anywhere. You can never be bored if you have a book in your bag!

9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.

Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.

10. Children who read achieve better in school.

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects - not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

School Ambassadors



This half term has been a busy one in that we have all been working hard at getting used to routines and expectations. We have also been very busy in electing our Prefects, Learning Council Representatives and Reading Ambassadors.

Well done to the following learners who have now taken up various positions within school.

Our Prefects are:

Anisa A, Shiza A, Sibqa M, Hafsah A, Zain A, Moh'd , Zille A, Moh'd R, Zaynab M, Ibrahim A, Inaaya S, Aleena A, Momina A, Aiza A, Zain A, Dawud H, Shahid H, Menaal A, Inaaya N, Zaina S, Hina S, Halima K, Haleema H, Aiza A, Dania K, Inaaya S, Zaynab T, Insha A, Amelia T, Sahar S and Shazain A

The Prefects are responsible for ensuring that routines are followed at the beginning and end of the day as well as at lunchtime. They praise other children for following the school expectations and encourage everyone to do so.

Our Learning Council Members are:

1M	Haleema
1S	Eesa Y
2M	Noor A
2S	Zainab A
3M	Sanam A
3S	Hashim H
4M	Ali R
4S	Iman C
5M	Umar A
5S	Humaira K
6M	Inaaya S
6S	Dawood H

The Learning Council represents learner voice. They meet twice a term and carry out tasks to improve and develop learning across school and improve the curriculum. At the moment they are carrying out surveys related to the use of Learning Power language in class.

Our Reading Ambassadors are:

ZainabT, Amelia, Madiha, Hafsah A, Shahan, Qasim 6S, Momina, Hafsah K, Inaaya, Halimah A, Aiza 6S and Iqra 6S

Hayah, Kanwal, Aisha, Fatima S, Shahid, Mohsin, Momina, Hashim R, Humaira, Fatima Shah, Sameeha Arsalan, Soria A Muskan A, Aisha H, Ayesha M and Rabab S

The Reading Ambassadors support younger learners with their reading and share books with them. They promote reading across school, including popular authors and the Library provision.

School Expectations and Parents



All our learners follow the School expectations because they know that by doing this they keep themselves and others safe.

Both learners and members of staff are now asking all parents who drive to follow these expectations:

1. Arrive early for school and park away from Percy Street and Bentley Street. Walk your children into school.
2. If you do drive down Percy and Bentley Streets do not park on the Yellow Line. The lines are there so that children can enter the school safely without trying to move around cars.
3. If you do drive down Percy and Bentley Street and you find that there is no parking, drive a little further on until you find a safe parking place and then park and walk.

Like in School, not following the rules has consequences. As from after half term, we will be implementing the following consequences for parents breaking the rules:

1. If a member of staff sees a car parked on the yellow line then a photograph of the registration and make of car will be taken.

2. If a parent sees a car parked on the yellow line then please take a photograph of the car and email it to school on support@marsden.lancs.sch.uk

On both occasions, the number plate will be sent to the Police as it is an offence to park on the yellow lines.

We will also be sending out a text message and a copy of the registration and make of car to all parents.

We are having to take this 'naming and shaming' measure as parents who are breaking the law are putting the children of Marsden at risk!



Litter

Some residents have expressed concerns regarding litter around school. Please can we ask that parents talk to their children about the importance of placing litter in the bin.

Dates to Remember

Half term – school closes to learners on **Thursday 21st October at 3:20pm** and opens again at **8:45am on Tuesday 2nd November**

School will close to learners on the **11th November** for Parent Teacher Meetings to take place during the day.

Class teachers will email parents after the half term with further details. All learners will be provided with learning to complete on this day via Google Classroom.

Attendance Reminder



As parents will be aware school attendance is compulsory and it is important that you inform us if your child is going to be absent and for what reason.

I know that the past 18 months have been difficult and even more so for families who have family in other countries but I urge you not to take your children out of school for an extended period of time to visit abroad. Our children have already missed out on the experience of being in school during periods of Lockdown and isolation– any additional time taken will result in your child falling even further behind and perhaps never being able to catch up.

Teachers are working very hard to assess all learners and to teach according to the needs of the class within a given time frame. If your child is absent because you have taken them out of school the teacher will not have time to teach them what they have missed as the class will have moved on in their learning.

Finally

Please remember we are always here to support you and your child/children. Have a restful and safe half term.

