



Literacy Volunteers

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LITERACY VOLUNTEERS



Happy Birthday

Literacy Volunteers 1996-2016

Two decades of service to the children of Nottinghamshire



Name is Super Sparkle!

Leah, 8yrs, Lynncroft Primary School

Annual Report

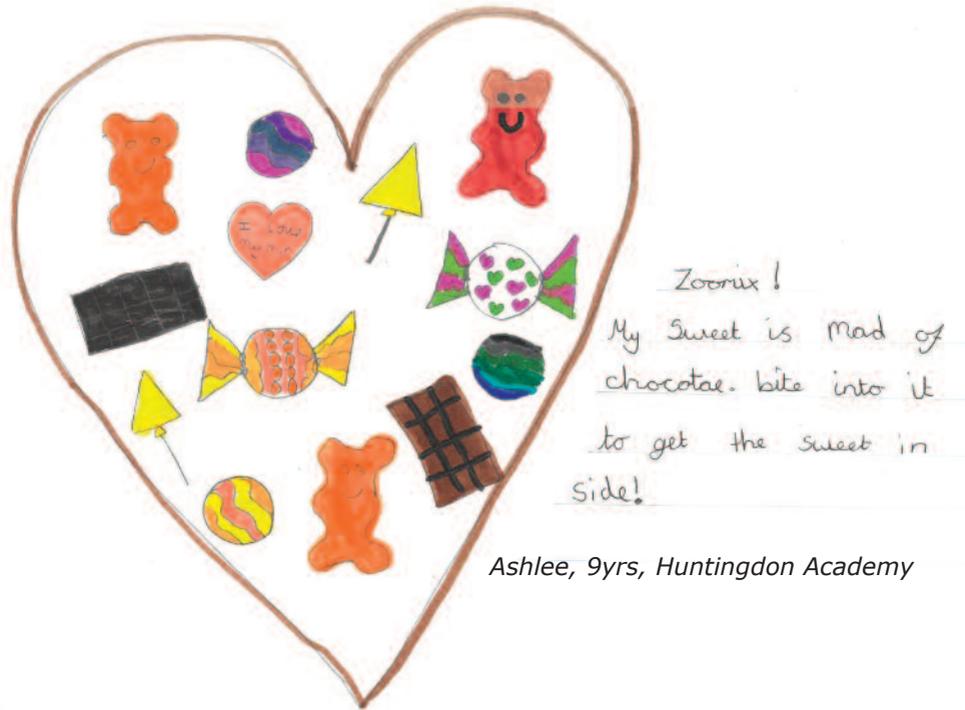
April 2015 - March 2016



The Queen's Award for
Voluntary Service 2006

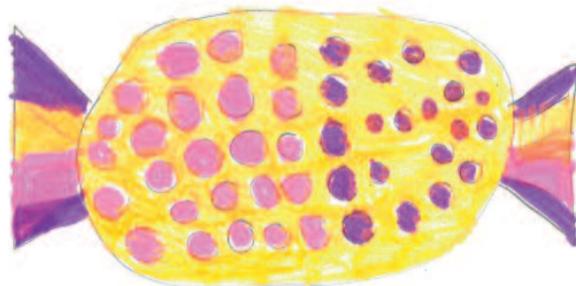
Children's Competition

Each year we set a theme for our Children's Picture Competition. Volunteers work with young people to produce entries and send them in. We always try to link our competition with the Summer Reading Challenge. This year our theme was Roald Dahl and in particular we asked our Children to "Invent a New Sweet" - we wanted pictures that told us about the colour, shape, taste, smell and even the sound! We received over 195 and we have printed some of them here to illustrate our report. **THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!**



Ashlee, 9yrs, Huntingdon Academy

Kiran, 7yrs,
Lady Bay Primary
School



Our Mission Statement

Literacy Volunteers is a registered Charity that enriches young people's lives by assisting with their literacy, communication and social skills.

We work in partnership with schools by providing trained and supported Volunteers who make reading and communicating enjoyable to those at risk of disengaging from education.

