



This partner update shares the latest news and ways you can get involved in the [Read Manchester](#) campaign from Manchester City Council and the National Literacy Trust. If you're planning a reading-focused event, please let us know by emailing [Cheryl Pridgeon](#) or [Margaret Duff](#).

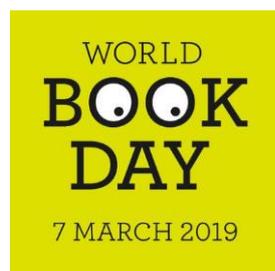
### Teacher twilight session – Tuesday 26 February

The National Literacy Trust are delivering a free workshop for KS2 teachers and Literacy or PSHE leads as part of their NewsWise programme – in partnership with Guardian Foundation and the PSHE Association. The session, titled **Questioning the news: critical literacy in English and PSHE** will take place on **Tuesday 26 February, 16:00 – 18:00** at the **Google Digital Garage, Manchester**.



It will explore approaches to developing your pupils' engagement with the news, ability to critically judge the trustworthiness of online information, spot fake news and understand the media's impact upon wellbeing. The session will also explore exciting ways to create an authentic newsroom experience in your classroom and strategies to developing high quality reading and writing outcomes for your pupils in the context of engaging with the news. [Find out more and book onto the free session here](#).

### World Book Day – 7 March



Read Manchester has partnered with World Book Day to bring the live **Share a Story** event to the city on **7 March** under the wings of Concorde at the Runway Visitor Park near the airport. Cressida Cowell (of How to Train your Dragon fame) will join Tom Fletcher, Rob Biddulph, Alex T. Smith and Abi Elphinstone in a show sharing stories live on stage. And a number of lucky primary schools will be selected to join on the day. Visit our [website](#) for more information on the event.

#### Celebrate World Book Day in your school

There are many ways to mark World Book Day in your school. Have a look at the website [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com) for all the latest news, including tips on how to book your own school author visits. All schools will be sent free World Book Day vouchers during January. These can be exchanged for the £1 World Book Day books in March - many supermarkets and book shops stock them. We'll be sending out some more ideas in a Top Tip sheet via the schools circular soon.

## GCSE postcards

Following last year's success, Read Manchester is repeating the GCSE revision postcards for students across the city. These helpful prompt cards will include quotes and analysis from key passages of seven set texts to help preparation for exam season. The texts included are An Inspector Calls, Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, A Christmas Carol, Jekyll and Hyde, Frankenstein and DNA – and the postcards will be available to download from the Reach Manchester website soon.

## Take 10 to read every day and feel good

To mark **World Mental Health Day** on 10 October Read Manchester launched Take 10 - a new initiative to inspire the whole city to read for 10 minutes every day. **The campaign** raised awareness of the mood-boosting power of reading and called on people living in the city to begin reading on a day to day basis. A range of events took place on the day of the launch and top tips were shared with primary and secondary schools to raise awareness of the benefits of reading every day.



Author and mental health advocate Matt Haig also threw his support behind the campaign and shared his thoughts on being a reader, reading to de-stress and his latest book *Notes on a Nervous Planet*. You can watch his videos [here](#).

## Read for Good – join Manchester's first ever city-wide Readathon!

Read Manchester has partnered with reading charity Read for Good to unleash the power of its Readathon on Manchester. Research shows that children who've taken part in a Readathon are more likely to read more, read more widely and use their school library (source: [NLT](#)).

The sponsored read will run from **Monday 17 June** and end with a city wide Drop Everything and Read event on **Friday 28 June**. Money raised will be used by school libraries and to fund Read for Good's programme at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. For more information please email [manchester@readforgood.org](mailto:manchester@readforgood.org) or call Annie at Read for Good on 01453 839005.

## Winners of Bee a Reader

Last year ended on a high as the winners for the Bee a Reader creative writing competition were unveiled. The competition challenged children between 7 and 16 to write up to 500 words on the top of 'a day in the life of a Manchester bee'. After receiving over 300 entries, two winners and four runners-up were selected. The winners were Lewis Melvin from St Margaret Mary's R.C Primary School and Annabel Hall from Co-Op Academy Manchester – and you can read their winning stories [here](#). Both met the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor June Hitchen and won family return train tickets to London, a tour the BBC's MediaCityUK studio, £100 in shopping vouchers and a Little Bee sculpture. The runners up were Ted Hayes, Aminah Arif, Milan Morris-Gibson and Riley Bulcock.

