# Thank you for joining us The webinar will begin shortly





### Becoming a Reading School





### What is Reading Schools?

An accreditation framework to recognise and reward schools for building and sustaining a whole-school reading culture in their setting.





#### Reading Schools offers...

- An accreditation for every school
- A coherent structure for all your reading initiatives and activities
- A framework mapped to HGIOS 4 to support school improvement and HMIE inspections
- Professional development and leadership opportunities

- A way to develop learner voice, leadership and confidence
- Opportunities for collaboration within and across schools
- Pathways to engaging your families and wider community
- Scottish Book Trust training and support



#### Why it matters

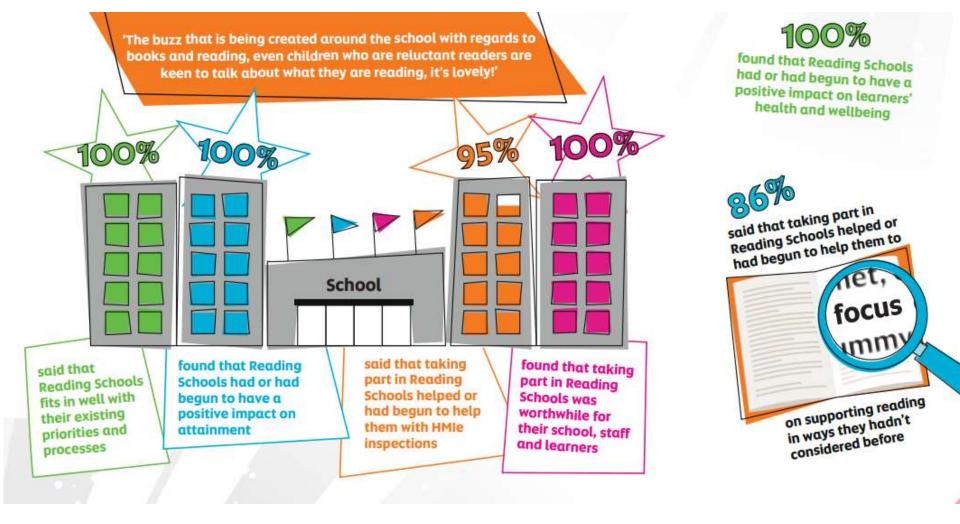
Research proves that reading for pleasure has positive impacts on learners' attainment across the curriculum, health and wellbeing, critical thinking, creativity, empathy and resilience.



Pisa surveys show that strengthening reading ability and enjoyment can 'mitigate 30% of the attainment gap'

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development found that whether or not a child enjoys reading is **more important** to their educational success than their family background





Reading Schools is a brilliant initiative that really celebrates all the good work already taking place in schools, highlights good practice, encourages collaboration and motivates practitioners and young people to widen their horizons. **Dr Janet Adam, FVWL RIC Literacy Lead** 



#### How Reading Schools works

- The Reading Schools Framework includes Key Areas crucial to building and sustaining a whole-school reading culture
- The Key Areas are mapped against HGIOS 4 and detail the core actions necessary to becoming a Reading School and advance to silver and gold level
- To be accredited, you provide evidence of how you have achieved the standard for each Key Area

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Your accreditation lasts for 3 years

## Reading School accreditation journey



Core: Foundational work focused around reading routines and the school environment



Silver: Additional opportunities broadening learners' experiences, e.g. engaging with authors, visiting libraries, and bringing in outside expertise



Gold: Sharing enthusiasm and expertise with your community through, for example, intergenerational projects or local partnerships



### How to Become a Reading School





#### How it works: Steps 1&2

Visit <a href="https://www.readingschools.scot/how-it-works">https://www.readingschools.scot/how-it-works</a>

- Step 1 Get your school ready
   Look at our framework and get your staff excited about taking part!
- Step 2 Decide which level you'd like to aim for
  Use our handy quiz to help you decide. You can then
  complete an audit of what your school has in place already
  by using one of our self-evaluation documents.



