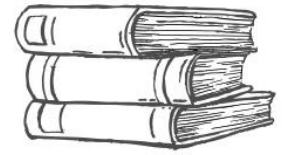


St Michael's Catholic School



Reading Newsletter

Christmas 2021

Welcome to our first ever reading newsletter!

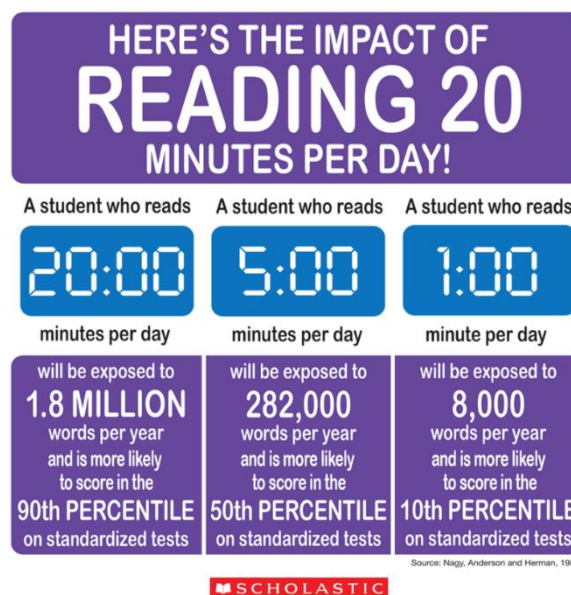
At St Michaels, we are passionate about reading and we want to share our news with you. As always, your support is hugely appreciated.

Mrs J Bruton

The Importance of Reading for Pleasure

There is overwhelming evidence that literacy has a significant relationship to people's life chances. Reading for pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school.

If your child isn't a 'book worm' yet, don't worry! There are so many wonderful and exciting authors out there, that there's a book to engage and inspire your child out there..... they just may not have discovered it yet! There are ways you can help though. Reading with your child every day (even for a few minutes) can have a huge impact of your child's progress and love of reading. Look at the table below to see the direct impact that reading regularly can have on a child's ability. It is also a good idea to read to your child as well as listening to your child read as this can help your child develop their skills of using appropriate expression through your examples. It also gives you an opportunity to enjoy reading together. World Book Day 2021 was all about the importance of sharing stories/reading. Please ensure you or your child complete their reading records daily. Your child's teacher will monitor how regularly your child reads. It is expected that your child reads at home at least 5 times a week if possible please.



Meet our reading ambassadors

Our reading ambassadors have been chosen to help increase the profile of reading at school. They will be working on tasks such as finding out what other children like to read so that we can these to our reading areas.

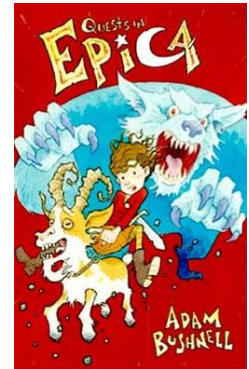
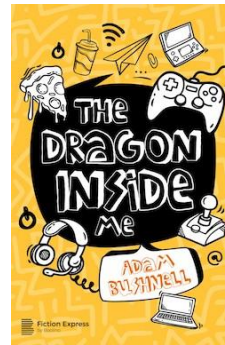
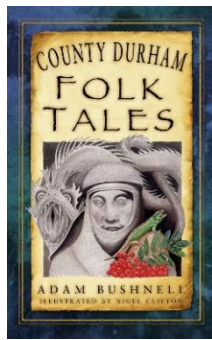


Christmas Recommendations

We have found some Christmas stories we have in school. Perhaps you might like to read them or could you suggest a different story? Speak to your class ambassador!



Author Spotlight Adam Bushnell



A special message from Adam

We were lucky enough to have a visit from this author this half term. Adam led lots of very exciting sessions for the children at St Michaels. He inspired us to write our own stories about the woodland with tales of different creatures they met along the way. Adam has written many books including Donkey's wings and Worm stings, Tyne and Wear Folk Tales, Durham Folktales and Parrots of the Carribean.

'I've now had over thirty books published, became an Amazon number one best selling author, won an award and I love my job! I've got more fiction and academia due for release soon.

I've scuba dived with green turtles in Hawaii, ridden a moped through the streets of Ho Chi Minh, delivered writing workshops in a prison in Africa.'

We really appreciate her taking time out of his busy schedule to talk to us. Who knows? Maybe Adam has inspired your child to become a writer!

Check out Adam's website www.adambushnell.co.uk/index.php

School Library



We have been lucky enough to be able to revamp our school library and all of the classes will be given the chance to visit the library each week and choose a book to bring home and read.



Ready, Steady, Read

Reader of the week

St Michaels will be choosing a pupil who has impressed us with their commitment to reading at home and in school. We will celebrate Reader of the Week every Friday.

Weekly Reading Challenge

Each week Miss Dunn pops a reading challenge on Facebook and in hall at school for the children to take part in. Please have a look and encourage your child to take part. 2 winners are chosen each Friday.

Steps To Read

In Key Stage 2 we have purchased a new whole class reading strategy – steps to read. Your children are given a chance to read every day and will be reading a wide range of different texts to develop their reading skills. The staff and children are really enjoying this and we have received some great feedback from our parents about this too.



Events

Stay and Read Sessions

We Look forward to inviting parents to our stay and read sessions when it is safe to do so. More details to follow.

Christmas Challenge

Can you complete the wordsearch?

a f q m m y r r h z t e
h r s a n t a k i n g s
c a l r d j o s e p h c
f n b y o w l e e l a e
d k e t n a z a r e t h
m i t o c h u r c h r f
a n h c h r i s t m a s
n c l r g d o n k e y g
g e e p i c r h s f s o
e n h k f i h n p r t l
r s e j t u w u c o a d
x e m n s h e p h e r d

Christmas	Bethlehem	myrrh	manger
Santa	Shepherd	gold	donkey
Mary	Kings	church	star
Joseph	frankincense	Nazareth	gifts

Look out for our next reading newsletter next term!