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**Year 6 Summer Reading Challenge**

**2019**

A guide for parents & students

**The Value of Reading**

At Porthcawl Comprehensive School, we want to encourage students to read as often and as widely as possible. Research tells us that children who are very good and confident readers by the age of 15 are most likely to go on to achieve well at school, college and university and throughout their careers and lives. We also know that students who read for just half an hour a day can be up to a year ahead of those who don’t by the time they turn 15. Reading is a vital skill!

To encourage students to read more often, we are launching our Summer Reading Challenge. We want to encourage every student to read more often, to read more widely, and to find something they love reading. We also want to encourage parents to engage with the Challenge, both by helping their child to find and read good books, and by reading themselves.

So take up the challenge – and become a reader!

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English Department

**The Reading Challenge**

To encourage frequent reading, we are setting some challenges to Year 6 into 7 students, with Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards for those who do well. The challenges are set out here, and also in the Reading Challenge card that all students have been given:

**2 Point Challenges**

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* Read a book someone else has recommended
* Recommend a book that someone else then reads
* Discuss a book with someone else who has read it
* Read a book to someone else (e.g. brother or sister)
* Write a book review for display

**3 Point Challenges**

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* Learn a favourite poem by heart
* Read a sequel to a book you’ve already read
* Read a book from the Key Authors list on page 6
* Read a book and watch the film that goes with it

**5 Point Challenges**

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* Read a book from the Top 20 booklist on pages

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* Read your parent’s favourite childhood book

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**10 Point Challenge**

* Read a book from the Classics list on page 6
* Write a 150 word book review
* Create a Body Biography for the main character
* Write a summary of your book

**Top 20 Reads**

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| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\series.jpg** | **A Series of Unfortunate Events**  *By Lemony Snicket*  **Artemis Fowl**  *By Eoin Colfer* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\Artemis.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\borrowers.jpg** | **The Borrowers**  *By Mary Norton*  **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**  *By John Boyne* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\boy.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\carrie.jpg** | **Carrie’s War**  *By Nina Bawden*  **Charlotte’s Web**  *By E. B. White* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\charlotte.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\clockwork.jpg** | **Clockwork**  *By Philip Pullman*  **Cosmic**  *By Frank Cottrell Boyce* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\cosmic.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\daydreamer.jpg** | **The Daydreamer**  *By Ian McEwan*  **Diary of a Wimpy Kidd**  *By Jeff Kinnell* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\diary.jpg** |

**Recommendations**

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| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\goodnight.jpg** | **Goodnight Mister Tom**  *By Michelle Magorian*  **My Swordhand is Singing**  *Marcus Sedgewick* |  |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\hunger.jpg** | **The Hunger Games**  *By Suzanne Collins*  **The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe**  *By C. S. Lewis* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\lww.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\matilda.jpg** | **Matilda**  *By Roald Dahl*  **Private Peaceful**  *By Michael Morpurgo* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\private.jpg** |
|  | **A Monster Calls**  *By Patrick Ness*  **Holes**  *By Louis Sachar* |  |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\stormbreaker.jpg** | **Stormbreaker**  *By Anthony Horowitz*  **There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom**  *By Louis Sachar* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\theresa.jpg** |

**Classics**

Why not try something different and go for one of these older ‘classic’ texts? Or one of the recommended authors below?

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| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\hobbit.jpg** | **The Hobbit**  *By J. R. R. Tokien*  **I Capture the Castle**  *By Dodie Smith* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\icapture.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\leigh.kembery\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\4A80288D.tmp** | **Little Women**  *By Louisa May Alcott*  **The Lion,**  **the Witch and**  **The Wardobe**  *By C.S. Lewis* | **C:\Users\leigh.kembery\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\1703206B.tmp** |
|  | **The Wolves of**  **Willoughby Chase**  *By Joan Aiken*  **Treasure Island**  *By Robert Louis Stevenson* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\treasureisland.jpg** |

**Authors**

Malorie Blackman

Judy Blume

Roald Dahl

Anne Fine

Nigel Hinton

Anthony Horowitz

Michael Morpurgo

Robert Swindells

Robert Westall

Jacqueline Wilson

Charlie Higson

JK Rowling

**What else can we do?**

There are lots of things that families can do together to support the improvement of reading ability and enjoyment.

Talk as a family about reading

By Year 7 most students are competent readers and are less likely to read aloud to an adult. That’s a natural progression, but it doesn’t mean that parents don’t have a part to play. The higher level skills of inference and understanding the craft of an author can be supported by talking about what has been read.

Share a book

Just because you don’t necessarily read together doesn’t mean that parents and children can’t share a book. Young Adult fiction is excellent and well worth a read as a parent. Why not both read the same book?

Model what it is to be a reader

Many parents will read, whether it be fiction, newspapers, online or in any other context. Get in the habit of being seen to read, and valuing reading.

Join the library – and visit!

Library membership is free, and the library is just a short walk from school.

Download books on an iPad, Kindle or phone

It doesn’t have to be paper – download your book so you have it to hand to read whenever you have a few spare minutes! You can change the font size, look up tricky words and know how many minutes it will take you to finish a chapter! Perfect for reading on the go!

**Good Reading**

Fiction books aren’t the only sort of reading material that will help you improve your reading ability.

Reading these will help:

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We hope this guide has inspired you and your family to take up the reading challenge !

*‘If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book*’

JK Rowling