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Dear Parent/Carer

### 'Go for Gold' reading challenge

The School Library Service has designed a reading challenge to support the work that Hampshire schools are doing around the themes of the Olympic and Paralympic values. These values are: respect, excellence, friendship, courage, determination, inspiration and equality. The aim of the cultural Olympiad is to show that these values can be applied to any area of life – not simply sport.

The tasks involved in the reading 'pentathlon' or 'decathlon' challenge children to apply the Olympic values to their reading, thereby encouraging wider reading and reading for pleasure whilst also developing important skills such as speaking and listening. Children are asked, for example, to share their reading choices with a friend (friendship); try the suggestions of others (respect); read a more challenging book than they would usually attempt (determination), or read about someone who has led an inspiring life (inspiration).

A 'Reading Pentathlon' certificate will be awarded to any child who completes 5 challenges. Anyone who completes all 10 challenges on their reading passport will receive a 'Reading Decathlon' certificate.

We hope that you will encourage your child to 'go for gold' and become an Olympic Reading Champion. On your marks...

Yours sincerely

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