#### How it works: Steps 3&4

- Step 3 Sign up and complete your Action Plan
   Once you have created your account on this website, work with your Reading Leadership Group to put together your Action Plan from your dashboard you can use the framework, examples of practice and resources to help you. Once you have completed the Action Plan, submit it for approval.
- Step 4 Survey your learners and staff
   Ask a selection of learners and staff members to fill out our attitude surveys to find out about their reading habits and views.



#### How it works: Steps 5&6

Step 5: Put your plans into action and collect your evidence

Enjoy seeing the impact on your learners as you build on your reading culture. Collect your evidence as you go along – your Evidence Plan will be available on your dashboard. We will only ask you to comment on one action for each of the criteria.

Step 6: Submit your evidence for accreditation
 Once everything is ticked off and ready to go, you can submit your Evidence Plan for accreditation to recognise all your hard work in building a culture of reading at your school!



#### Key Resources you need

- Reading Schools framework
- Level quiz
- Reader Attitude Surveys
- Evaluation
- How it works page
- Key area resources and webinar shorts
- CLPL recordings
- Articles eg. Case studies
- Other resources Reading Schools, Scottish Book Trust Learning resources and programmes and First Minister's Reading Challenge



### Reading Schools Framework: Key areas





#### 8 Quality Indicators

- 1.2 Leadership of Learning
- 1.3 Leadership of change
- 1.5 Management of resources to promote equality
- 2.2 Curriculum
- 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment
- 2.5 Family Learning
- 2.7 Partnerships
- 3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement



#### The framework

#### Key Area 1.2.5 – Staff knowledge of contemporary children's literature

We expect Reading Schools to support staff to develop their knowledge around reading for pleasure.

Reading School: Silver Reading School Reading School: Gold Schools should make staff aware of Sustain core and silver-level activity and: Sustain core activity and: contemporary children's literature by completing the below mandatory action: Schools should ensure that staff have access to Schools should create opportunities for staff to Making staff aware of contemporary contemporary children's literature to read in one explore, share and discuss contemporary children's literature through signposting to of the below ways, or in another way that suits children's literature in one of the below ways, or in new book lists and other appropriate their setting: another way that suits their setting: resources Inviting your local librarian in to talk to staff Introducing a staff book club about new books available to them and Providing physical areas for discussion, eg. ensuring they have a library card an interactive display board in the staff Gifting a contemporary children's book to room each staff member, encouraging them to Providing online spaces for discussion Taking part in Scottish Book Trust Book share across the team Having a 'book borrow box' in the staff Discovery sessions or Children's Book Chat on Twitter room with regularly updated contemporary children's books Taking part in local authority staff book We enjoyed taking part in our first teacher book club Arranging a staff trip to a local bookshop to clubs speak to booksellers about contemporary lots of chat and recommendations of children's children's titles books we have been reading 😂 @airthprimary #ReadingSchools #scottishbooktrust

'Teacher knowledge of children's literature is the cornerstone of effective reading for pleasure practice in school'

- Professor Teresa Cremin, OU



### 1.2 Leadership of Learning

- Reading Leadership Group
  - Learner role modelling
    - Staff role modelling
      - Staff Development
- Staff Knowledge of Contemporary Children's Literature





## 1.2.1 Reading Leadership Group

- A Reading Leadership group who input into your action plan and meet regularly to discuss progress and ideas
- Your group must include learners and your school librarian, if you have one
- It can also include teachers, support staff and Senior Management Team
- Gold: invite families and members of your community to be part of your group





Our Reading Leaders reviewed our ActionPlan and set new targets for this term! Keep reading!

@FMReadChallenge #scotreadingschools









#### 1.2.4 Staff development

- Staff across the school investing in their reading for pleasure culture
- This should include:
  - A Key Contact attending a Reading Schools CLPL (online or in person)
  - Staff using SBT resources to widen knowledge around reading for pleasure
- Silver: Read more on wider pedagogy/research and involve other subject teachers and support staff
- Gold: working in partnership with other schools





Fantastic reading network meeting this afternoon with colleagues across @FVWLric! Research, discussion, books and biscuits! @DrSarahMcG @Helen\_Fairlie @JenHarwoodSBT @fvwlriclit #ScotReadingSchools





















