



Soroptimists in action:



“Children read books for children who need books”

Dear parents and/or guardians,

Over the coming school year, pupils of class are invited to participate in an exciting new initiative titled, “Children read books for children who need books”. Together with our school, the Soroptimists of Club XXXXXX will organize a so-called Bookathlon reading event on(date) with the aim to finance special libraries for children who have no access to books. These libraries are the result of a cooperation between the My Book Buddy Foundation and Soroptimist International of Europe to promote literacy.

Children in many developing countries and refugee camps do not have the opportunity to learn how to read. To address this problem and to raise awareness of the importance of literacy, UNESCO has declared 8 September UN Literacy Day. Soroptimists are showing their support for this campaign by organizing this Bookathlon at our school.

The funds collected by sponsoring children who are willing to read during the Bookathlon will be invested by Soroptimist Club XXX... together with My Book Buddy in school libraries for underprivileged children. Local craftspeople will build the My Book Buddy bookcase which will then be stocked with locally purchased books for children in their mother tongue. Teachers will be shown how to set up a lending system, in which the children can borrow the books to read at home, thus allowing other members of their families to read along with them. Reading gives children a broader outlook of the world and enhances their chances for a better future. Please find more information on the website <https://sie-mybookbuddy.org>.

The children at our school are going to read as much as possible themselves and collect sponsored funding. We hope that you, as well as grandparents, neighbours, friends and family will support this initiative with a sponsorship. Why not encourage your child to be one of the readers!

Along with this letter the pupil will receive a list to document the sponsors and their financial contributions. Please complete and sign the note of permission below, and return it to the school before xxxxxxxxxxxx (date). Needless to say, we will inform you about the final results and the school and country that will benefit from the donations collected.

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I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Bookathlon on..... (date).

Name of child:.....

Group:

Telephone number:

Name and signature of parent/guardian: