

# THE KASSIA ACADEMY



## READING

## NEWSLETTER

*Spring Term*

*March 2024*

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to Kassia Academy's first newsletter dedicated to all things reading! As a school, we are passionate about reading and want our learners to enjoy and love books as much as we do.

Our school aim to create a whole school culture of a love for reading and to develop independent readers who have a good understanding of texts - both fiction and non-fiction!

### **Reading with Henry**

Our loveable therapy dog is enjoying yet another year of listening to our learners read their books aloud (he is particularly a fan of Kick by Mitch Johnson!)

### **Overview**

What an exciting year it has been for reading! Firstly, we are enjoying our cosy, new reading areas in all our units. Safe to say students, staff and Henry have been making use of the comfy sofas and reading the wide range of books provided.



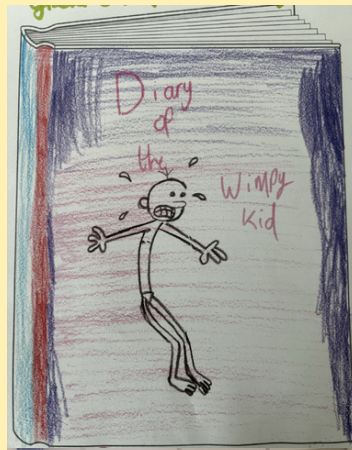
### **The Woodlands Centre**

We are very happy to announce the opening of our brand new, state of the art library located on the Longbarn site. All learners have access to the building and scheduled library lessons are part of the curriculum every week. Learners are encouraged to utilise the library to loan books, updating them regularly.

# World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day 2024... and what a day it was! Staff attended school in fancy dress of their favourite book characters.

A buzz of excitement engulfed school with learners celebrating by designing book covers.



## Staff Spotlight

Our Redwood Maths and Science teacher, Lyndsey Cannell, is currently reading **Sycamore Gap** by the author LJ Ross. This book is the second novel in the DCI Ryan series. This book is about solving the murder of a ten-year-old body found buried under Hadrians Wall at a very famous spot called Sycamore Gap.

I love reading novels about solving crimes from the past and present.

My favourite author is Jeffrey Archer and my favourite collection of books are the Clifton Chronicles.

## Celebrating Poetry

*"The Rose That Grew from Concrete"* is a poem written by American rapper, poet, actor, and activist Tupac Shakur. The poem ultimately celebrates the power of dreams and determination to rise above struggle and neglect.

Did you hear about the rose that grew  
from a crack in the concrete?  
Proving nature's law is wrong it  
learned to walk with out having feet.  
Funny it seems, but by keeping its dreams,  
it learned to breathe fresh air.  
Long live the rose that grew from concrete  
when no one else ever cared.



**Fancy writing your own poem? Hand it in to Jess and don't forget to add your name and year group. Who knows your poem might feature in the Summer Newsletter!**