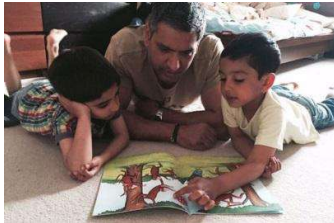




FAIRCHILDES PRIMARY SCHOOL



WHY MEN MATTER

Why men matter in boy's education

Research shows that father involvement (including those in a father role) in their child's education has the following impact on the child and particularly on boys:

- Higher academic achievement
- Increased participation in school life including after-school clubs
- Enjoy school more
- Better school attendance and behaviour
- Higher quality relationships in teenage and adult years
- Positive impact of a male role model
- Higher self-esteem and social skills
- Feel valued
- Better mental health
- Less likely to become involved in crime

Research also shows that:

- The engagement by both the father and the mother contributed significantly and independently to a child's educational development
- The involvement of both parents at the age of 7 predicted the child's educational attainment by age 20

What men gain

- Spending quality time with their child
- Better relationships with their children
- Developing life-long bonds
- Knowledge that their children are on the road to success
- Having fun
- Developing conversational skills
- Confidence and skill acquisition
- Sharing their skills and knowledge

Reading with and in front of your child

Although many men read with their children, many fathers do not read in front of their child. What does this say to a child? It says that reading is something that is done at school and by women. For a boy his greatest influence and role model is his dad. If their dad is not reading, then why should they? If you want your child to value something, then you have to value it too.

Volunteers

We are looking to increase the profile of men within the school. Traditionally primary schools are seen as a female domain, possibly because there are far more women working in primary education – this is certainly true of Fairchildes.

We are looking for volunteers to help us shape the education of our boys and become more involved in the school. We need men who are willing to be open and honest with us about what they would like to see and what they would be willing to become involved with. If you feel you could give us some of your time then please email me: jbyers3.306@lgflmail.org

Books popular with Boys

EYFS – all of these authors have a wide range of books

Who's in the loo? – Jeannie Willis
I'm coming to get you – Tony Ross
Derty Bertie – David Roberts
Aliens love underpants – Claire Freedman

KS1

Traction Man – Mini Grey
Horrid Henry – Francesca Simon (Humour)
Dinosaur Cove series - Rex Stone (Adventure)
Spy Dog series- Andrew Cope (Adventure)

KS2

The Captain Underpants books – Dav Pilkey (Humour)
Flying Fergus series – Chris Hoy (Humour/ cycling)
My Granny's great escape etc - Jeremy Strong (Humour)
Diamond Brother Series – Anthony Horowitz (Detective, humour)
Just Annoying – Andy Griffiths (Humour- There are many books by this author)
Beast Quest series – Adam Blade (Horror/action)
Horrible Histories – Terry Deary (Factual)
Horrible Science – Nick Arnold (Factual)
Demonata series – Darren Shan (Horror – This author has several series)
Stormbreaker series – Anthony Horowitz (Action)

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Clockwork – Philip Pullman (Horror- There are many books by this author)
Cool – Michael Morpurgo (There are many books by this author)
Undone, Quirky Tales etc – Paul Jennings (short stories)