



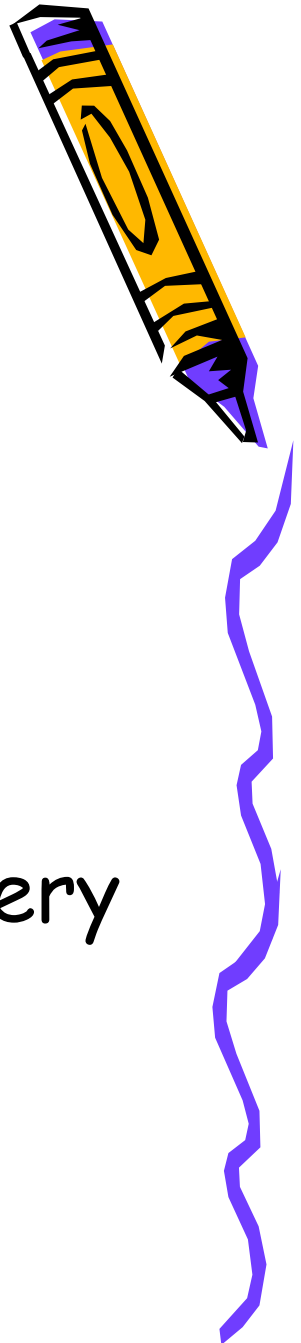
Literacy Research Coordinator

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Who am I?

- Mathematician ~ a long time ago!
- Headteacher of John Kelly Girls Technology College ~ until very recently
- Literacy Research Coordinator ~ very recently!



What is my role with SSAT?



- Develop and maintain the Literacy Research network in schools
- Facilitate collaboration between network secondary schools and their partner primary schools to share and develop good practice around literacy development
- Research practice in literacy and reading in SSAT affiliated schools and publish related papers and reports for the Trust and RL
- Investigate, evaluate and make recommendations of methods and products which assist schools in promoting reading to students
- Present and promote personalized learning in reading and literacy at Trust events
- Act as a liaison and ambassador for and between SSAT and RL
- Undertake additional related activities as they arise through the programme activity



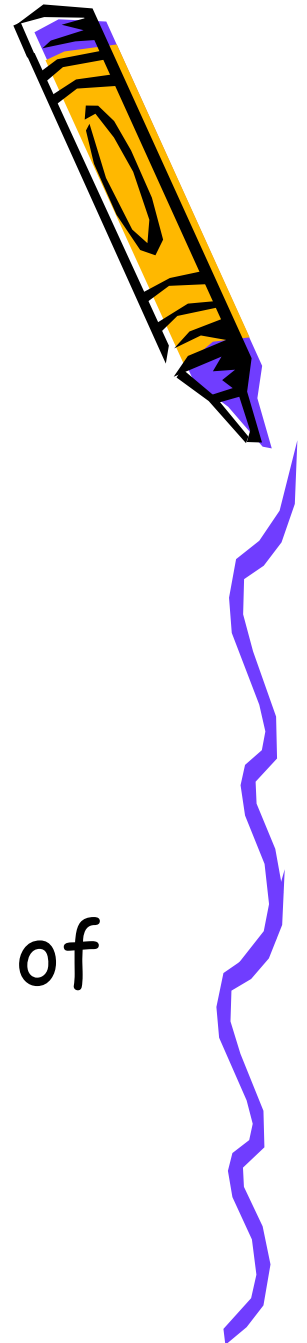
What are our plans for the year?



- To develop in young people a passion for reading real books
- To find around 20-25 secondary schools together with their family of primaries from across the country that can demonstrate excellent practice in Literacy, particularly in Reading
- To create a Literacy Network of these schools and to share their good practice widely



