



Orange Chatterbooks Update 2 – July 2006

Queen's 80th Birthday Book of Books

A big 'royal' thank you to all the Chatterbooks groups who gave us their favourite book recommendations for our special Queen's 80th Birthday Book of Books. Over 100 Chatterbooks groups from all around the country sent in contributions for our unique birthday present. Chatterbooks patron, Jacqueline Wilson was delighted to pass on our gift to the Queen. Jacqueline was one of the guests attending the children's party, themed on children's book characters, in the gardens at Buckingham Palace on 25th June.

The Orange design team produced a stunning commemorative copy for the Queen. It was handed over to Jacqueline at a special Chatterbooks event for Richmond's Chatterbooks members and their families held at Teddington Library on June 20th.

Chatterbooks groups can see the book and their own individual entries on the TRA website at www.readingagency.org.uk. We hope you enjoy reading the book as much as we have and we're sure it will give you lots of reading ideas.

Chatterbooks Queen's Party Pack

We would love to know if you used the pack and if so what you thought about it. Please send any comments to Patricia at patriciasharkey@readingagency.org.uk

Macmillan Reader's Guides

Look out for these three new Macmillan Reading Guides on their way to you now -

- Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Secrets of the Fearless by Elizabeth Laird

All the books are award winners and are favourites amongst boys and girls aged 8+.

The guides were put together after consultation with some of our Chatterbooks groups. They are highly recommended. Each one contains enough material to run a lively Chatterbooks session. Please let us know what you think about them and ways in which you use them..

Chatterbooks Training – this autumn

We are planning an additional training session this autumn for those who missed

our sessions in March and July. The training will be aimed at staff new to Chatterbooks and for staff who want to refresh or top up on previous training. We'll contact local authorities when we have confirmation of the date and venue. But please get in touch with the Chatterbooks coordinators if you want information sent directly to you.

Welcome to our latest local authorities

Halton, Midlothian, Bromley, Hammersmith and Fulham, Leicester City, Lancashire, Torfaen and Shropshire.

Chatterbooks 2006 Evaluation

It's time for our annual Chatterbooks evaluation...

...we're sending out a form for the main Chatterbooks contact in each authority to complete and return by **September 1st**.

As last year, we're asking you about the achievements of your groups and it would be great if you could

- tell us about any special activities and things which have happened with your groups, or with particular children
- send examples of feedback from children, parents, carers, teachers, everyone!

All the information you send enables us to put together a national picture of how Chatterbooks is working, which can then be used for advocacy and in updating Orange about all that is happening with Chatterbooks.

You can see an evaluation presentation about Chatterbooks 2005 on the TRA website.

Please could you also keep us up to date with the numbers that make up your Chatterbooks groups by filling in the online form which you can access on the [Chatterbooks page of the TRA website](#).

Next Orange Chatterbooks Newsletter

The next edition of the Orange Chatterbooks Newsletter will be September 2006. Please email items for potential inclusion asap and before September 1st to Jerry Hurst at jerry.hurst@readingagency.org.uk.

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