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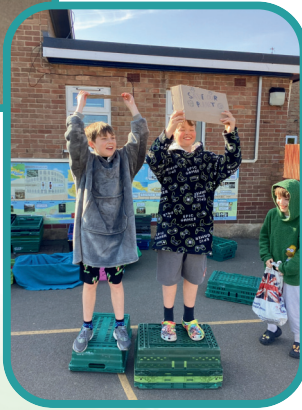


Reading Newsletter By Mrs Moore

Wow - March was such an amazing month for all at GSA.



We had World Book Day, where every child received an individually wrapped book to read, many children united 'Loud & Proud', to make a stand to look after our 'Common Home' and to top it off, we had a real-life author visit our school, thanks to our amazing PTA.



Research shows that 1 in 12 (8.6%) children aged 8-18 say they don't have a book of their own at home, rising to 1 in 8 (12.4%) for disadvantaged children. (National Literacy Trust) Thanks to so many of your generous donations, we were able to ensure this statistic is not true in our school community. The buzz around books on World Book Day was amazing!



We read Wild Planet, which was inspired by the life and works of Sir David Attenborough. From this we made pledges to save our world, one small action at a time.



20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day will...



- Improve focus and concentration.
- Be exposed to 1.8 million words a year.
- Encourage a love for learning.
- Learn how to develop empathy.
- Have a world of imagination and creativity opened to them.
- Have stronger writing skills.
- Improve and strengthen memory.
- Have a broad vocabulary.
- Have better general knowledge.
- Improve communication skills.
- Have reduced stress levels.
- Improve critical thinking skills.



Empathy



So, for JUST 20 minutes of reading per day, there are a huge number of benefits.



How do we foster a love of reading at GSA?

Rock Up and Read Book club - every Thursday
breaktime in 6AM



Daily phonics in EYFS & KS1
Whole Class Reading 3x per week in KS2

End of day story time in EYFS & KS1
Reading for Pleasure session in class, at least
3x per week in KS2



We have a fantastic team of reading volunteers at The Good Shepherd, but we need more.

Do you have an hour to spare, one afternoon a week? If so, please contact Caroline in the office, so we can get you trained up and started.

