

Tuesday July 5th 2022

Dear Henrietta Roberts,

Stanborough's Reading Champions Team A and Team B documented their Reading Champions journey from their initial selection in January 2022 and weekly Thursday practices, to the online regional heat in March and Team A's big London final in May.

By way of a *Thank You* to all the team at the *National Literacy Trust*, they all would like to share with you their own very personal *Reading Champion Journeys*, 2022.

We (the staff), would also like to add our own heartfelt thanks too, for all that you do for Literacy in the UK and we look forward to maybe, seeing you all again next year!

With kindest wishes,

Cathy Davies
Literacy Co-ordinator

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Reading Champions Weekly Practices: January – March 2022

- "Reading Champions on Thursday mornings gave me the opportunity to lead a team of people with similar interests to my own."
- "I loved coming in on Thursday mornings to practise."
- "Thank you Stanborough for signing me up! It was great to lead the team and to work with fellow pupils."
- "It made us read more. It was really fun, so by doing it I learnt more about books. I would never have met some of the others if I hadn't come along to *Reading Champions*."

The Online Regional Heat – March 2022

- "I think today went really well. All of the practice we did with Ms Wilson was very helpful. This was such fun!"
- "Today was really good fun and a lovely experience. I loved being the team leader and having a really good team. We all worked very well. I would definitely do this again!"
- "Today was awesome! I want to do it again if possible. Thank you!"
- "Thank you, Stanborough, for inviting me!"

The Reading Champions Final - May 25th 2022

"Going to the final has raised my interest in books so now I read even more than before. It has also deepened mine and Robert's* friendship:)" *Team A's reserve

Aidan

"Reading Champions helped me discover new books and authors who have opened my eyes to different genres which include the Agatha Oddly Series and to new writers such as Patrice Lawrence."

Daisy

"Meeting every week made me enjoy reading even more and helped me to make new friends who I didn't know before. The *National Literacy Trust* has opened my mind to new authors and books."

Sabeena

"My four free books were amazing!"

Robert

Our final words go to **Kara**, the winning *Team A*'s leader, who acknowledges the largesse of the day but, as good leaders always do, also looks to the future :

"I was extremely proud to be the group leader of the *Reading Champions Final* held in London. London was fantastic - the free books were great and all the staff there were lovely too. The whole group did amazingly well and I can't wait to see how *Team Stanborough* do next year! Hopefully, I can help out next year with the training!"

Kara