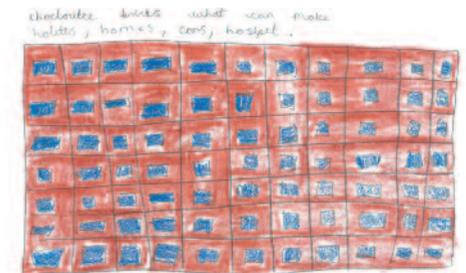
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The Sweet kept the driver so safe on the road.
It is made out of apple, pineapple.

James, 9yrs, St Andrew's CofE Primary School



George, 10yrs, Cantrell Primary School

Who are we and what we do

Literacy Volunteers in Nottinghamshire Schools offers a range of services working in partnerships with schools, parents, volunteers and most importantly children.

Since our foundation in 1996 thousands of Nottinghamshire children have come to know the joy and benefits that being able to read and communicate brings through their personalised one to one sessions with our Volunteers. Children are helped to reach their full potential improving lifelong outcomes for them and bringing broader benefits to our communities

Primary Literacy Volunteers – We recruit, vet and train volunteers and place them in primary schools mostly in their own area to work 1 – 1 with children. Volunteers act to boost confidence and self-esteem, improve social and communication skills and help to develop engagement with and a deep enjoyment for reading and literacy development.

Participating Schools – We work in over 30 City Primary Schools and 81 schools across the County

Early Years Literacy Volunteers – We are extending our work to recruit, vet and train volunteers and place them in Early Years settings such as nurseries and preschools. Again this will be mostly in their own area to work with young children to inspire an early love of books and support their language and communication, development and understanding.

Participating Settings – This is a new project being developed and piloted in the City with a number of partners.

Confidence Building through Family Reading – Our staff team work with schools, family community workers and other settings to identify parents who feel less confident in engaging with their children's learning. Through a series of workshops we work to boost this confidence giving parents strategies for embedding reading and literacy in the family home as well as deepening their engagement with their children's schools.

Participating Schools – We have just completed a course with Abbey Hill Primary and in the past we have worked with Whitemoor Academy, Rosslyn Park Primary, The Manor Academy and Seely Infants.

Parent Volunteers Course – Where schools are able to identify groups of parents keen to contribute we can provide training to ensure that volunteers are well prepared, understanding their rights and responsibilities as volunteers, confidentiality and safeguarding. We

provide a focus on developing literacy skills based on encouraging behaviours whilst giving insight into how poor engagement with reading can lead to poorer outcomes for children.

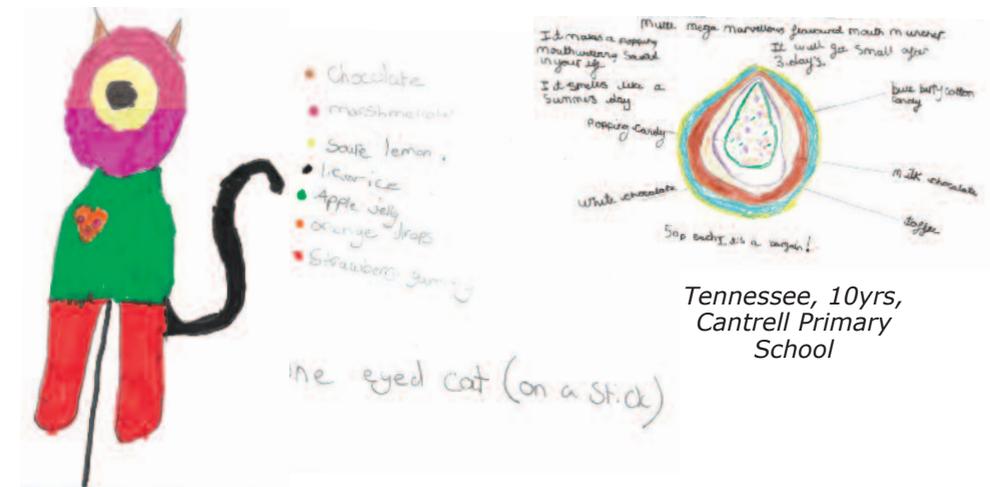
Participating Schools –The Manor Academy, Robin Hood Primary and St Edmunds Primary are some of the schools that have participated

6th Form Mentors Course - we work with secondary schools designing bespoke programmes with them to identify, train and support 6th form students to act as reading champions/mentors, attaching themselves to younger pupils who are struggling. This peer support develops younger students in terms of their literacy, 6th form students in terms of how they can serve their communities and schools themselves in terms of their capacity. By maintaining this kind of activity a legacy can be generated that encourages successive cohorts of pupils engaging with the whole school as active and responsible citizens.

