

## FOCUS THIS WEEK

### SIX BOOK CHALLENGE

- Remind pupils
- Read, Quiz, Repeat
- 6x 100% =

### Takeaway Treat



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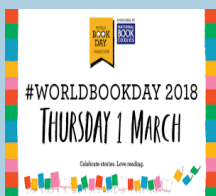
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# Literacy News

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## Six Book Challenge

As this year's new **Quick Reads** titles are arriving in bookstores, it's worth reminding you that we should all find time to read more for pleasure. Getting lost in an adventure, or learning more through non-fiction are great ways to enjoy a break from work, from the bustle of family life and from the general stresses and strains of everyday life.

**Quick Reads** have been around for several years now. All the commissions are from well established authors, with the idea being each title should be simple to read but entertaining. Best of all, in my view, is that they are cheap—usually £1 on the release year—which means it's possible to take a risk on a new author or 5 without breaking the bank or committing to a longer text. It is, of course, also wonderful to escape screens for a while, so lightweight paper books are a godsend.

I mention these books as I know most staff want to take part in the Six Book Challenge, alongside the pupils, but given the many demands during term time, ploughing through longer novels is going to be tough. It is perfectly fine to pull an Aaron and hit shorter works, whether they be fiction or the latest diet, sport or celebrity book. For staff, you don't even have to quiz—just log the book on our chart and move on!

Speaking of Aaron - Woo-hoo! Our first pupil to complete the challenge headed out to Subway with a friend this week as a reward for his six 100% correct quizzes. While some may feel the Mr Men books are too easy, it is important to remember many children's books are written for adults to read to their children and all the titles he read were at the higher end of his ZPD, thus entirely appropriate. He was, rightly, so proud of his achievement. You see, reading is cool!

We hope his success and the pleasure of the reward trip will inspire many more to complete the challenge before Easter. We have added a chart of some of those on track, so please take opportunities this week to encourage pupils to keep at it, and let them take books home to read if they wish. Where book boxes are now used up, pop into the library and pick new titles as the year 7s did on Friday. It's all good!



## WORLD BOOK DAY

As you know, **1st March** annually is World Book Day, so of course Northern House is celebrating.

Taking account of the possible disruption that changes to the routine can cause, most of our frolics will occur on Friday, 2nd March, but we will join the international event on Thursday to remind our pupils we are part of a global community.

- \* All pupils completing quizzes will gain a raffle ticket for s £10 book token.
- \* All 100% successes will earn a Wonka bar.
- \* Pupils will have the choice of a £1 WBD voucher or one of the £1 books produced for the event.
- \* On Thursday pupils may ask to read for 15 minutes in any lesson to earn a draw ticket.
- \* On Friday, all staff will come dressed as book characters (real or fictional) and pupils will have the option of completing a treasure hunt.
- \* Both days, staff will be carrying reading material to model best behaviour.

*Every Lesson A Literacy Lesson*

NOW ON

The 6 Book Challenge

# Spring Term Ladders

24 February 2018					
Accelerated Reader Quiz League II					
		Quizzes	100.00%	Accuracy average	Points earned
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Jay</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>93.30%</b>	<b>53.5</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Xander</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>82.00%</b>	<b>50.3</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>93.60%</b>	<b>11.1</b>
	Tristan	9	7	95.60%	6.2
	Alex	2	1	95.00%	4.5
	Tyler H	7	4	91.40%	4.1
	Theo	4	0	40.00%	3.5
	Reece P	6	6	100.00%	3.0
	Harvey C	4	2	87.50%	2.5
	TJ	6	4	83.30%	2.4
	Jack P	6	3	80.00%	2.4
	Bradley	4	3	95.00%	1.9
	Denham	2	1	95.00%	1.9
	Phoenix	4	2	90.00%	1.8
	Josh C	1	0	60.00%	1.8
	Josh T	3	1	93.30%	1.5
	George	2	2	100.00%	1.0
	Armani	1	1	100.00%	1.0
	Harvey R	2	1	90.00%	0.9
	Callum	1	1	100.00%	0.5
<b>Totals</b>		<b>95</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>88.25%</b>	<b>155.8</b>
			58.95%		

