

Year 6 TSF Reading Competition 2020

Each year Miss Clare takes nine children to take part in the TSF readers competition against three other schools in the borough; this year the children from OGPS competed against Coleville, St Thomas's and St Frances. In order to take part in the competition, the children are broken up into three teams of three, in these groups they are expected to read a book each, which they will be given University Challenge like questions to answer against the other schools. This year, the books were the following: The Racehorse Who Learned to Dance by Clare Balding, The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf and The Time Travel Diaries by Caroline Lawrence.

Luckily, the team were very prepared and some of the children had read their books three times, just to make sure they knew absolutely everything! So on Monday 10th February, the team made their way to Thomas's Day School in Kensington. After eating their snacks - provided by the Thomas's Schools Foundation (TSF)- they made their way into the theatre and the first team took their places. Using buzzers, the competitors had to answer 10 questions about the first book: The Racehorse Who Learned to Dance. Isla, Cassie and Ayman didn't really give the other schools a chance, their swift buzzer movements, alongside their incredible knowledge of the books meant that they ended the round with 900 points (each question answered correctly scores 100 points).



Next up, were Bryan, Tomi and Jazmine, who were prepared to answer questions about The Boy at the Back of the Class. Once again, the children continued their lead in the competition, ending the second round with a whopping, 1300 points.

The third round meant that Meriem, James and Amaani had the pressure to keep Oxford Gardens in the lead. This did not rattle team 3, as they continued to keep the top spot and the same team continued into the fourth round: the general knowledge round. Answering questions about a range of books from Harry Potter to Famous Five, the children powered through straight to top of the podium. We were delighted that Oxford Gardens had won the competition with a whopping 2300 points at the top of the leader board.

The reading team have not only brought back a beautiful trophy (for the second year in a row) and certificate, but have managed to win new books for the library. However, this is not the end for the radical readers, they will now be getting themselves ready to compete in the final in March. We are so proud of the Year 6 team and wish them the best of luck for the epic final battle next month !

