



# Literacy Bulletin

April 2021

**“A child who reads will be an adult who thinks”**

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome back students into class over the last couple of weeks and we have been very impressed with the hard work students have continued to keep up in lockdown!

Moving into Easter and our last term of the year, we will be helping students prepare for end of year assessments and looking forward to getting back to a little bit of normalcy this Summer,

Thank you for all your support with promoting Literacy at Home!

Miss Puddephatt, Literacy Policy Lead

## National Reading Tests:

Next Half Term, pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 are scheduled to sit the National reading tests. This year, the reading tests have moved online. The pupils will be allocated a time slot during their Literacy, English or Welsh lesson and provided with a username and password to access their test.

Students will have lessons to explain how the tests work and practise some past papers before they sit the test. The main thing to remember is that the tests adapt to each pupil by getting harder each time they get a question right, so everyone is expected to get a few wrong!

If you'd like more information about the testing process you can find it here: [Personalised assessments: information for parents and carers - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](#)

## What have we been working on?

This Half Term in Literacy lessons students have been working on how they can use their Literacy skills for revision. Why not ask year 7 how they created revision timetables and knowledge organisers or year 8 about how to create flash cards to retain key terminology?

In form time, we have been completing weekly challenges while focussing on spelling to help students with commonly confused letter patterns.

This term's literacy legends were 7D (especially Ifan, Idwal and Evie) for their excellent work on the spelling challenges!

## Easter Literacy Ideas:

- Add written clues to your Easter Egg Hunt or even try writing them in a code for the kids to crack!
- Follow a recipe to make a delicious Easter treat like Easter Egg Nests or Hot Cross Buns, or even better write down your recipe and pass it on to a friend to try!
- Listen to a podcast or radio show about Easter and find out where our Easter traditions come from.
- Design and write a thank you card to a family member that gave you an Easter Egg.



## Literacy Champions' Online

### Recommendations!

- The National Literacy Trust.
- Borrowbox for free ebooks and audio-books through your local library service!
- BBC Bitesize & Skills pages for help with Literacy skills.
- Quizlet for flashcards and testing yourself!
- Educationquizzes.com to test your subject knowledge and revise.
- World Book Day's 100 Stories to Share for Reading ideas!

## World Book & Poetry Day...

This Half Term saw us celebrate both World Book Day and World Poetry Day! Students received World Book Day tokens for free books and some logged in to the digital "Share a Story" live events. Young writer Josh from 9C, launched his own poetry competition in honour of World Poetry Day. There were some fabulously creative entries covering a wide range of themes and poetic styles. You can read our finalists submissions on the school website!

## Next term...

After Half Term students will be focussing on reading in the lead up to the National Reading Tests. Afterwards, they will be encouraged to bring a book to school for their Literacy lessons and will create book reviews and class reading trees to help recommend reading to their peers across school. Don't forget, school has a wonderful library that students can borrow books from if they need one for the lesson!