

Conference 2024

Get Hounslow Reading – It's over to you!

Full report





Delegates described their day ...







A long-term primary project developed to meet the reading needs of schools across the borough

Identified through Peer Challenge.

Launched in June 2021.

Steeped in Open University RfP research pedagogies.

"It was lovely to see the variety of techniques, clubs, initiatives and just brilliance from lots of different schools and teachers to encourage Reading for Pleasure."







Our ambition for Year 3

We wanted to offer teachers a long-term programme over three years, delivering six workshops for each phase across the year.

Alongside Reading for Pleasure, we wanted to include a Contingent Talk programme to encourage language development in the Early Years.

We needed an expert facilitator – Charlotte Raby – to deliver the programme.

Build a team of ambassadors to continue to develop and embed RfP pedagogy with colleagues across Hounslow.







Collaborations



This year we worked closely with the English team at St. Mary's University, Twickenham to deliver a full-day conference in their School of Education. They ran a workshop and invited some of their student teachers to the event.







In three years ...

500 teachers and practitioners

44 primary schools

Over 13,000 pupils

50 case studies

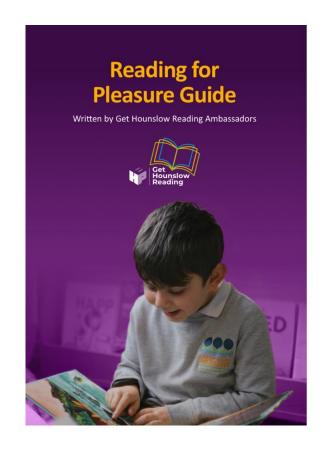
28 Padlets







In three years we ...



delivered 77 hours of training

welcomed 75 Ambassadors

wrote and published an RfP guide

delivered over 3000 free books to schools

inspired over 100 delegates at one of our two conferences events







Ambitions following last year's event:

- Full-day conference
- Ambassadors run workshops & share their practice
- Delegates attend multiple workshops
- RfP Awards to recognise expertise across Hounslow's primary schools







Artist and poet Sophie Herxheimer, opened the conference with an inspirational talk:

Listening with imagination: Everyone's a story collector!

"Sophie Hexheimer was truly amazing; I am going to steal so many of her ideas."

"I loved the story collecting talk from Sophie - she was amazing and a wonderful way to start the conference."

"Sophie Herxheimer was an inspirational speaker and her 'collecting stories' artwork is something that excited me. I felt able to adapt this for the classroom."

"The speakers were so inspirational! Their energy was contagious and even left me emotional! All the ideas were backed by research and science and the proof is in the pudding - we are all familiar with the magic that is created when we share a book with a child!"





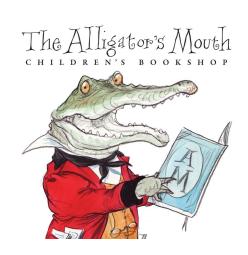




"What a wonderful day we had on Wednesday.
Thank you so much for inviting us and for all the amazing hard work. We really loved it.
Please let us know if there's anything we can do in the future to support this fantastic project."

Margaret & Tony, The Alligator's Mouth









"Author visits - using these to inspire children to read for pleasure and to create a buzz in our school, not just for World Book Day."



"Good range of authors to talk to and connect with, good ideas for inviting authors, poets into school."



"I have already contacted two authors after Westbrook Primary School spoke so passionately about their experiences and the children's love of author visits."



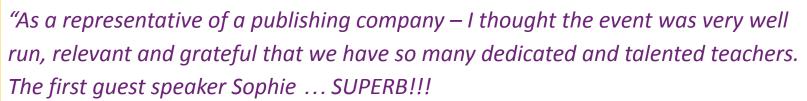






"I discovered a range of creative ways to engage children in books, the knowledge of the availability of neurodiverse books and a deeper understanding of how books can impact children."

"I will look into Big Cat book band books for KS2 and to support fluency."



Thank you for inviting us and happy to work together on any future projects you think are relevant."

Mary Curran, Collins Big Cat









Blind-date-with-a-book swap



"I loved the Blind Date with a Book idea and may well use that for a book gossip session next half term."





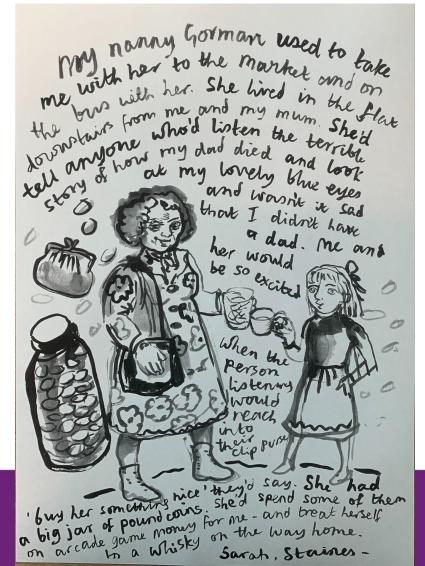
Story Collecting

Sophie set up a story-collecting table for the day. She listened, chatted, drew and wrote.











