

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER 2024/2025

## SPRING Term Two – A Love of Reading



As this week is World Book Day, the School Council visited each class from Year 1 – Year 6 to discuss, 'Our Love of Reading'.

The Councillors asked a range of questions to each class to gauge what they enjoyed about reading and what their favourite class reads have been.

Overall, there was a range of responses but overall, most of our school (82%) said that they loved reading and listening to whole class stories.

Classes who clearly enjoyed reading were Y6 (100%), Y1 (90%), Y2 (90%) and Y3 (85%) whilst work needs to be done to promote a love of reading with Y4 (67%) and Y5 (58%) who had some class members who were not as enthusiastic.

*(percentages show those who said that they enjoyed reading)*

When pupils were asked what they enjoyed most about reading they were not short of responses:

I love finding new vocabulary, I love the plot twists and the anticipation of what is going to happen next, I find the suspense exciting, there are so many types of books to get lost in, I love the different characters and I especially like it when I can relate to one of them or pretend that I am one of them, I like to get lost in an adventure, stories take you to places you've never been before and someone simply stated, I love a good, old, happy ending.

When asked what they did not like about reading pupils explained the following:

I don't like a cliff-hanger; I like the story to end, A misleading blurb, when the story takes too long to get going, a disappointing plot, when the story is too predictable, when the environment is not relaxing and quiet, when the vocabulary is too challenging.

Our pupils were quick to respond to a question when asked which class reads they have enjoyed reading together and these are some of them:

The Gingerbread Man, In the Night, Scruffy Ted, Coming to England, Giant Doughnut, James and The Giant Peach, Charlotte's Web, Stone Age Boy, The Hodgeheg, The Queen's Nose, The Boy at the Back of the Class, The Girl who stole the Elephant, Secrets of the Sun King, The Iron Man, The Last Bear, The Twits, The Railway Children, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Pig Heart Boy and Rooftoppers.

Finally, pupils in Key Stage 2 were asked about the Book & Biscuit Club held each morning in the library area. Pupils from each class are invited to visit once per week where they can sit and read their book in a relaxing environment and enjoy a biscuit as they enjoy their book. Pupils were aware of this opportunity and a good amount of children used this facility: Y6 – 14 visited the library area during a breaktime, Y5 – 10 had visited, Y4 – 7 had visited and in Y3 - 17 children had visited. The Y6 librarians will continue to tidy and run the library with the help of Mrs Prinn.

The School Council  
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The Year 6 Spring Term 2 School Councillors: Penny, Thea, Alesha, Phoebe, Joe, Harry, Danielle, Emilia, Ben