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To Whom It May Concern,

The children in my year two class have had the privilege of working with the Faith in Football volunteers since September 2008.

As our children are a notoriously hard to reach group, living in this area of social deprivation, I was sceptical as to the level of the take-up and sustained attendance that they would achieve. Luckily my fears were unfounded, as after the children were initially hooked by the figure head role of Linvoy Primus, they have all thoroughly enjoyed being supported by Naomi and her group of reading mentors, so much so that attendance has been 100% unless the children are absent from school, and only one child has dropped out due to leaving the school, and the place was immediately taken up by another pupil.

The progress the children have made in both their reading skills and confidence has been truly wonderful. To watch the end of term performances have been a high point of my year. The children have blossomed from those who said "I can't read" at the beginning of the year into confident young people who can perform in front of a large group of adults.

One particular boy has improved his reading age from that of a four year old to now being only a few months below his chronological age.

As a church school we have been particularly impressed with the large range of bible based resources that the children have had access to, also the way in which the reading mentors use their own Christian ethos to gain the best from the children fits very well with our own philosophies.

Many of the children's parents have commented to me about how much their children have enjoyed the sessions and also the positive effect that they have had on their reading ability.

I look forward to working with Naomi and her team again in the future.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Brown
Key Stage 1 Manager