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# English Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second edition of our English newsletter.

### Oracy

Thank you to the many families who have been joining in with our Talking Point Homework. It has been lovely to hear the ideas that the children have discussed at home.

Oracy is one of the most important skills that help our children in their learning. The ability to communicate and articulate our thoughts is so very important. Through the Talking Point Homework, not only are we encouraging the children to share their thoughts and articulate them, but also the important skills of listening to others and challenging other people's ideas in a polite and appropriate manner.

We are also pleased to share that we were visited by our Oracy Consultant in September. The feedback from the day was very positive and in fact, we were asked to share some of our Oracy work that the children have been participating in with another Wirral school - a huge well done to both pupils and staff for this.

"It was lovely to hear students across Years 2 – 6 articulate oracy with such an emphasis on showing respect and listening 'oracy is being respectful and listening to people; don't speak over people; look at the person you are speaking to; we know what to do from the oracy charter; one voice at a time; respect other people's decisions and ideas and don't laugh at people'."

- Hannah Greason, Oracy Consultant, September 2022

### Reading

The One Education Reading Award



We are extremely proud to have been awarded the One Education Bronze Reading Award. This award acknowledges the school's Reading Curriculum as well as our commitment to reading for pleasure. We are

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currently the only school on Wirral to have been awarded this as it is a great achievement. Thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff for their hard work and dedication to making our children readers – we still have work to do and this will help us on the journey to achieving the Silver award.

### **Britannica Magazine**

This year we have signed up to Britannica Magazine. As part of our subscription, they provide an offer for any parents who may wish to subscribe to the magazine. Further details are at the end of this letter. Should you choose to subscribe, please select our school in the drop-down menu. School receives a book voucher for every subscription to support the purchasing of books within school.

## **KS2 Author Visit**

We have arranged for popular children's author Jen Carney to visit KS2 at the end of the month. Jen has written a popular series of books, The Accidental Diary of BUG. Further details are to follow and there will be the opportunity to buy copies of Jen's books, which she will sign on the day.

### **Parent Volunteers**

We are always happy to welcome parents into school to support with reading. If you would be interested in coming in to hear readers or to get involved with the library, or would even like to come in and read to the children, please do get in touch.

Additionally, if you have any ideas on how we can further develop reading links with parents and the wider community, or if you can help us with the development of a reading shed for the children, again please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support - please keep an eye out on our communication and social media channels for further information surrounding the English work that the children are participating in.

Kind regards,

J C Davies
Deputy Head Teacher/ English Lead

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