"I had a great and very memorable day. Spending time with lots of people who mainly care about children, books, reading and education is restorative and uplifting, and I loved the open-hearted conversations that unfurled at my table. Sam was the best helper too. What a star. Congratulations on a truly inspiring and successful conference day.

And the stories! Something about a group full of readers and teachers – yielded a marvellous set of new tales. Moving, funny, embarrassing, intimate, surprising ... I heard and drew the lot, and each one was so unique and special. It's sad that I can't do more in a day, as there were at least a hundred more I'd have liked to hear, and then the clock struck 3!"

Sophie Herxheimer





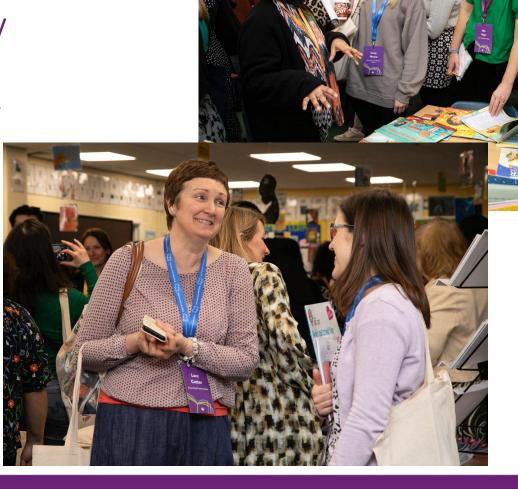


The conference brought together 115 people:

 90 teachers from primary, secondary and special schools

5 university lecturers and 10 of their students

- School Library Service
- Local authors
- A book shop
- A publisher
- Keynote speakers







Networking

- Local authors
- Hounslow School Library Service
- Collins Big Cat
- Sophie Herxheimer, story collecting
- Storytime sessions, Marjory Kinnon
- Signing, inclusion and RfP, Norwood Green I&N
- Visual impairment and story bags, Westbrook
- Dragon Club, Beavers
- Book gossip and international reading day,
 Hounslow Town
- Funding, St Richard's, Belmont & English Hub
- Jamboards vs book reviews, Worple & Alexandra

"I loved that the whole conference was largely led by other delegates. It is obvious that everyone has benefited from their time as part of Great Hounslow Reading and are passionate about sharing their successes and helping others to achieve that same success. It was such a pleasure to attend!"













"We will be looking into ... making connections with Hounslow Library services."





Workshops

Miniature book-making

Creation Station

Diversity and inclusion using engaging texts

How to have a successful author visit

Book talk in early years

Library spaces and SEND

It's a good day to read a book!

Involving parents

Reading journals and sensory stories

Using symbols for RfP & creating sensory stories

























"It was amazing to have the time and space to think! Meeting lots of like-minded people who are equally excited and passionate about Reading for Pleasure was very contagious. It was an amazing buzz!! Loved it."











100%

said the opportunity to chat and network with colleagues from other schools and in-person was very valuable

"Thank you for the opportunity in allowing me to get involved in this important project.

It was great to be able to pass on my knowledge of how deaf children learn to read and to give others ideas of how their SEN children can access reading. It was great to meet the English lead at Marjory Kinnon and share practice."





"Such a brilliant day! Very well organised - from the moment you walked into St Mary's you knew exactly where you needed to go. The keynote speakers were inspiring and engaging. It was great to have the time to chat with other colleagues and collaborate and share our ideas.

There was such enthusiasm from the very start and continued throughout the day. Well done for organising such an informative, varied, engaging conference."

100%
said the speakers
were engaging and
inspirational





"As always, the Get Hounslow Reading events never fail to deliver and each and every workshop, talk that I attended included something I'll take away."

100% said the workshops gave them ideas to take back to school

"I think that we should have this as an annual event. Could we make arrangements to visit GHR schools and share our practice with others that way too? I am so glad that it was a full day - it went so quickly. You could feel a real 'buzz' and it was amazing to be with so many other professionals with the same passion. Thank you."





"A fabulous day spent doing what I love most ... sharing and talking about reading and books!
Thank you for organising.
I would love to get involved in keeping the project running going forward."







Miniature book-making workshop







"I will be using the skills I learnt in the workshop to create miniature books in my lesson. I will also take inspiration from the other workshops to improve rfp in my own classroom."