Participating Schools –The Minster School and Ashfield Secondary are schools that have participated

Community Course – we are able to support literacy development in particular geographical areas working with a particular service of family of schools to recruit and train groups of up to 10 Literacy Volunteers from the local area building community capacity.

For more details, please visit our website www.literacyvolunteers.org.uk



Kloie-maia, 10yrs, Ollerton Primary School

Tennessee, 10yrs, Cantrell Primary School

Chair's Report

Thank you all for attending our 20th celebratory AGM. I shall leave you to read at your leisure all the innovative and developmental work that has been achieved for the charity during the last year.

Our CEO Dawn, does not let the grass grow under her feet and we are now working with other organisations and have moved into Derbyshire, which has to be our way forward for the future.

I thank Dawn and the team most sincerely for all the work they do in all areas, including securing our very necessary funding.

My thanks go to David, our treasurer for keeping a watchful eye on the figures and also the support and commitment of all our trustees. On that note I should like to express huge gratitude to Ann Sanderson, who has worked with and for the charity for over 20 years, who is standing down as trustee but who will keep in touch and requests continuing invitations to our AGMs.

Once again very grateful thanks to all our volunteers who give so much each year to our children in schools, providing them with support on all levels and sharing with them that reading can be fun.

Gaynor Preston, Chair of Trustees

Chief Executive Address

Hello Everyone! - 2015-2016, well what a year it's been! At the beginning of 2015 it felt very much like I was still getting to grips with what a fantastic organisation this is, yet at the same time starting to look forward and plan for the future with everyone involved.

The Committee has been fabulous while we have worked our way through the advice and guidance on becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation but hats off to us all as we have made it!

The team too have been amazingly resilient and I can't fault them for their dedication and willingness to embrace new ideas and initiatives.

Our Annual Accounts and this report gives you a good idea of the many Charities and Trusts, Councillors and individuals that have supported us and I hope to ensure that all of you are thanked and acknowledged properly, we couldn't have done it without you.

This year has seen us move toward full cost recovery, explore new markets, refresh our Volunteer Network meetings, recruit new schools and get out into the region to champion Literacy Development and the sheer love of books!

Let's keep going – we need to ensure that everyone reads and achieves!

Dawn Claypole, Chief Executive

Area Co-ordinators Say

Emma Collis - AC City/South Notts

It's been a busy year for me in the City and South Notts area. My City area has had generous funding for new schools subscriptions, which has generated a great response and is bringing new schools on board for the Charity. With smart new display banners I have been out and about at more fairs this year recruiting and promoting the work that we do. Also I have had the privilege of honouring and attending presentations to a fair number of Volunteers who have notched up 10 or 15 years service! A big well done and thank you to them and to all my Volunteers who continue to generously give their time to do such brilliant work with the children in schools.

Toni Edwards- AC North East Notts

The year has been very busy for me with regards to my area and also training. We have been successful in attracting funding to buy new resources so I have been trying out new games with my family (lots of fun) before sending them out to schools. I went to visit a Volunteer for the first time after her placement and she shared with me the fact that she had spent time as a teacher in the school during her teaching career. By break-time her reappearance had reached the staff room and she was welcomed back and it was wonderful for her to see that two teachers were in fact previous pupils of hers. Needless to say lots of smiley faces all round. Also a massive 'Thank You' to all my Volunteers for the time you have given to your lovely children over the year.

