

Read Write Count P7 Moving Up kits gifted

Pilot launched in 9 local authorities

Read Write Count Moving Up kits have been gifted to every Primary 7 pupil in nine local authorities to support their transition to secondary school. Glasgow, Dundee, Inverclyde, West Dunbartonshire, North Ayrshire, Clackmannanshire, North Lanarkshire, East Ayrshire, Renfrewshire will take part in the pilot scheme, which aims to support parents and pupils during a time of change.

The Scottish Government initiative, in partnership with Education Scotland and Scottish Book Trust, will provide a kit containing the following items:

- reusable water bottle
- protractor and ruler set
- pen /pencil and rubber set
- journal notebook
- scientific calculator
- pocket dictionary
- parent/pupil booklet
- USB Stick

The Moving Up kit was created after consultation with local authorities and ADES (Association of Directors of Education). Learning professionals, librarians and teachers provided feedback about items that would be helpful for Primary 7 pupils who are transitioning into secondary school.

Scottish Book Trust will also provide training and support to all the local authorities involved in the pilot scheme, helping to build and enhance current transition programmes between primary and secondary schools.

Deputy First Minister and Education Secretary, John Swinney, said:

“The move to high school is a new and exciting time for many pupils and families but it can also bring a degree of uncertainty. These unique packs are a national first and aim to make the transition between primary and secondary a little easier. The kits contain items and advice which will give pupils the best chance at a smooth change and help parents and carers to support their children at this important time.”

The Moving Up kits will be delivered by Scottish Book Trust, the national charity changing lives through reading and writing.

Marc Lambert, CEO of Scottish Book Trust, said:

“The transition from primary school to secondary school is an exciting time for young people, and our new Read Write Count Moving Up kits give pupils and parents much needed support. Learning

professionals, librarians and teachers were consulted to ensure that the Moving Up kit contains essential items for any pupil starting high school this summer.”

Jennifer Heffell, Head Teacher at Rosebank Primary School said:

“At Rosebank Primary we are delighted to be presenting all our P7 pupils with these fantastic transition resource packs at our forthcoming learning café. Parents and families are invited to join us for tea and cake whilst taking part in some fantastic activities designed by Scottish Book Trust to showcase the potential of the resources. These packs will enhance the positive start at secondary we strive to provide for our pupils whilst, ensuring equity of readiness to learn. Many of our pupils would not be able to afford these necessary learning tools otherwise.”

Notes to Editors

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Read Write Count

Read, Write, Count is a campaign run by Scottish Government with support from Scottish Book Trust and Education Scotland to support parents and carers who want to take a more active role in their children’s learning.

Read, Write, Count also gifts **free** bags of books, maths and numeracy games and writing materials to all children in P2 and 3. Writing and numeracy materials are also added to the Bookbug Primary 1 Family Bag.

Parents can visit www.readwritecount.scot or join Read, Write, Count on Twitter ([@ReadWriteCount](https://twitter.com/ReadWriteCount)) and Facebook ([Facebook.com/ReadWriteCount](https://www.facebook.com/ReadWriteCount)) for tips, activities and ideas that make reading, writing and counting with children an easy, fun and positive experience.

Parent Club

Parent Club brings together existing Scottish Government support for parents. Parent Club offers tips and ideas from other parents who have done it all before, backed up by advice from trusted experts on how to deal with issues such as developing sleeping patterns and routines.

The Parent Club website <http://parentclub.scot/> has lots of videos, tips and activity ideas that for parents to do with their child to help them learn, including reading, writing and counting ideas.

Scottish Book Trust

Scottish Book Trust is a national charity changing lives through reading and writing. We inspire and support the people of Scotland to read and write for pleasure through programmes and outreach work that include:

- Gifting books to every child in Scotland to ensure families of all backgrounds can share the joy of books at home.
- Working with teachers to inspire children to develop a love of reading, creating innovative classroom activities, book awards and author events.

- Supporting Scotland's diverse writing community with our training, awards and writing opportunities.
- Funding a range of author events for the public to enjoy and promoting Scottish writing to people worldwide.

In addition to the funding we receive from the Scottish Government and Creative Scotland, we need the constant support of trusts and foundations, corporate sponsors and individual donors.

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