### 1.3 Leadership of Change

- Whole Action Plan
- School environment
- National Events and Celebrations





### 1.3.3 National events and celebrations

- Schools creating a buzz around reading through national reading celebrations and prizes
- This could include taking part in:
  - Book Week Scotland
  - World Book Day / Night
  - First Ministers Reading Challenge
  - Bookbug Picture Book Prize
  - Scottish Teenage Book Prize



A day of #WorldBookDay activities for P7c: escape room challenge, library scavenger hunt, #HungerGames p.e. and reaping ceremony. #ScotReadingSchools



More secret books were found at lunchtime today...have you found one yet? There is still time! @fidunbar @redbreastedbird #AlloaSecretBookDrop @AlloaAcademy @WorldBookDayUK #ShareAStory #ScotReadingSchools

#### Cowie Primary School @cowieps - 21 Nov 2019

L•• K at the joy reading brings to our Primary 1s! We love Banana by @ed\_vere it's one of our favourites! @BookWeekScot #ScotReadingschools @FMReadChallenge

#lifeisbetterwhenyoulaugh





Our amazing Reader Leaders led the whole assembly everyone!

#WorldBookDay2020 #CPSRead



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## 1.5 Management of resources to promote equity

- Access to high quality books





### 1.5.1 Access to high-quality books

- Schools providing up-to-date reading materials relevant to the needs, interests and experiences of all learners
- Learners having access to a school or public library – this could take the form of class / group book boxes or a 'personal shopping experience' using library catalogues
- Involving learners in the selection of books / other reading materials, encouraging them to try a variety of genres





We love our new classroom library! We designed and budgeted the ideas ourselves! #scotreadingschools @airthprimary 🗢 📖







#### BORROWBOX IS ALWAYS OPEN

























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#### 2.2 Curriculum

- Regular opportunities to read for pleasure
  - Interdisciplinary book projects





## 2.2.2 Interdisciplinary book projects

- Schools to offer exciting and engaging projects based around books that will inspire learners to read
- Schools should detail how they are:
  - Primary ensuring every learner does one interdisciplinary project per year
  - Secondary ensuring every learner in S1-S3 does one project per year (this can be in English lessons)
- Silver: sharing projects with other learners







P6/7 pupils are learning the class novel "The Book of Hopes" this term. They have started their own "Book of hopes" in online journal format by using the Book Creator app.





Winchburgh PS @WinchburghPS - 18 Aug 2020
Having lots of fun building a brick house and retellin
"Three Little Pigs", @WinchburghN #outdoorleamies.





### 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment

- Modelling reading behaviours
- Staff meaningful conversations around books
  - Creating learner social networks
- Opportunities for learners to respond to what they're reading
  - Access to authors

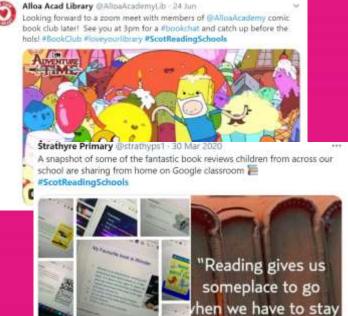
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### 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment

- 2.3.2 Staff meaningful conversations around books
  - Staff know about learners' interests and have regular conversations with them about their personal reading
- 2.3.3 Creating learner social networks
  - Schools allocate time for all learners to chat about books with each other, to help them to discover their own reading identities.
- 2.3.4 Opportunities for learners to respond to what they're reading
  - Schools allow all learners to respond to what they're reading in a variety of engaging ways that best suit their needs.







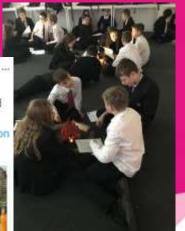
#### Winchburgh PS @WinchburghPS - 23 Apr

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where we are."









