

# Scene!

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### **Please support David Mellen's Big Reading Challenge**

Councillor David Mellen's sponsored reading challenge is back and bigger than ever. Last year David took on the challenge to read to 2,018 children in one month. This year he aims to read to at least 5,000 children in 50 days and raise £5,000 to buy more books for Nottingham children. All funds will go to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library - an amazing scheme that delivers a free book every month to children from birth to five years old.

Your school can help. David will be reading stories from 28<sup>th</sup> January until 18<sup>th</sup> March. If your school could host him during this time, he would be delighted to visit you and read a story to your children.

If your school can support the challenge or if you would like more details please contact [dolly9to5@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:dolly9to5@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) and we will call you back. You can also read more about the challenge on David's [fundraising page](#).

The Big Reading Challenge is part of a wider campaign by Nottingham City Council to improve reading and literacy to be launched later this month.

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### **Urgent and important stories...!**

**Pupil Premium Grant calculation document** - A copy of the 2018-19 Pupil Premium Grant calculation for (Quarter 3) is now available [online](#).

**Spring Term 2019 Pupil Premium Plus Funding: Update for Designated Teachers and Head Teachers** - This term's application round for Pupil Premium Plus funding for the period January to March 2019 opened on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January and will close on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. [more information](#)

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## Important but not urgent stories...!

**SEND health transition document** - The LA and partners have produced a document for young people and their families SEND and on-going health needs. The document outlines provision available to young people as they leave children's services. Although aimed primarily at young people at transition from school, information contained within the document may also be of interest to all schools. Please ensure that the young people and families are aware of this document as required. [more information](#)

**RHS Greening Grey Britain** - This year the RHS is continuing to connect seasoned community gardeners with young green fingers in their 2019 Greening Grey Britain community support programme. The RHS is offering a number of community groups expert hands-on support, plus up to £500 worth of plants and materials. [more information](#)

**Spring into Science 2019** - Year 8 pupils are invited to the University of Nottingham on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 for an exciting event. It will be in the style of the Royal Institute Christmas Lectures and is intended to ignite and excite the audience, encouraging pupils to opt for GCSE science subjects. The event includes demonstrations including musical lightning, acoustic levitation and an experiment where glass is broken using only sound. For more information or to book places for your Year 8 pupils please email [frances.rowland@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:frances.rowland@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) or call 0115 876 4601. [event details](#)

**Skellig at Nottingham Playhouse for schools** - Following on from 2018 hit, Holes, comes family show Skellig, the winner of the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year and Carnegie Medal. This modern classic has been adapted for the stage by its author David Almond, so let your imagination take flight in this magical retelling of his own hauntingly beautiful story. Post show discussions and in-school workshops are also available. [more information](#)

**Event for Teachers of Modern Foreign Languages** - On March 21st the renowned Dr Gianfranco Conti will be leading a day of CPD in central Nottingham. Places are selling fast and we are very close to being full. Once we have reached capacity, we will be taking names for a reserve list in case of cancellations. For more information contact [jo.darley@leadacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:jo.darley@leadacademytrust.co.uk) [reservations and more information](#)

**Free RE Network Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February** - The Nottingham City Primary RE network is a collaboration between the Nottingham City SACRE and the Nottingham Schools Trust. It is free and to primary staff from any primary school or academy in the City (Not just NST). It enables SACRE to support the provision of high quality RE teaching through CPD opportunities and by keeping schools up-to-date with national debate and developments. [more information](#) [places of worship form](#)

**DfE Update: New centre for excellence to boost modern foreign language skills** - New centre for excellence at the University of York, backed by £4.8m, will coordinate the work of nine MFL hub schools to encourage uptake across the country. [more information](#)

**DfE Update: School complaints procedures: guidance for schools** - Guidance for schools about setting up or reviewing complaints procedures. [more information](#)

**DfE Statistics: key stage 2** - National curriculum assessments and review outcomes at key stage 2, including measures of progress between key stages 1 and 2. [more information](#)

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### Stories you might find interesting...!

**Chemical Engineering Taster Day at the University of Nottingham** - Tackling global challenges in energy, waste, food, water, health, sustainability and the environment means that there is a world shortage of chemical and environmental engineers to make a difference to our society. Come along to this chemical engineering taster day on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and see whether you could be up for the challenge. [more information](#)

**Safeguarding in Education Training Spring Term 2019** - Training dates for this term are available to view and book online [here](#). Additional information is available on the [DSL page](#).

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*Scene!* news articles are now available without having to log-in, but please note that some sensitive content will only be available on the secure part of the extranet.

If you can never remember your log-in details for the school's extranet you can now access the extranet [here](#)

Our contact details are available at the very bottom of this message, so if you do have difficulties accessing any information or stories, drop us a line and we'll do what we can to help.

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