



Welcome to the third edition of the NSB Trust reading newsletter. This term we have been entertained by an author visit, which inspired many budding writers at NSB! We would welcome any feedback on the newsletter and future items that you'd like to be included; please email Mrs Barlow at [jbarlow@nsbtrust.school](mailto:jbarlow@nsbtrust.school)

# 1 TOP TIPS FOR READING AT HOME

A recent survey by publisher HarperCollins found a decline in many aspects of reading for pleasure amongst children aged 0-13. We hope to outline some strategies that can make this process enjoyable for all.

The research found that less than half of parents found it fun to read aloud to their children, with many seeing reading as a skill to learn rather than an activity to enjoy. However, the publisher also notes that, importantly, "it's never too late to start, or resume, reading with children."

As a Trust, we recognise and celebrate the willingness of our families to support students' literacy; the strategies below are designed to support getting students back into reading regularly - and reassure parents and carers that you are doing all the right things!

1. Reading **little and often** is incredibly helpful - just a few pages or a short article with some talk and discussion will enrich a child's vocabulary and sense of wellbeing.
2. Encourage children to **read what interests them** at first- sports articles, non-fiction books that relate to a hobby, graphic novels and texts related to school subjects they enjoy.
3. **Model being a reader** - share aloud sections of a text that you have enjoyed/think are worth discussing and encourage your child to discuss these with you.

# 2 READING IN THE NEWS

Sadly, recent reports about reading have been focused on the decline in reading for pleasure. As a Trust, we are proud to celebrate reading and students' progress and use strategies, such as this newsletter and our termly "**Beyond the Curriculum**" reading lists to support families in sharing a love of reading. The [newspaper report here](#) shares some of the statistics.

# 3 READING AT THE NSB TRUST

We are excited to share some of the favourite reads of NS staff:  
Mrs Wilkins remembers the excitement of reading "The Great Gatsby" for A-level English Literature and the glamour it depicted of a world that seemed so far away.  
Mr Charidine's favourite reads were non-fiction based, particularly Match magazines and Tottenham programmes!  
Dr Ellis's favourite childhood book was "War Horse", which she now loves seeing at the theatre- particularly the beautiful puppetry and folk music.