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The Journey so far...

- Denbighshire Education and Children's Services has a vision of the future in which all children have the reading skills they need for life.
 - Denbighshire's Reading Mentoring Initiative is now in its fourth successful year.
 - Over the past 4 years, **23** Denbighshire Primary Schools have participated in the initiative and approximately **109** Key Stage 2 learners (7-11 age group) have been supported by volunteers in the enjoyment of reading.
 - Denbighshire's Reading Mentoring Initiative model is for a volunteer Reading Mentor to partner one pupil per term and to commit to a minimum of one ten-week term. You would undertake one half hour session per week in school, reading with a pupil reading partner.
 - Being a Reading Mentor is a rewarding and fun voluntary experience.
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Aims and Purpose:-

- to increase children's levels of confidence and motivation in reading;
- to foster children's positive attitudes towards reading;
- to promote reading for pleasure and enjoyment; and
- to improve children's levels of attainment in reading.

Strategy of support:-

- A positive reading model (mentor) to provide a 1-1 reading session of approximately 30 minutes, once a week, with one learner for either one term, two terms or a whole academic year.

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Impact:-

- ★ Sessions give time to discuss the learner's reading in greater depth;
 - ★ Sessions provide an opportunity for quiet time on a 1-1 basis, with somebody other than a teacher;
 - ★ Pupils gain experience in reading a wider variety of books/genres, influencing reading habits;
 - ★ Male reading mentors increase boys' levels of motivation towards reading;
 - ★ Positive attitudes and greater enthusiasm towards reading for enjoyment are demonstrated in the class and home setting;
 - ★ Learners expressed interest in becoming school 'reading buddies', supporting younger pupils in their own schools.
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As a volunteer Reading Mentor, Denbighshire Education and Children's Services will provide you with:-

- A placement in a school convenient to you;
- Full training pack and resources;
- Invitations to termly celebration events;
- On-going support from our dedicated Reading Mentor Initiative Co-ordinator;
- A Certificate of Achievement.

