



Head's Blog

I was thinking about making a resolution and found inspiration in an article on the BBC website.

Keeping a diary helps boost children's writing skills, according to research from the National Literacy Trust. Children's author Jacqueline Wilson agrees diary writing "increases your fluency and helps you become more comfortable at expressing yourself".

The Tracy Beaker author says she herself wrote a diary from the age of seven or eight and continued through her childhood and into her teens. She backed a campaign for children to be given diaries this Christmas or indeed in the New Year.

Ms Wilson told BBC Breakfast she thinks writing a diary has a massive advantage over social media when it comes to expressing innermost thoughts and feelings. The point is, diaries are "not for sharing", she argued. "You don't care how many people like it. It's just for you. You can write anything you want down. A diary entry could be an account of your day, what you really feel about people you absolutely love, or people you don't like, your hopes and ambitions". And if you are really into sport you can use the diary for detailed accounts of matches you have watched, she suggested.

Tracy Beaker is partly written in diary form and Ms Wilson says she still uses her teenage diaries as a source of inspiration in some of her writing... even though "they are terribly embarrassing to look back on... you care so passionately about things."

Some reasons to write a diary include:

- Some people have their diaries published and become famous! Anne Frank, Adrian Mole, etc!
- It creates a lasting record of events.
- It stimulates your mind.
- It can be an outlet for emotions.
- It is fun and helps your writing!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Woodcock's 'Love for Reading' workshop for parents will be in the ICT suite on Thursday 19th January at 3.45pm. All parents are invited to attend. Miss Woodcock will be discussing how the school teaches reading and giving you strategies to help support your child's reading at home.

House Competition

Heads of Houses will be awarding tokens for House points for those pupils who are wearing the correct uniform/PE kit.

Tokens will be converted to House points and will be included in the totals announced at the end of term.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to the uniform page on our website.

Kew Gardens is temporarily home to The Hive, a critically acclaimed structure that encapsulates the story of the honey bee and the important role of pollination, through an immersive sound and visual experience. This project links with the KS1 **Life and Living** topic, inspired by music, art and bees. Pupils will work with a visual artist, whose work is inspired by the life of bees and also a composer, to create music and artwork in response to the visit to Kew to experience The Hive. A series of in-school workshops will follow the visit to Kew, resulting in a performance and exhibition of the work created on Friday 10th February.

This is all thanks to our music partnership with Wigmore Hall and the Tri-Borough Music Hub. You can read more about our partnership by [clicking here](#).



Y1 & Y2 at The Hive on Wednesday 11th January 2017



Superstars!

Nursery – Alanah
 Reception – Iqlas
 Year 1 – Aisha
 Year 2 – Mujtaba
 Year 3 – Cameron
 Year 4 – Rihannah
 Year 5F – Declan
 Year 5G – Zouhair & Naiyah
 Year 6 – Eva