**Weekly School Pass Rate = 90.5%**

**“Read,  
read,  
read!”**

Alex Wheatle to NH  
pupils, December 2017

WORD RACE				
24 February 2018				
	Quizzes		Word Count	
	Passed	Taken	Term	This week
<b>Xander</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>411,608</b>	
<b>Jay</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>377,952</b>	<b>35,928</b>
<b>Aaron</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>74,998</b>	<b>5,989</b>
Tristan	9	9	32,170	
Theo	1	4	30,285	
Alex	2	2	29,639	29,639
Josh C	1	1	18,192	
Tyler H	7	7	17,466	1,967
Harvey C	4	4	13,314	
Denham	2	2	13,004	6,482
Jack	6	6	6,855	3,649
Phoenix	4	4	5,709	899
Josh T	3	3	4,788	3,204
Armani	1	1	4,210	
Harvey R	2	2	2,459	2,459
George	2	2	2,152	
Reece P	6	6	1,749	720
Callum	1	1	1,568	
TJ	5	6	1,232	
Bradley	4	4	870	251
<b>Totals</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>638,612</b>	<b>91,187</b>
<b>Words Read (2017-18)</b>				
<b>1,795,104</b>				

# Updates

## In The News...

More of our pupils have been hitting the headlines, as their writing is given very real purpose and audience. Making sure writers know their work is good enough to share in a professional context is obviously a great motivator and a wonderful validation of their efforts.


Following on from Charlie having his piece printed in *The Wokingham Paper* before Christmas, two more of our pupils were due to be published in this weekend's edition. More on this next week.

## 500 Words

The annual BBC 500 Words competition is around again and pupils have been busy preparing entries. We will be publishing all their stories in a special edition before Easter.

## The Same Song

It was obvious from discussion with our visiting inspector that staff at all levels across the school are singing the same song regarding the importance of literacy and the expertise nurturing improvements in our pupils. Well done everyone!

Current 6 Book Standings	Passed	100
 Aaron ✓	7	6
Harvey R	2	1
Josh T	2	-
Denham	1	1
Alex	2	1
Jack	3	1
Tyler H	1	-
Phoenix	1	-

## EVENTS

### This Week

*WORLD BOOK DAY  
Reading Thursday  
& Fancy Dress Friday*

### Friday options

*Remind pupils they can do book quizzes or borrow texts for the weekend.*

### Continuing

*The Six Book Challenge*

## KEYWORDS

### ZPD

The range of reading to target for the most effective improvement in reading.

### Book Bands

Colour coded classification of books to guide readers.

### STAR Reading

The baseline testing to provide analysis of pupil strengths and weaknesses in reading.

**"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift."**

**Kate DiCamillo**

## CPD: AR REMINDERS

- Log in at the school portal.
- Star Reading reports provide you with basic reading information. Search my class to find your group.
- Accelerated Reader will provide data on book quiz performance and word count. It also shows progress towards reading targets that have now been set.
- All training and information is in the staff drive, under 1.Northern House 2017 > literacy.

## What You Should Know

*What is the reading level of the materials you are using?*

*What else might cause difficulty accessing the resource?*

# Collaborative Writing

## Chantal picked up the gauntlet before passing it on...

The next day started like any other - well where do we start? It was a normal day like any other day. Cold and wet, I was not in a mood to take the long cold walk to train station. I put my trainers on, earphones in and started jamming to the music. I found the music put me in a good mood for the day. Out the corner of my eye, I could see somebody walking very close behind me. I have seen this man before. I was trying to remember where from, and it really bugged me. He had balloons in his hand as if he was going to a party. It made me feel very uncomfortable and nervous.

Whilst waiting for the train, he stood very close to me as if he was in my personal space. When we got into the train which was dark and empty, he decided to sit right next to me. I couldn't understand why the train was empty. He continued to stare at me and this made me very uneasy. He then spoke and said, "You don't recognise me."

Is he from my past and why can't I remember him or anything about him?

I said to him, "I think you have the wrong person." to which he replied, "No you are Mary and you live in Denver with your two cats."

Well that scared me half to death. Am I been stalked and what does he want? Does this have anything to do with night before? How come I can't remember anything?

I'm scared and alone. Help!

*This project lives in the Staff drive. Watch your email for your turn coming around!*

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# Accelerated Reader

*Reading Matters*

**SPRING**

**100% CLUB**

**Join Now**

***Read a book &***

***Score 100% on the quiz***

<b>Jay</b>	<b>x9</b>
<b>Tristan</b>	<b>x7</b>
<b>Aaron</b>	<b>x7</b>
<b>Reece</b>	<b>x6</b>
TJ x4	Tyler H x4
Bradley x3	Jack P x3
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