

Words Worth Reading Ltd

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Welcome to the March edition of the Words Worth Reading Ltd newsletter. Spring has finally sprung with a few glorious sunny days this month. So far this month the Words Worth Reading team have been rushed off their feet with lots of Information Governance Toolkit submissions and audits. We have also been busy helping students with their essay and dissertation submissions.

New Words Added to Oxford English Dictionary This Month

The Oxford English Dictionary is regularly updated, and this month new words include *bestie*, *beatboxer* and some that are considered the rudest yet, too rude for us to print here!

Other new additions to the latest quarterly update of the OED include *Old Etonian*, *bathroom break*, *honk*, *DIY-er*, *scissor-kick*, *chugger*, *bookaholic* and *e-ticket*. More than 900 new words and phrases have entered the Oxford English Dictionary in this update alone. Additions to the dictionary provide insight into how the English language is changing.



Click on the link below to see the full list of words added to OED this month:

<http://public.oed.com/the-oed-today/recent-updates-to-the-oed/march-2014-update/new-words-list-march-2014/>

The Pen that Corrects as You Write

A father has invented a pen for his son, which vibrates when the person using it makes a mistake.

The *Lernstift* or *Learning Pen*, doesn't actually need ink or paper to work, it uses an internal gyroscopic motion sensor to work out what is being written by the user. However, it can work using normal ink refills.

The pen also connects to a mobile phone app that flashes to let the user know that they have made a mistake.

Falk Wolsky was inspired to create the pen for his young son Leon when he was first learning to write. He got his inspiration from a toy helicopter. The aim of the pen is to correct mistakes as they happen, rather than later, for example, when a child's work is corrected by a teacher.

The *Lernstift* is due to undergo testing in schools before going on sale at the end of the year.



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Here's a sneak peak at our new membership magazine.

<http://bit.ly/1gFpj4Z> #BPD



The London Book Fair

@LondonBookFair 5m

Tentpoles and Disney are taking the lead. #LBFchat



The King's Fund

@TheKingsFund

Accountable care organisations can teach the NHS about #integratedcare, say @profchrisham & @nicolawalshkf @HSJNews
<http://ow.ly/v35zm>

The Argument Continues Over Tuition Fees



Nick Clegg has insisted there is "absolutely no need" to raise tuition fees, although he failed to answer the question on whether the move will be ruled out altogether.

The deputy prime minister made his comments in the Commons this month as Labour questioned him over reports that the government's tripling of tuition fees to £9,000 was "on course to end up costing the taxpayer more than the system it replaced".

Clegg admitted that he had got it wrong when backing the Tories on tuition fees, but he would not confirm that the next Liberal Democrat manifesto would rule out any further tuition fees increase.

Instead, he said that there was no need for a further increase in fees, because at the end of last year, the government announced that universities will be able to take an unlimited number of students. They are removing the cap on the number of British students going to British universities and there is no cap on the number of overseas students.

Clegg also said students were better off under the new system because someone on a wage of £24,000 was paying back an average of £22.50 a month, compared with £67.50 a month under the previous system.

This month, Ed Miliband suggested that Labour would provide a radical offer to students on their fees before the next election. Labour has previously been in favour of a graduate tax system, rather than offering loans to pay for upfront fees.

The Liberal Democrats fought the 2010 election with strong support from students by promising to axe tuition fees. The party then supported the coalition in raising fees to £9,000. This led Clegg to offer an apology to his voters for making the pledge in the manifesto in the first place.

Source: The Guardian

In other news...

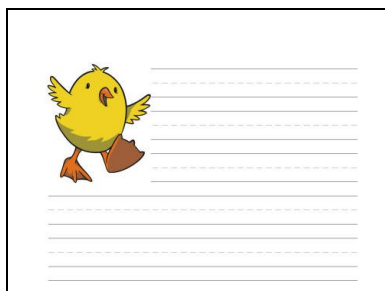
- A shocking new NUS study has revealed distressing living conditions for students, including mould, damp and even vermin in student accommodation. These findings come as part of an NUS campaign for proper regulation of letting agents, as well as proposing an end to letting fees.
- Visit the [Booktrust website](#) for the latest news and listings for UK short story competitions.
- CQC inspections set to be based on 11 'fundamental' standards: The list simplifies the 16 'essential' standards that practices currently have to meet, and redrafts [previous proposals by the CQC for a mixture of 'fundamental' and 'expected' standards](#), which the DH claimed had confused providers.

Things that we like this month



Mary Berry Cooks

Mary Berry is one of the Nation's most loved cooks, and her latest creations in the kitchen have us salivating!



Spring Themed Stationery

Welcome in Spring with this themed stationery that is easy to print out.

lage.co.uk/spring-stationery



50 Fun Things to do in London this Spring

There is something for everyone.

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