

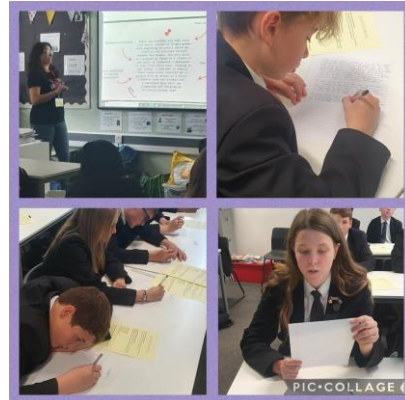
Literacy Newsletter: June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half-term of the academic year! Firstly, I would like to start by thanking you for all of your support with last half-term's literacy events and by saying that I am incredibly proud of everything we achieved last half-term.

Amongst other successes, DEAR time was excellent and the atmosphere in the classrooms was very purposeful when I walked around. In addition to this, a published author came in to speak to year 9. This was a wonderful thought-provoking presentation, which focused on resilience and perseverance to achieve our goals. The pupils were very engaged and asked some interesting questions afterwards. The author also did a workshop with a smaller group on descriptive writing skills – she was so impressed with their talent and I was so proud of them all!

I'm looking forward to seeing what this half-term brings. As always, if anybody would like to discuss anything literacy related, please email me: vha@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk and thank you again.



Upcoming Events

Drop Everything and Read

DEAR time continues for years 7 and 8 this half-term on the following dates:

Tuesday 7th June – Period 1

Tuesday 14th June – Period 3

Tuesday 21st June – Period 4

Tuesday 28th June – Period 5

Wednesday 6th July – Period 1

Please could children remember to bring their own reading book with them to enjoy. If anyone needs support with finding a book to read, please let me know.

Pop up bookshop

We are working with Bookworm's Boutique, who will be hosting a **book fair at year 10 parents' evening on 9th June and at the new intake evening on the 28th June**, where you can purchase a variety of fantastic books, relevant to the year group curriculum or to nurture a love of reading.

Sponsored Read

Our sponsored read is up and running from the 6th June to the 4th July! This will help us to enhance our current literature use across the school and your support is much appreciated. If you would like to sponsor us, please visit our Just Giving page: [Crowdfunding to buy more books for Woodlands Secondary School. on JustGiving](#) Every single pound makes a difference to our goals! **Thank you!**

Book recommendations

For **KS3**, I would like to recommend: **The Super-Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates by Jenny Pearson**. I absolutely loved this – it was a laugh out loud book, which tells the story of three boys who go on a huge adventure – perfect for an engaging read for years 7 and 8.

For **KS4**, I would like to recommend: **Fairest of All by Serena Valentino**. This is the first in a series of books by the author, all linked to different Disney films. These books tell the story from the 'villain's' perspective – this one is linked to the stepmother from Snow White and is an excellent book!

Why should we encourage our children to read?

Reading improves our intelligence! When children are young and we read to them, it improves their vocabulary. Therefore, the more our pupils read, the wider their vocabulary becomes, which in turn improves their writing and their communication skills!