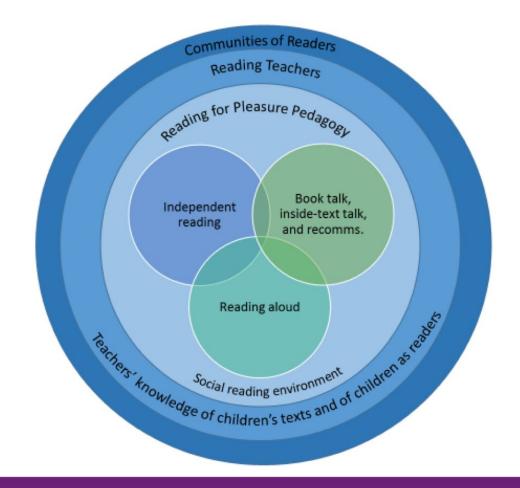


UKLA RfP Quality Mark by Alexandra Primary School





Quality Mark is based on Pedagogy







UKLA RfP Quality Mark by Alexandra Primary School – Building a reading community

Phonics
Vocabulary
Reading for meaning
Fluency / Stamina
Skimming and scanning
Comprehension and decoding
Using background knowledge
Asking questions
Predicting
Inferring
Evaluating

Skills vs Will

Choosing to read
Engagement
Child directed
Child ownership
The reader's own agenda
Asking questions
Finding time
Finding the right books
Persistence and resilience
Adult engagement
LIST* Approach

Reading

*LIST Approach:

- Learner-led
- Informal
- Social, and supported by
- Texts that tempt





CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners! RfP Schools of the Year were presented with a trophy, certificate and a £50 voucher to spend at The Alligator's Mouth book shop.







St Richard's CE Primary School

Westbrook Primary School

Alexandra Primary School





RfP Teacher Award

Contingent Talk Award

Ambassador Award



Sarah Fellows & Jake Gowers, Marjory Kinnon School



Lise Bentley Beavers
Community Primary
School



Christine Lovett& Kathryn Sikora,AlexandraPrimary School



Tracy Riddell, Norwood Green I&N School





Get Hounslow Reading – What's next?

Work with Ambassadors to develop a school-to-school programme to support Reading for Pleasure

Support schools to visit each other and share practice

Alexandra Primary School will take over Contingent Talk with Schools from May 2024

Online termly RfP session for Ambassadors to network and plan with colleagues

Continue our partnership with St Mary's University to plan and deliver another conference next academic year





More takeaways from the day ...

"We are planning on opening a library soon, so I am definitely going to take on board all of the great tips from Marjory Kinnon's School."

"I attended the SEN/Library session mainly for some SEN inspiration but came away with definite plans to rearrange my book corner."

"Looking at how we are able to engage more students into the library and to make it a fun place where children want to come."

"I liked the ideas shared by Majory Kinnon re. story resources and how to adapt books for children with SEN needs."

"Apply for the RfP Quality Mark for our school."

"To keep in touch with colleagues."

"I have a few contacts of schools I would like to visit."

"We will work on getting funding for our school library and asking for an Inset slot to discuss and order more diverse books."

"Ensure that the books that are part of our English curriculum are more diverse to reflect the children in our school."





More takeaways from the day ...

"We have really been thinking as a whole school about how to better foster relationships between home and school, particularly in relation to reading. The workshop on engaging parents was an excellent insight into something that requires little in terms of resourcing and planning but can have a big impact."

"This was my first experience of the RfP conference as a new member of the course this year. I was really inspired by hearing from other schools what has been achieved ... I am really keen to share ideas now with SLT and staff, and to hopefully build on the connections made with others on the day to take advantage of this network of local support." "Sharing contingent talk opportunities with EYFS colleagues."

"Ideas for our book club sessions and an opportunity to go and see colleagues in another school with regards to this."

"I loved the reading journals - I will consider how I could implement."

"Reading cafe as a way to engage parents with reading with their children."





Messages to our GHR family ...

"Well done for your fabulous achievement yesterday. You should feel very proud. It was certainly a great occasion – everyone loved it!"

Headteacher

"The conference was brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed all of it, so thank you for allowing us to be part of that."

Teacher

"I did want to say thank you for a wonderful conference. It was really amazing and inspiring. Thank you for organising."

Teacher

"I just wanted to say thank you for another great GHR conference yesterday. I thoroughly enjoyed all elements and particularly Sophie's presentation. I know the ambassadors all had a hand in what went on but like I said yesterday – you really are the glue that pulls it all together. The hours you must have spent organising, chasing and emailing – I'm sure everyone agrees so well done you."

Assistant Headteacher

"What you put together today was such a wonderful celebration of what teachers are doing in school to celebrate RfP. We were so happy to host it for you. We were all so inspired by the work everyone is doing. Thank you for all your incredible work and for reaching out to us.

Our students loved yesterday, and it was so good for them to see what we've been teaching them is possible and schools do succeed when they follow a RfP approach! They see many schools that are still on the journey to valuing the approach."

Kerry Assemakis – St Mary's University

"It is hard to overstate the power of being in a space together. Our teacher-led conference was like none other I have ever seen. I am immensely proud of this whole project and of every teacher who has taken the leap to engage in Get Hounslow Reading. Every teacher involved has made a difference and together we have made a significant change within Hounslow."

Charlotte Raby, Project Facilitator







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Thank you to all our schools for supporting this amazing project to Get Hounslow Reading.



