Following the LiteracyActionNet seminar on 8 May, this month we'll be looking at ways to engage and motivate parents to improve children's literacy.

A write up was produced to capture the many ideas to come from the seminar. The document includes examples of projects already working to engage and motivate parents, a list of dozens of online resources, and a list of ways to measure children's progress without relying solely on educational attainment.

We'll continue the discussion on the LiteracyActionNet FORUM asking: 'What are the best ways to engage parents and keep them motivated to improve their children's literacy?'

Please share your thoughts on the LiteracyActionNet FORUM by clicking here.

EXAMPLE OF THE MONTH

'Mind the Gap' from Campaign for Learning - 'Mind the Gap' aims to give parents the skills they need to support their child's learning effectively. Children and their dad or male carer work together on a joint project through 10 hours of sessions. These sessions are coordinated by a practitioner who helps participants to think about how they are learning, creating learning goals and reflecting on their progress... (more)

INFORMATION

Becoming a parent is a major event in people's lives. For some parents having a child makes them aware of the importance of learning and development, and can motivate them to achieve a higher standard in their own literacy skills as well as their children's. For other parents, bad experiences in school, barriers to communication, or other family problems mean they don't spend time improving their children's literacy... (more)

MORE PROJECTS ENGAGING AND MOTIVATING PARENTS

Fathers' Story Week (10-16 June) is an annual celebration of the power of dads' reading with their children. Children whose dads read regularly with them do better at school and fathers who value education and get involved in school life can hugely improve their children's life chances.... (more)

TOP TWEETS

Write Path gets young people all over the world to continue a story or poem started by a published author http://bit.ly/YmlObm


Featured on @LiteracyNet this month: @UnheardHoller, Autumn Online with @SHPcharity http://www.literacyactionnet.org.uk/index.php?id=2170288... #digitalinclusion #literacy

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**'Nepalese Double Club'** - The Connaught School's 'Double Club' has been adapted to suit Nepalese parents' interests. The pupils teach their parents history, geography, music and design technology and then parents relax over a game of Bagh-Chal, with teachers on hand to answer questions about utilities or other concerns... *(more)*

**Fathers Reading Every Day (FRED)** - During this four-week programme, each father documents the amount of time spent reading to their children and the number of books read. At the end an event is held to celebrate all the great work the dads and children have been doing... *(more)*

**MEMBER OF THE MONTH**

Dannie Price, Community Manager, Teach your monster to read *(www.teachyourmonstertoread.com)*

What's the most important thing you've learnt?
'Keep learning new things. (There's still so much to learn!) My goal this year is to learn front crawl'

What are your proudest achievements?
'Helping (in a very small way) children to become interested in reading. Literacy is incredibly important. The ability to read can change a person's life' *(more)*