

Reading



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At Alverton, we try to promote a love of reading amongst all our pupils. As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, last term we entered a competition run by the Siobhan Dowd Trust who aim to give young people the opportunity to read and enjoy literature and who donate money each month to help “bring the joy of reading and books to children and young people”. Their competition rewards schools and other organisations for their efforts to encourage enjoyment in reading.



Our entry told them all about using Harry Potter and Roald Dahl as the focus for last term’s learning, about Novel Study and our Reading Passports and about our Book Oscars event (which was particularly popular with the judges). We were delighted to have been chosen as one of the winners for the July competition – it’s great to think that our ideas are recognised as being excellent practice and innovative!

We won £350 and some Year 6s went with Mrs Petty, our librarian, and me to The Edge of the World Bookshop in Penzance last week and had a great time choosing lots of lovely new books for the library. We would like to thank Rachel and James, who own the bookshop, for their very generous discount which enabled us to buy more books than ever!

In addition to this, the Friends of Alverton School (FOAS) have agreed to donate £1000 towards buying new books for the library. This means that we can keep up with new publications and ensure that the books in the library are really appealing to the children. FOAS run a variety of fundraising events across the school year and your support of these really does make a difference to your children’s experiences in school through donations like this.



Our library is open after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4pm if you would like to pop in with your child and choose a book together or just sit and read a story. Mrs Petty will be on hand with good suggestions if needed and, if there are any particular books which your child enjoys but which we do not currently stock, she will do her best to see if we can get them.

Very grateful thanks to everyone who has helped us to buy more books for the children - it is really appreciated and makes a huge difference.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk>

Why not have a look at the BookTrust website? It is full of great articles and ideas, with a particularly useful “Families” section under the “Supporting You” heading. The “Books” heading is also definitely worth exploring!