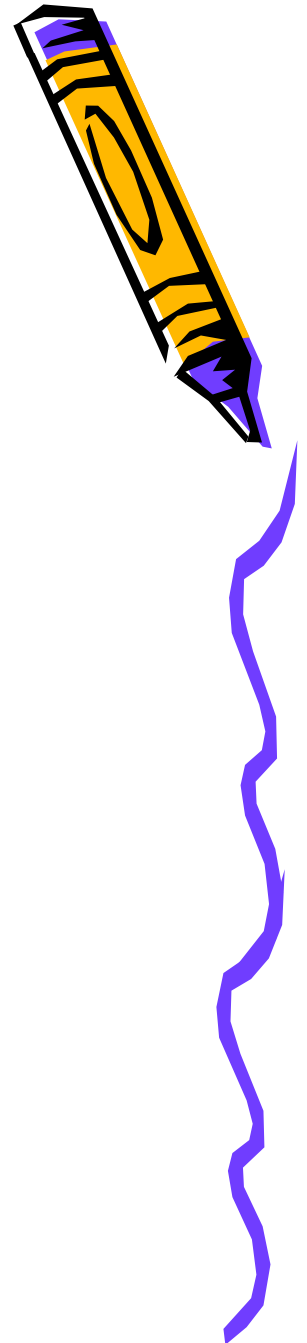
What has happened so far?



- Questionnaire to 2800 secondary schools
- Closing date February 5th
- Website set up
literacy@ssatrust.org.uk
- Lots of schools wanting to be part of this programme



Links



- The Reading Agency: www.readingagency.org.uk
- Renaissance Learning: www.renlearn.co.uk
- Carnegie Shadowing: www.carnegie.greenaway.org.uk
- The National Literacy Trust: www.literacytrust.org.uk
Downloadable booklets for Parent/Carers on **Reading with their Children** in:
Albanian, Bengali, Chinese, French, Gujarati, Panjabi, Polish, Portuguese, Scottish Gaelic, Somali, Spanish, Turkish, Welsh
- www.booktime.pearson.com/activities.cfm
- Everybody writes: www.everybodywrites.org.uk

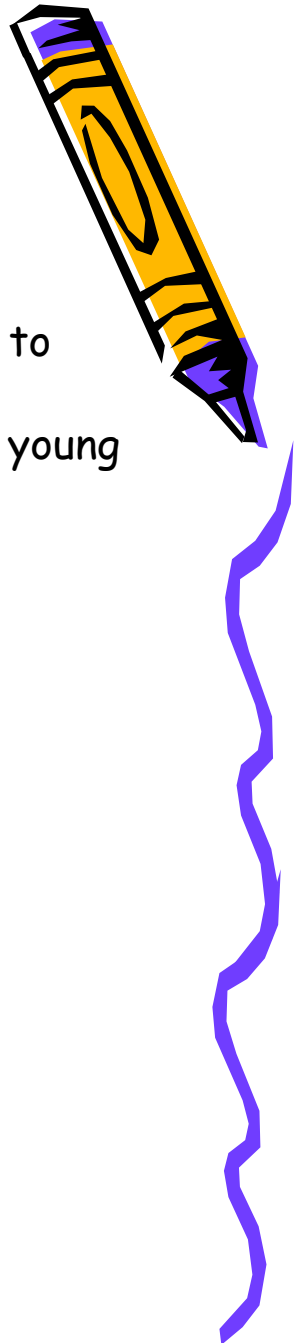


Looking for an Author?

If you are looking for authors, illustrators or poets willing to make visits to schools and libraries, there are several major resources you can use. Many writers have their own websites with features and information for young people.

Here is a small selection:

- www.davidalmond.com
- www.eoincolfer.com
- www.francescasimon.com
- www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk
- www.jamilagavin.co.uk
- www.jkrowling.com
- www.malorieblackman.co.uk
- www.michaelrosen.co.uk
- www.philip-pullman.com
- www.roalddahl.com



More Contacts

National Centre for Language and Literature

NCLL at the University of Reading has an up-to-date online database of contacts on: www.ncll.org.uk

Speaking of Books

A specialist agency set up to provide assistance and quality control in the organisation of author visits. For a small standard fee the agency will find the right author for your school and will co-ordinate the entire visit.