Emma Trowbridge- AC South Broxtowe

It has been a successful year in South Broxtowe, with the majority of my schools now working with at least 1 Volunteer – many have 2 or 3. I said goodbye to 2 long-serving Volunteers who have been with Literacy Volunteers for a combined total of 30 years, which is absolutely amazing! I was very sorry to lose them, but wish them well. Obtaining funding was very positive, with both City and County Councillors supporting our work very generously and other Trusts and Charitable Foundations realising the value and importance of our work by donating to us. I would like to say a huge thank you to all my Volunteers for their commitment, support and fantastic work with the children over the past year!

Sue Marriott - AC North Notts

I have had a productive year with the Charity being successful in obtaining 3 funding pots, Doris Pacey and Michael and Anna Brynberg Trust, Lindhurst Wind Farm Project and Bassetlaw Grant Aid. These pots of money mean we can offer 15 city schools, 3 Rainworth schools and 10 Bassetlaw schools the opportunity of having a funded volunteer for one year to see what a difference a volunteer can make. I have recruited 5 new city schools, with 1 more to finalise and 6 volunteers. One Volunteer has started and settled in really well. The rest will be introduced in the new financial year.

What they say about us

Words from our Children

"I enjoy reading and it makes me more confident. I enjoy her...if she wasn't here it wouldn't be fun" K.

"I like reading because all of the books can be turned into games to play. Mrs Richards is kind because she always has interesting books to read" B.



A fantastic thank you card from Year 3 pupils at Ramsden Primary to their Literacy Volunteer

Words from our Participating Schools

"Many thanks for your service. We continue to think that our two Literacy Volunteers are amazing." Bentinck Primary

"We really value the work of your volunteers and feel it makes a significant difference to our pupils." St Augustine's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Words from our Trainees

"Relaxed atmosphere, and good amount of information given without being overloaded. Have been given really good idea of what to expect when I start volunteering." Nov 2015

"Leaders were inspiring and enthusiastic about the programme – can't wait to get started!" Sept 2015

Words from our Volunteers

"Challenging but rewarding when children ask to read for a longer time period."

"My experience as a Literacy Volunteer has been very good and the school is friendly and appreciative of my work."

"The children certainly enjoy the time we spend together and are reluctant to leave, sometimes opting to stay with me at break-time. The 1-1 we offer is invaluable."

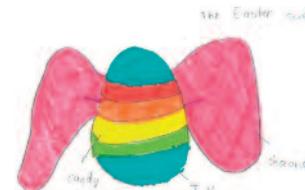
Roll of Honour

A special thank you to all our Volunteers who have been with us for over ten years!

**Ann Sanderson
Margaret Romaine
Lyn Jacob
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Jean Baugh
Pam Meese
Margaret Sisson
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Joan Hodges
David Young
Shirley Chatwin
Carol Phillips
Paula Turner
Audrey Richards**



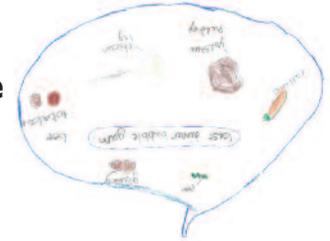
*Tommy, 6yrs,
Lady Bay Primary School*



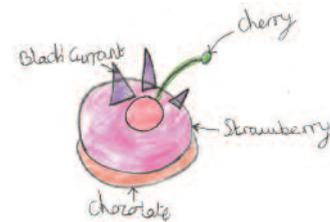
*Larren, 9yrs,
Huntingdon Academy*



*Niamh, 9yrs, Arno Vale
Junior School*



*Declan,
Glade Hill Primary School*



*Riley, 8yrs,
Forest Town Primary School*

*A strawberry and
watermelon
lollipop*



*Muhammed, 7yrs,
Lady Bay Primary School*

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Treasurer:	David Keeling
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	Gill Blakemore
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Officers are elected annually.
Committee members are elected for a period of three years.

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- The Officers and Committee for shouldering the responsibilities of managing the organisation.
- The Staff Team for working so hard and effectively to run all our activities.
- Our Partners for allowing us to share so many more opportunities, and **most importantly**
- The children for allowing us to spend time with them and making sure we have fun!