

Reading-for-pleasure research at the Faculty of Education by Miss Lee-Fox

I was really proud to be asked to present my research and work on Reading-for-Pleasure at the Cambridge University Faculty of Education, at a workshop for other teachers across the UK last month. I shared my involvement in the family reading picnics, the child and teacher reading challenges (the 100 million minutes Reading Challenge and #ExtremeReading Challenge) and other school based events such as Drop-Everything-and-Read and the buddy-up publishing parties.

My workshop focussed on leading initiatives to build a community of readers. Using reading as a tool to bring families together, encouraging parents/carers, children and staff to work together to share and celebrate reading. I am proud that I could use examples from our school, to show that reading contributes to bringing communities together. I demonstrated a number of easy, whole-school, research based strategies, activities and events, which have motivated and inspired our children and parent/carers to take pleasure in reading, inside and outside the classroom.

My input was well received by teachers from other schools who will use the ideas and strategies in their own settings. Thank you to all the parents, children and staff at The Grove who made all these events a huge success, allowing me to share good practice across the country. I look forward in my role as leader of RfP to further promote reading for children of all ages across the school.

