



Welcome to your LexiaUK July Newsletter. It amazes us to say it, but we've reached the last edition of this academic year! We can't believe how much we've packed in since September 2016. We've had a real drive towards helping schools achieve with Lexia in more ways, and having launched nationwide LexiaUK local events, we feel a real sense of accomplishment. Now we have met more of our customers in person, we have been inspired to reach out to more of you directly in the future. The feedback we have received about our events has been the highlight of our year and we'd love to hear about yours. We've also loved watching your entries for the recent LexiaUK video contest and we're excited to announce not one, but two worthy winners - **Coombe Road Primary** and **Higher Openshaw Community School**. The standard was so high, we decided to award two schools for their excellent effort as we simply couldn't choose between them. Well done to both, and we look forward to finding out how your vouchers have been spent!

From all of the LexiaUK team - have a great summer break! We're already looking forward to the successes that lie ahead from September...

This Newsletter:

- Share examples of good practice ✓
- Celebrates success with Lexia ✓
- Ensures you are making the most of your Lexia investment ✓

LexiaUK Star User



Our July Star User is St. George's Langton in Dorset and we know they will provide excellent inspiration as you look forward to the new term. The school had a helping hand from their PTA to fund the program and everyone agrees that it has been a worthwhile investment.

We spoke to Nicky Glassock – the school's SEND TA, about her observations since the school purchased Core5 in October 2016.

"Our SENDCo initially bought the program to the school. She spoke to the rest of the staff about how good an intervention Lexia is to get children reading and helping with their phonics, and we then discussed the program and contemplated bringing it on board. Our PTA then said that they would fund it for three years, which was absolutely fantastic. This was an especially great thing for them to do because it meant that they would be able to see the benefits of the software and invest in something solid. So we purchased 50 licenses for three years and it's working an absolute treat!"

We asked Nicky if she had been assigned to oversee the program and how it had been slotted into the school's curriculum as well as which children she felt benefitted most from the resource.

"As SEND TA, I oversee the whole program and we currently have all 50 licenses in use out of 106 pupils on roll. We have children from Reception class right through to Year 6 on the program. We decided to put all of our Year 6 pupils on it – the reason behind this decision being that it is their SATs year and so we wanted to ensure that all of their reading and comprehension skills were being boosted. We also have the majority of our Year 5s on the program, which is really for preparation as they need to be thinking about the same sort of topics and skills for the following year.

"We have been through each class and picked the children that are either struggling or are reluctant readers, as well as ensuring Pupil Premium pupils are supported if necessary. Also, particularly, we find for boys that because they respond so well to the 'play' aspect of the program and the fact that Lexia is on an iPad, they feel as though they are having fun rather than working at their learning."



What a fantastic testament to Lexia's impact to finish this academic year on. St George's Langton have done a great job of integrating Lexia at the right pace, having realised it's potential through a recommendation and trial before placing the right pupils on the program. We know their plans for September will take them from strength to strength and we're already looking forward to catching up with Nicky in the new term!



Lexia's 3 best practice goals:

1. Pupils use Lexia typically 3 times a week, with each session lasting at least 20 minutes
2. Teachers monitor pupil progress each week by visiting mylexia.com
3. Pupils receive additional teacher-led Lexia Lessons

Lexia has also boosted the confidence of those preparing for SATs...

"One of our Y6 students actually said that because their reading comprehension for the SATs paper was so similar to the Lexia program and the skills that they'd mastered on there, she felt more confident answering some of the SATs questions."

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Staff members witness the children enjoying Lexia and being enthusiastic to do it. The fact that it's obvious they actually want to participate is just brilliant. Often, you just don't get the same response when you say 'Let's get out a book!' Some children do have a love of reading, but unfortunately not all do and I think that the 'Lexia way' opens reading up a lot more to children and makes it really accessible.

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Finally, given the academic year is swiftly drawing to a close, we wanted to know if the school had made any plans for Lexia going forward...

"In terms of monitoring the new reports and becoming familiar with those, this is still a work in progress. Our plan for September is to actually have more staff taking a hands-on role with Lexia and managing their own reports. I had a 6 month review yesterday and we went through the reports again and I certainly know that there's a lot yet that we haven't tapped into. We've been so focused on getting Lexia into practice, moving children on and giving out the certificates, that I think we can definitely now look towards focusing on the reports and making Lexia really work for us."

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Ask Customer Care! ?



This month's Ask Customer Care is your last chance to get some last minute advice and tips to ensure your Lexia program runs smoothly into the new term. Our team have already advised a customer enquiring about the compatibility of Lexia on an unidentified android device and how schools can network with fellow Lexia schools to share best practice. Make sure you check out her solutions below before the summer break to save yourself a task (or 2!) in September.

Q. I've received an enquiry from a parent regarding Lexia's compatibility on an Android tablet. We use iPads in school but I'm not sure about the device in question and whether Lexia can be used on it. Do you have any information regarding different devices that I can forward on?

A. There's such a wide range of hardware in use and configurations on the market that there's unfortunately no 'one size fits all' answer relating to Android tablets. With this in mind, if a device is not specifically mentioned within this document: http://www.lexiauk.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Core5_FAQ_androidaccess.pdf we have no way of knowing with certainty that Lexia apps will work properly. The reason Lexia Apps are available on untested devices is because it is virtually impossible to test all Android tablets that are on the market today. We don't want to limit accessibility to the app because far more often than not it does work.

Q. My school has Lexia and we are very much aware of the program's fantastic potential. However, we are finding timetabling a bit of an issue and hoped you could put us in touch with a local school that have their implementation sussed. Hopefully we can observe and discuss how we can follow suit?

A. We always try to encourage discussion between schools about Lexia and how the software has been successfully incorporated across different cohorts, class sizes and budgets. We can provide you with a list of schools in your area that use the program so you can seek this advice for yourself once we have sought their agreement. Another option is to host a Lexia session at your school with our cooperation and there are always the LexiaUK Local events that take place throughout the year. These sessions are a fantastic opportunity to meet with other schools and our team will be on hand to answer any queries you might have about your school's unique requirements and use of the program. To find out if there is an event taking place near you, contact Clary Hayes at: clary.hayes@lexiauk.co.uk

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A Focus on the Future - Make your Opinion Count!



At LexiaUK, we are always striving to provide the best service possible to our customers...

We strongly believe that this is only possible through listening to your point of view and endeavouring to improve using the feedback and insight of our valued customers. With this in mind, we are using contributions from each department within our team to produce a customer survey that you will be receiving via email in the new term. We want you to be as honest as possible and consider your responses carefully, as each one will go towards a better service from us in the future. You'll be asked a range of questions – from rating your experience of Lexia to the discount/reward schemes you feel would benefit your school the most. Of course, you'll also be given the chance to make additional comments on any aspects of the program and service that we haven't covered!

Don't forget to keep an eye on your inbox from September for your survey. We are really looking forward to receiving your feedback and ensuring you all remain successful, informed and happy LexiaUK customers as we enter another fresh and exciting school year.

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