

Boughton Monchelsea School Library Project

We are very excited to announce the launch of a major project that we hope to bring to fruition in 2020. We are planning to transform our ICT suite and library into a new library and resource centre which will benefit all of the children in our school.

Rationale

We firmly believe that learning to read is the entitlement of every child at our school and is the main gift that we can give them during their time in primary school.

Reading for pleasure is not only a joy in itself, but it also makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.



Reading unlocks a world of knowledge and stories, and is fundamental to learning across the primary curriculum. It is essential for successful learning at secondary school and beyond.

At Boughton Monchelsea Primary we have identified reading as priority area for 2019-20. We want to see children developing a love for reading which will stay with them as they leave primary school and we want to support parents as they encourage their children to step away from electronic devices to discover the sheer joy of curling up with a good book.

Around 18 years ago the school library was converted into an ICT suite, which, at the time, was an appropriate use of the space to enable children to access computer-based learning. Since then, however, we have had Wi-Fi installed in the school and have invested in pupil laptops, which have allowed us to bring computer learning into the classroom. As electronic devices have become smaller and more powerful, we are now looking at entirely replacing the fixed PCs in the ICT suite with lightweight, portable devices. This will allow us to return the ICT suite to its former use as a school library, so that we can bring reading back to the heart of Boughton Monchelsea Primary.

Of course, to make our dream a reality we will have to work hard to raise the funds necessary for building work, library fittings, books and IT equipment. We want the new library to be a fresh, stimulating environment filled with a range of new fiction and non-fiction texts. The school's leaders and governors are working closely with the PTA to explore sources of funding and we would appreciate the help of everyone in our school community.

Our target is £42,000 – please help us to achieve our dream!



How you can help

- Find out if your employer runs a scheme for donating to charitable causes or is interested in sponsoring us in return for having their name included on a Sponsors' Board
- Make a direct donation through Justgiving:
https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/boughton-monchelsea-school-library?utm_id=1&utm_term=gxgeXB3be
- Let us know if you have links to funding organisations who may be able to help
- Donate £10 to buy a book and have your name included in a bookplate ("Donated to Boughton Monchelsea School Library by...")
- Support PTA events
- If you shop online, you can raise FREE donations for Boughton Monchelsea Primary School. Visit https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/boughtonmonchelseaprimaryschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more
- Use Support Your School <https://supportyourschool.org.uk/> to raise funds for school when browsing online

We will be involving the children in raising money for the library through events such as Sponsored Reads and will listen to their ideas about what they would like to see in their new library.

If you think you can help, please speak to Fiona Beardwell fiona.beardwell@gmail.com (PTA), Sarah Stribbling-Williams (Governor) or Ruth Roberts (Head)