

READING ACTIVITY

MOVIE FAN BASE

Matt, Manchester



asks...

Hi! I've read on the internet that a lot of schools have film clubs. What exactly do you do in a film club? Are they easy to set up? Do you need a special room where you can watch films, or can you use a classroom? I'd like to start one at my school, and I'm hopeful plenty of people will be interested. Has anyone got any ideas or tips that they can give me?



Hello Matt! I belong to a film club at my school. Before you start your club, I'd advise you to find a teacher or a parent who can help you. There's a lot to do, and it's good to have an adult that you can ask sometimes. You also need to think about the practical details like when and where you'll show your films. I hope this helps. Liz, Manchester



Hey! Great advice, Liz! You don't need a special room. I suggest you find a big classroom with furniture which you can move easily. As for help, I think it needs to be a teacher who's interested in films and is willing to stay after school. A film club has to be after school really, because there isn't time to watch a whole film at lunchtime. Steve, Nottingham



Hi, Matt! A film club should be more than just watching films, or your members will lose interest. At our film club, we hold our own Oscars ceremony and give prizes to the best film, actor, director, etc. We also go to the cinema twice a year, and last year someone came and gave us a talk about making films. Jenny, London



Hi, guys! Interesting posts! I have a couple of suggestions which hopefully you can use. There are lots of organisations which can offer help with setting up your club. Have a look online and I'm sure you'll find websites where there's some useful advice. Apart from that, have you thought about selling snacks and refreshments? It'll create a nice relaxed atmosphere and you'll make money for the school. Phil, Bristol

1. Read Matt's blog and the comments. Who advised Matt

- 1 to look for help on the internet?
- 2 to think about offering a variety of different activities?
- 3 to offer food and drink?
- 4 to get support from an adult with a connection to the school?
- 5 not to hold the club at midday?
- 6 to consider the time and place of the club carefully?
- 7 that he might want to move chairs and tables for the club?
- 8 that people may leave the club if they get bored?

2. Read comments again. Complete the sentences with the highlighted words from the text.

- 1 Our cinema sells soft drinks and other
- 2 At the end of the year, our school gives out prizes at a
- 3 Our teacher wants to a book club where we can talk about books.
- 4 The told the actors to do the scene again.
- 5 Do you any clubs at your school?