



# Luddendenfoot Academy

## Newsletter

“Be all you can be”

### NEWSLETTER – w/c 18.0121

In supporting children to become active citizens the development of their character is key. As a school community we have identified six character traits that are important to us and that we want to develop in our children in order to prepare them for adult life and support them in becoming active citizens.

Which are: Motivation; Integrity; Respect; Reflective; Open Mindedness; Resilience, that we believe will enable pupils to become active citizens.

#### Motivation

##### *Why is motivation important to us?*

Motivation is an important life skill. The reason it's important is because every person on this earth is unique and has a purpose. To steward your purpose well, you have to be motivated to work towards your goals which helps your dreams become a reality.

##### **How can you show motivation at home?**

- “ Ask to read your reading book without being asked (10 times)
- “ Get your own things ready for school, book bag, PE kit, water bottle
- “ Be ready to leave the house (you could even watch the time yourself)

**E-safety tip: How much time is your child spending on gaming consoles?** With remote learning the most common form of learning throughout the school day, then it is important that your child has a reduced ‘screen time’ on an evening. Set clear time frames for your child to be on their console. My top tip is turn off the Wifi or remove the cable at the time you asked them to stop. Take control!

#### Wellbeing Tip: Routine matters

A productive school day is centred on clear and consistent routine. This starts with a good get up time, substantial and appropriate breakfast, arriving on time, taking part in lessons at particular times, having clear break times, brain breaks and finishing times, and very importantly a good bedtime.

**The same applies when learning from home.**

### MIRROR Honour Awards 22.01.21.

	<i>Pupil</i>	<i>For Characteristic trait</i>
Rec	Sophie R	Resilience
Y1	Aizah M	Motivation
Y2	Oliver S	Integrity
Y3	Monty V Laila V	Motivation & Resilience
Y4	Rose H	All aspects of MIRROR
Y5	Annabelle A	Motivation
Y6	Freddie K	All aspects of MIRROR

#### Adverse Weather – school closure

In the event of adverse weather parents of those children currently attending school will be notified of closure by text message as early as possible. School closure is always a last resort, when it is not safe for pupils and staff to get here. It will also be published on the Calderdale Council website.

#### Primary School Application 2021

Online applications should have been submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at

[www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions)

All applications received after this date will be treated as late and will be considered after all applications received before the closing date.

#### National Offer Day – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021





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## 11 Free Reading Websites for Kids

1. [Storyline Online](#) Developed by The Screen Actors Foundation. Storyline online features accomplished actors and actresses reading some of their favourite children’s book. Each story come with a free activity guide and can be viewed on You Tube or SchoolTube.
2. [Free Children’s Stories](#) – freechildrenstories.com operates a simple principle that children’s development is paramount. Their mission is to offer meaningful storytelling to every child, parent, or teacher with access to the internet, for free.
3. [Starfall](#) – While some areas of Starfall are part of their premium service, they have many early reader stories available for free. Students can follow along as the story is read to them. Favourite of young readers.
4. [Online Storytime by Barnes and Noble](#) from *The Kissing Hand* read by author Audrey Wood. Barnes and Nobles’ Online storytime has popular children’s book read out loud. There are no supplements to accompany the stories, this free site id perfect for ‘Listen to Reading stations.
5. [TumbleBooks](#) is a pay-for-use site that traditionally sells licenses to libraries and schools. Many public libraries, such as the Tell City, IN Public Library, offer free access to their TumbleBooks account. Students can follow along as the text is read them to help improve comprehension and fluency. Choose from picture books to chapter books. [Portland Public Library](#) also has free access to TumbleBookCloud which gives access to Middle and High School level books. If your school decides to purchase a school license, there is also access to the Common Core Portal that includes lessons and quizzes to accompany the books.
6. [International Children’s Digital Library](#) discover books from around the world at the International Children’s Digital Library. Free site does not read the books aloud. Great site for extension activities when learning about different regions of the world.
7. [ABCya!](#) – Children can listen to short stories read aloud to them as they follow along with highlighted text and has a variety of educational games in addition to the featured stories.
8. [Storynory](#) –features a collection of original, fairy tale, and classic children’s stories. Students follow along with the story as it read to them, as the text is also included on the site. All great features available that give you the option of downloading the audio to your computer.
9. [National Geographic Young Explorers](#) – is a magazine designed specifically for Reception/KS1 students. Children can listen to the magazine being read to them as they follow along with highlighted text. Great way to bring in non-fiction stories into reading time.
10. [Oxford Owl](#) After registering for a free account, you have access to over 250 children’s audio books that can be used in the classroom. The book text is not part of the presentation students will not be able to follow along as it is read to them.
11. [Read to Me](#) Similar to Storytime Online. Read to Me features popular children’s books being read by famous performers. There are activity guides with hands-on ideas, discussion questions. Entirely free, the site is colorful and engaging.