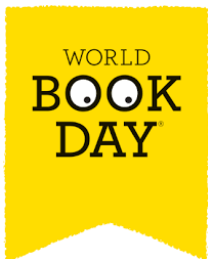


***Reading for pleasure has the biggest positive impact of any factor on children's life chances. It really does change their lives forever. So please, whatever else you do – please keep reading with or to your children, or at the very least, encourage them to read.***

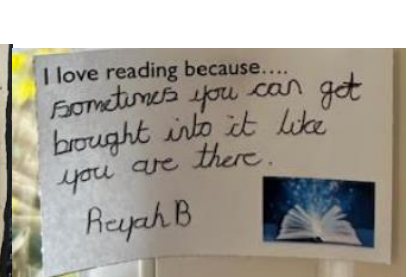


This term has continued with lots of fantastic reading opportunities for our students, some of which we'd like to share with you here.

Earlier this month we celebrated World Book Day with a series of activities and events for our students. This year we were able to take a group of students to Waterstones in Wigan to browse the many books on offer and use their World Book Day vouchers.

We had lots of things happening around school to celebrate our love of reading from quizzes, competitions, character spuds and staff and students sharing what they love about reading.

I think you'll agree Mrs Watson's form did a fantastic job of decorating their door for World Book Day.



We were also delighted to welcome children's author Tom Palmer into school this month. During his visit, Tom delivered an engaging presentation to our year 7 students.

In his talk, Tom shared with students his own struggles with both reading and spelling as a child, before crediting his mum with being the one to help him overcome his difficulties and find a love for reading by encouraging him to read football magazines, as he loved football and still does.

Our students took part in a competition to win a copy of 'Football's Greatest Moments' which culminated in a penalty shoot out to win the coveted book.

After this, 25 lucky students were invited to take part in a bespoke writing workshop, in the school library, with Tom. He asked students to pick from two WWII artefacts, one of which was an inscribed bible and the other, a map. After choosing the inscribed bible, students helped Tom map out a story inspired by their chosen artefact. Together, they created a story about a boy called Sonny, who had written a message in the bible, which belonged to his pilot father. Each student was later presented with a signed copy of a book of their choice.



Here is a reminder of the Outwood Holiday Reading Club challenge.

Don't forget to click the link on the X page to tell us which book or books you have read. You can enter as many times as you like so get reading!