

Charity Collection Submission – Book Clubs in Schools

Hello

We would like to apply to be considered for a charity collection at AFC Wimbledon.

Book Clubs in Schools - www.bookclubsinschools.org - is a not-for-profit delivering high quality cross-age peer-led weekly book clubs which build confidence, character and communications skills, promote and support reading for pleasure, encourage debate and develop leadership and facilitation skills.

We are now working in 26 schools in London, Manchester and Birmingham, Seven of these schools are in Merton (primary and secondary).

Our programme provides an opportunity for the book clubbers (primary Y4 or secondary Y7) to express their opinions in a face-to-face conversation outside the classroom.

Training and responsibility is given to older students to develop leadership, facilitation and teamwork skills as well as volunteering experience. It also instils a greater enjoyment of reading and engagement with literature.

Highlights include;

- 98% of Book Club Leaders would recommend becoming a leader to others
- 75% of Book Club Leaders feel more confident leading a group
- 68% of Book Clubbers enjoy reading more

We are a small CIC and very local. We want to fundraise so that we can provide books and additional activities for the book clubs and get more local schools on board.

Please find attached our impact report for 2018, we would be very happy to come and talk to you about the programme and do get in touch if you have any queries.