

Description of Reading Promotion Activity/ Action		
READING FOOTBALL TEAM		
Reaches	yes no x yes but not only	
disadvantaged		
pupils / families	nonossibly	
Multilingual activity	yes no x possibly	
Action especially for	girls boys both	
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Involves parents	yes x no	
Utilizes ICT	yes x no	
Objective (s)	 To improve boys' reading habits and behaviour, by providing positive male role models. To raise the profile of reading within the community. To engage children in reading for pleasure and enhance their reading habits. 	
Age level (s)	9-11 years	
Preferable number	One class (30 pupils)	
of participants		
Duration	2 hours	
Setting, materials, and preparation	In the classroom	
Step -by-step description	 The school invites the local football (or Rugby or martial arts club leaders etc.) team to bring in their favourite children's books and current favourite books – fiction or non-fiction. They talk to the children about why they enjoyed that book, why they think reading is important and ask the children what they enjoy reading. Teachers encourage the children to note down the books that the members of the football team bring with them. Children write a letter to the Head Teacher/librarian persuading them to buy that book for the school library. 	
Notes to reading promotion facilitator	 Experiencing sportspeople and athletes reading and discussing their reading habits can motivate children, 	







	in particular boys, to choose to read for themselves. They act as positive role models. The National Literacy Trust (UK) produced a series of posters depicting famous sports personalities reading their favourite book. These could be displayed around school.
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