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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to what is a packed PiXL Primary agenda. Let's hope for a great term, where you can make the progress you would like to see for all your pupils. We are here to help, do let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions as we take this partnership forward into the next academic year.

Our next Primary Live could be very helpful with ideas and suggestions on how schools can develop their curriculum to include 'Careers Education' from KS1. The Reading Festival is looking fantastic and you are more than welcome to ask colleagues who may not be in PiXL to join us, as the programme we have put together is important to all schools, we think. Details of all these events and more are below.

Please see below the key things we wanted to bring to your attention:

Primary Live: Primary Futures, 28th April

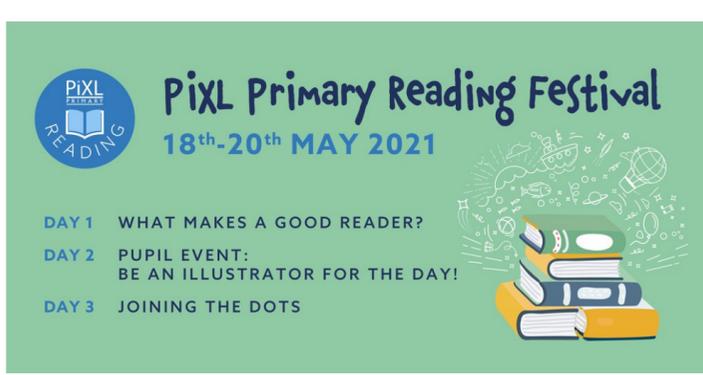
Date: Wednesday 28th April

Time: 16.30 - 17.30

We have two guest schools who will be discussing how they have introduced careers-related learning into their curriculum at both KS1 and KS2. Both schools will be sharing some great practical ways to get started.

To book your space now, [click here](#).

PiXL Primary Reading Festival, 18th - 20th May



We are really excited to be launching our first ever Reading Festival that will cover key issues surrounding reading. [Click here](#) for the published agenda.

As mentioned above, you are welcome to bring a guest. If you know of any colleagues or schools who are not PiXL members but would like to watch any of the events below, please email primary@pixl.org.uk and we will send them a guest invite. Our guests will also have access to the Break the Mould project resources.

Reading Festival Day 1: What makes a good reader?

Date: Tuesday 18th May

Time: 10.30 - 12.00 (pre-event video 10.00 - 10.30)

[Click here to book](#)

We are thrilled to be joined by **Penny Slater** (Herts for Learning), who will be opening the festival with a discussion surrounding *what makes a good reader*. We are also delighted to be joined by **Sinéad Burke**, author of 'Break the Mould'. Sinéad will give a keynote and launch our brand new resources which accompany her inspiring book.

Break the Mould

Please [click here](#) to view more information about our incredibly exciting new project, due for publication on the 17th May. The project, based on Sinéad's book, will include a number of videos specially recorded by Sinéad for us. We are also delighted to confirm that a free copy of Break the Mould will be arriving in your school over the next few weeks.



Reading Festival Day 2: Pupil Event - Be an illustrator for the day!

Date: Wednesday 19th May

Time: 10.00 - 10.30

[Click here to book](#)

Do join us for a live-streamed podcast by **Alex T. Smith**, author and illustrator of children's books, including the Primrose, Egg, Ella and Claude book series. Alex will be speaking about what inspired him to become an illustrator, with reference to his own sketchbook, and will then demonstrate to pupils how to draw Claude the dog step by step. Alex will also be launching our exciting drawing competition. For further details of this competition, [click here](#).

Reading Festival Day 3: Joining the dots

Date: Thursday 20th May

Time: 13.30 - 15.00 (pre-event video 13.00 - 13.30)

[Click here to book](#)

The afternoon will open with a presentation from a subject leader on how their school have developed reading over the last few years, leading to being highly commended last Autumn in The 2020 Egmont Reading for Pleasure Teacher Awards. The presentation will be followed with a discussion by a panel of experts, including Penny Slater and Charlotte Raby.

Virtual Book Fair - Coming Soon!

As part of our Reading Strategy and Festival, we are delighted to announce the release of our second virtual book fair, in partnership with **Hachette**. The book fair will go live on Monday 17th May.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.



RSL Calendar

Download our RSL calendars for May to August. These are a really useful support tool to guide you, and point out key events and resources PiXL Primary are providing to help you with key challenges. To download, [click here](#).

School of PiXL Leadership

1. Leadership Bulletin

[Click here](#) to download the April edition of The School of PiXL Leadership's bulletin.

We hope this issue makes it easy for you to pick and choose some bite-sized leadership thinking to fit your context, time constraints and interests.



2. Game-Changing Keynotes with Elke Edwards

Starting on the 27th April 2021, Elke Edwards, Founder of Ivy House and author of 'Extraordinary – How to Lead a Bigger, Braver, More Meaningful Life', will be delivering a series of three game-changing keynotes. A multi-award-winning creator of leadership development programmes and sought-after speaker, we are excited to invite you and your team to attend these dynamic and thought-provoking talks.

To find out more about each session, and book your space, please [click here](#).

There is no additional cost when attending any of the above three sessions, as they are included within your membership.

3. Leadership Live: Easter Special

The School of PiXL Leadership ran a Leadership Live: Easter Special event yesterday afternoon, on the theme of **Transition and Next Steps in a Covid World**. James Heale was joined by a panel of Senior Leaders, including Colette Firth (*Executive Head, St Johns and Winyate Schools*), to discuss the impact experienced at key transition points over the past academic year, alongside the innovative ways in which schools have tackled this disruption and thought about this year and beyond.

There was some great advice shared, relevant to all sectors. If you would like to catch up on-demand via [PiXL TV](#), you can do so by registering [here](#).

Autumn Transition Package - To be taken down on the 5th May

As colleagues will be aware, the Autumn Transition Package (ATP) is being replaced by the Summer Transition Package (STP), which will be available on PrimaryWise from Monday 17th May. In order to make way for the STP, the ATP will be **taken down from PrimaryWise at 12:00 on the 5th May** and will no longer be available. If schools have data on the ATP which they wish to retain, we would recommend that this data is exported to Excel. The export will need to be completed individually for each year group.