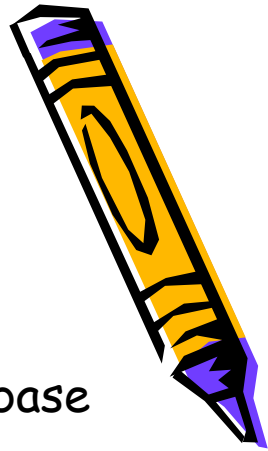
For further information about this service contact:

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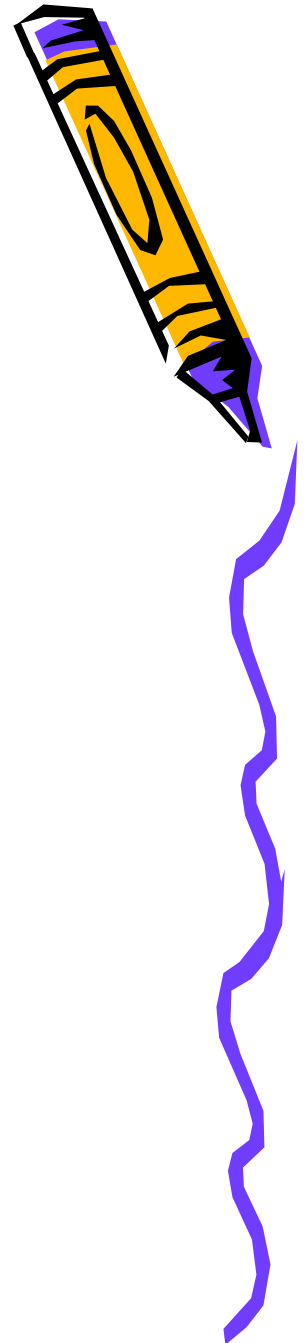
Even More Contacts



- National Association of Writers in Education (NAWE)
- NAWE is the organisation that supports the development of creative writing of all genres and in all educational settings throughout the UK.
- Its principal aims are to promote and develop the educational ideals of writers and to make the benefits of their work available to a wider cross section of students. They also work to open up a dialogue between teachers, writers and organisers in order to develop those ideals.
- Visit : www.nawe.co.uk for a link to The Writers Directory, a database funded by six of the Regional Arts Boards of England as part of artscape, the online directory of the arts. Over 1200 writers are currently listed.



And yet more



- **Bringing Writers into Schools:**

www.writingtogether.org.uk

- **Book Week Resource Guide**

National Children's Book Week:

www.booktrusted.co.uk/cbw/downloads/ncb_booklet.pdf

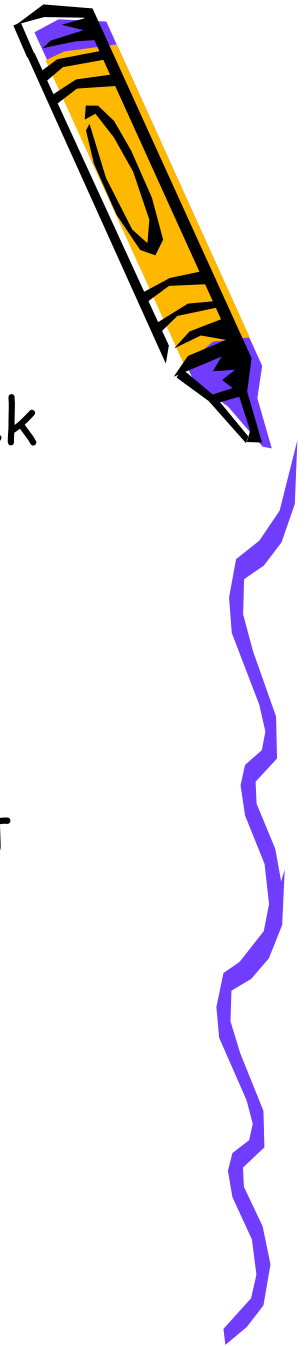
contains useful information on how to plan a school visit from a writer.

- **Get London Reading March 24th-April 2nd**

www.getlondonreading.co.uk/2007/thebooktrust



Even more!!



- Jan 26th-Feb 2nd is National Story Telling week
www.sfs.org.uk
- Mar 7th Reading for Pleasure
www.guardian.uk/newsroom 0207 886 9898
- April 23rd is world book day
- April 14th-16th London Book Fair at Earls Court
- Federation of Childrens Book Groups National Share-a-story Month www.fcbg.org.uk



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