#### 2.3.5 Access to Authors

- Learners to have the opportunity to engage with authors (writers, illustrators or storytellers).
- This could include:
  - Watching Authors Live/Authors Live on demand
  - Arranging an author visit or residency Live
     Literature/Arts Alive funding opportunities
  - Attending / taking part in an online book festival or other book-related event eg. StoryCon
  - Hosting / watching online Scottish Children's Friendly Book Tour events
  - Taking part in an online book chat with an author illustrator or storyteller









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#### 2.5 Family Learning

- Raising the profile of reading with families





# 2.5.1 Raising the profile of reading with families

- Reading Schools involving learners' families in building their reading culture
- This could include:
  - Providing access to books to take home / encouraging families to join their local library for access to books, ebooks and audiobooks
  - Communicating with families about the school's reading projects and signposting to appropriate resources / setting fun reading challenges
  - Primary Bookbug and RWC resources, bags and gifting events

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## 2.7 Partnerships

- Partnerships with local community



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# 2.7.1 Partnerships with local community

- Gold: Reading Schools to build sustainable partnerships in the local community. This could include:
  - Local public library on a joint project, eg. a community reading club
  - Local bookshop
  - Local business to encourage customers to read, eg. a 'read while you wait' initiative at the hairdressers
  - College / university on a joint project, eg. a reading outdoors campaign
  - Third sector organisation on a joint project, eg. a reading pen-pal initiative with a local care home





Emma Barrons @BPSMis... · 21/11/2019 ···· Another fantastic session of 'Once upon a Storytime'! Today we read We're going on a Bear Hunt and enjoyed some action songs with our musical instruments 
#BPSstorytime @BPSReadingRocks @misswrightEY







Callander Primary
@CallanderP

Thank you Ashwood residents for snaring our reading for pleasure with you today. We loved it. #readingschools@scottishbooktrust





## 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement

- Rewarding progress and recognising personal achievements
  - Monitoring progress



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## 3.2.1 Rewarding progress and recognising personal achievements

- Reading Schools to recognise and celebrate the reading achievements of all learners.
- This could include:
  - Presenting certificates
  - Awarding small prizes such as bookmarks, stickers etc.
  - Awarding points through the school's individual rewards system
  - Having class / school awards to recognise effort, eg.
     'reader of the week' or 'reader who has made the most recommendations' etc.



### FossowayPrimary @Fossoway\_ps-1 Feb

Launching our special Fossoway Reading Awards across the school today.

Thank you Reading Ambassadors for the idea, Here's a 'promotional film' for the P4-7 awards made just before lockdown! @scottishbktrust #readingschools #readingforpleasure #pkcremotelearning





The scene is set for our Golden Day celebration
@wl\_literacy We are thrilled to be a Gold Reading
school @scottishbktrust #KPSGoldenReaders
#WorldBookDay #ScotsReadingSchool #SBT



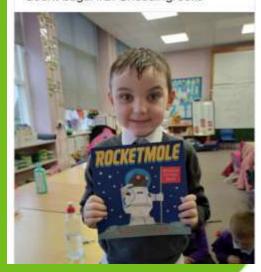


Reading challenge team have reached Kathmandu and have decided that they do want to climb Everest. With 65000 pages read so far I don't think this will be a problem #read #readingforpleasure



### Dr Parnell and P2P - 17/11/2020

This star worked very hard on his handwriting this morning. He listened and took on board advice and wrote beautifully! He chose this great book, which is one from the Read, Write, Count bags. #BPSReadingrocks





### 3.2.2 Monitoring progress

- Reading Schools to use meaningful data to guide them and track progress
- Schools should detail how they are:
  - Using the attitude surveys to assess and monitor learners' interests, engagement and confidence
  - Monitoring the impact in ways most suited to your setting and activities
  - Taking part in Scottish Book Trust evaluation



## Submitting your evidence



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## Collecting your evidence

- Evidence is submitted through the website
- For each key area we ask for evidence in a variety of forms including comments, photos, and quotes (videos and docs can also be submitted)
- Collect evidence as you go
  - Evidence plan is generated on approval of action plan – automatically saves
  - Why not start a twitter hashtag for your school or use #ScotReadingSchools
- Evidence CLPL in Feb/Mar
- There's no deadline but we expect to review evidence plans between March-Sept
- Trophy, vinyl sticker, certificate



## Any questions?

## Thank you

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