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Simply read

SLS is about helping schools to encourage children and young people of all abilities to develop a love of books and reading, which can broaden their horizons

NEW

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An extension of **Go Reading**
for KS1



Wired4Words

A selection of **recommended reads** for KS2

Hot Reads!

Kids Lit Quiz

Great Torrington School entered two teams in the regional heat of the International Children's Literature Quiz hosted by Wadebridge School.



Our library subscribes to Devon School Library Services to ensure that the latest fiction titles are always in stock. Team captain Beth Challice 7AF said, "We found the questions quite challenging, everybody worked well together to make each point count." They scored 49 points and finished 30th overall.

The guest author Chris Higgins chatted and signed copies of her books. Our other interestingly named 'Abstract' team scored 73 points and shared the **£60 second prize!** Competitors were rewarded with a book for scoring highest in each of the ten rounds and there were cash spot prizes too. Our own students Bean and Max answered tough individual questions correctly and their team also scooped up the books in the 'Brothers' category.

New friendships have been forged amongst the team members and those who helped them in their training. The answers are in the pages of the books in our library! We will be playing the Sport of Reading at Great Torrington School even more from now on, perhaps you will join us?

Happy Reading!

Ruth Ward

GO READING in Newton Ferrers Primary School

We launched the scheme in a Friday assembly when the parents were in school and put a display in the school hall. It was also advertised in the school newspaper. We have had one or two parents and members of staff involved in the Challenge and they have received their certificates and so on in the same way as the children. The encouraging aspect has been that one or two children who have said they don't like reading have completed at least one stage, and that those who are keen readers have been obliged to read new genres and been surprised that they've enjoyed them. I am conscious that we need to revive interest in the Challenge, although we have one or two stalwarts still working at it! DSLS has been really helpful in providing help and materials.

Go Reading at Newton Ferrers



What schools thought about Reading Roundabout

From St Margarets Primary, Torquay; West Charleton Primary; Christow Primary and Mortonhamstead Primary schools with thanks.

The best thing about today was...

- getting to enjoy books
- I looked at loads of books and now I know different types
- having my favourite book chosen
- having time to look more carefully at the books
- seeing what books other people like
- I found new cool books
- voting together
- reading the poetry books
- all the fantastic new books
- "Thank you for coming in the other day. The Year 3 teachers said it was really good to watch the children actually enjoy the books rather than feeling the pressure to read the words." *Quote from Mrs Hooks, Literacy Coordinator at St Margaret's Primary*



The Reading



Boys' reading group at Wilcombe Primary School

Extracts from Wired4Words reviews

"The sort of thing you read under the duvet with a torch in your mouth, at half eleven on a Sunday night, only stopping when you fall asleep from sheer tiredness. If I had to describe Lin Fox with three words I would choose brave, indecisive and loving."

"An aMAZEing story! Sometimes frightening, sometimes heart-wrenching, and sustaining tension throughout. Although some of the characters are not likeable, it's always possible to sympathise with their feelings."

"Good characters and a genius plot – delivers a clever twist, don't let anyone spoil this for you!"



Ofsted report – Removing barriers to Literacy January 2011

Resources for literacy

The primary and secondary schools visited emphasised the school library as contributing markedly to improving literacy skills. All the schools visited had well-resourced libraries, often with computerised loan systems and facilities for accessing learning resources on an intranet. Libraries in the secondary schools were often open for much longer than the school day. This enabled students to complete their homework on the school's computers before and after school. The enthusiasm and responsiveness of the librarian generally had a direct impact on the attitudes of the students towards the library and reading.



Game and Storytelling at Yeo Valley

PEOPLE NEWS

After many years located in Torquay, the School Library Centre will be relocating by the end of the summer term and amalgamating with the Exeter SLS Centre at Great Moor House.

It will be a sad day for me personally, having worked at the Centre for over 22 years, and even more so as we are saying goodbye to Maria Granata, our conscientious Centre Manager, who left in January after 30 years; Ros Berrisford (Schools Library Assistant) who retired at the end of February after 24 years faithful service; and Jo Hyde (School Library Adviser) who will be leaving at the end of March after 15 years diligent service. We shall greatly miss them.

Edwina Corderoy



Centre Manager Maria Granata at her farewell party

We are planning to have an open evening for teaching staff and school librarians

Farewell

Cheese and Wine
Wednesday 6th April
5-7pm at the
Schools Library Centre,
Torquay

An opportunity to say goodbye to Jo Hyde, Maria Granata & Ros Berrisford leaving the SLS service after many years, and to see the centre once again before our move to Exeter

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We hope that schools will continue to support us in our new venue. We look forward to continuing to provide you with a seamless service up to the move and transition, and as familiar faces as part of the new team in the Exeter Centre.

What can SLS do for you?

To find out more, contact www.devonsls.org.uk

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