

Dear Mr Pearce,

On Monday a competition was set for the year 7 pupils. They had a challenge to read [building knowledge] for the children that are suffering in hospital [caring for others]. This competition spans over three weeks and the year 7 staff have noticed their pupils are determined to read for as many hours as possible. The pupils have been asking teachers, friends, students and family to sponsor them. This will ultimately bridge the gap between learning at school and learning at home.

My point is that the wonderful English teacher Mrs Swan [who entered the year 7 pupils into the competition] would like some prizes for the children who are actively reading. Hopefully this will encourage their learning and also helping other sick children in hospital. Some of the money will go to charity and 20% will go to Skegness Academy [furthering our reading] to choose a few books to buy. This will depend on how much the year group raise.

Don't you agree this is a fantastic idea? Building on our learning in this way brings opportunities to all, come and see how engaged the pupils are in this competition. Reading provides the building blocks to our future. In your assembly you talked about individual liberty and that pupils should get awarded for that special piece of work, or the helping hand they gave to the teacher; well now is your chance to work with us. Can you see where my idea is getting to? My point is that the children that read for the most hours or that raised the most money should get a prize for taking part in the readathon.

Have a think about my proposal. I am sure you agree that supporting us will raise literacy levels.

Yours sincerely,

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