

PAIRED READING SCHEME

On Thursday 1st May Mr Masterson DHT was invited to present certificates, prizes and gift to the pupils involved in the paired reading scheme.

The scheme, which is now in its second year, is run by Mrs Susan Shields (Support for learning teacher) and is supported by: Mr Ian McCracken (Manager of the Learning Resource Centre); Mr Derek Montgomery (Transition worker); Mr Steven McLaughlin (Support for learning teacher) and Jackie Fitzpatrick (Transition worker). Mr Masterson thanked the staff for their efforts and work with the school's young people.



The paired reading scheme involves senior pupils working with younger pupils. The group meets weekly in the Learning Resource Centre where there is plenty of room to find a quiet corner to read. There are well stocked shelves; last year's club members have selected many of the books. The atmosphere is relaxed and younger pupils are encouraged to choose from the wide selection a book that interests them and is at their own level.

Mr Masterson presented the senior pupils with certificates and a small present of way of a thank you from the staff. Mr Masterson reminded the senior pupils that the scheme is dependant on them and their commitment to the life of the school. As well as the clear benefits to the development of the younger pupils the senior pupils also benefited from their participation in the scheme developing skills relevant to their own needs.

Presentations to senior pupils



Mrs Shields said “With senior pupils and S1 pupils reading books together, this boosts the confidence and reading skills of younger pupils. Senior pupils play a crucial role as mentors and peer supporters and this gives them the opportunity to help and support others and the pleasure of seeing their young charge progress in reading and self-confidence. Older pupils also develop many of the skills desired by employers.”

Mr Masterson then presented certificates and prizes to the first year pupils who had taken part in the scheme. He told them that all of the staff and senior pupils were proud of them in that they had shown a desire to learn and a commitment to improve their reading levels. The junior pupils were given Govan high pencil cases as a prize.

Presentations to junior pupils









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