

Jolly Phonics and PIRLS
Proven success using the world's
most popular phonics program

# **Jolly Phonics and Improved PIRLS Scores**



# Impacting over 150 countries for more than 30 years

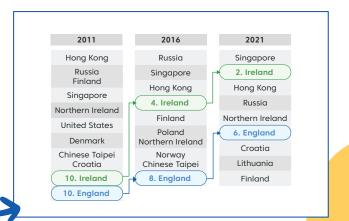
The positive impact of Jolly Phonics has been evidenced in the PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study) 2021 results, with notable improvements in PIRLS scores for countries like Singapore, Ireland, Hong Kong, and England.

Full PIRLS Results 2021					
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1	Singapore	587	29	Slovenia	520
2	Ireland*	577	31	Malta	515
3	Hong Kong SAR	573	32	Serbia	514
4	Russia	567	32	France	514
5	N. Ireland*	566	34	Albania	513
6	England	558	35	Cyprus	511
7	Croatia	557	35	Belgium (Flemish)	511
8	Lithuania*	552	37	Israel	510
9	Finland	549	38	Kazakhstan*	504
9	Poland	549	39	Turkey	496
11	USA*	548	40	Belgium (French)	494
12	Chinese Taipei	544	40	Georgia*	494
14	Australia .	540	42	Montenegro	487
14		540	43	Qatar	485
14		540	44	UAE	483
17		539	45	Bahrain*	458
17		539	46	Saudi Arabia*	449
17	' Norway	539	47	N. Macedonia	442
20		537	48	Azerbaijan	440
21		536	49	Uzbekistan	437
22		530	50	Oman	429
23		529	51	Kosovo	421
24		528	52	Brazil	419
25		527	53	Iran	413
26		524	54	Jordan	381
27		521	55	Egypt	378
27		521	56	Morocco*	372
29	Portugal	520	57	South Africa	288

Countries that have integrated Jolly Phonics into their elementary education curriculum have seen notable improvements in their PIRLS scores. The systematic and structured approach of Jolly Phonics has proven to be instrumental in enhancing phonemic awareness, decoding skills, and overall literacy levels among students.



PIRLS is recognized as the global standard for assessing trends in reading achievement internationally for children aged 9-10. Jolly Phonics uses a unique, multi-sensory approach, equipping teachers with a comprehensive toolset to teach reading and writing. At the forefront of transforming literary education globally, Jolly Phonics has been adopted as government policy by many countries.





"It's great to see the impact of Jolly Phonics on national literacy results, as part of a wider picture. It also shows the benefit of good policymaking, combining program choice with the provision of materials and training."

Chris Jolly, Publisher

# **United States edging** towards the top 10

Since 2011, the United States PIRLS score has held steady over a 10-year period (549 in 2011 vs 548 in 2021). However, the progress of other countries has outpaced the US, leaving it just outside the top 10 in 11th place.

### How Jolly Phonics can make the difference in the US

With phonics becoming more embedded in the US, the opportunity for higher achievement is huge.

Aligned with the evidence-based principles of the Science of Reading, Jolly Phonics provides students with all the tools they need to master reading and writing skills, and become confident learners.





"The looks on students' faces during the lessons are incredible. Students are learning, motivated, and are

applying what they learn throughout the day. This is not another phonics program. It will change how you and students feel about phonics."

Kiely Treschitta. Kindergarten Teacher, **Windham Primary School** 

When Jolly Phonics was introduced to an elementary school in Maine, Windham Primary School, the percentage of students who ended their kindergarten year above grade level tripled compared to two previous years and changed the way teachers taught and students learned.

Phoenix Country Day School in Arizona also saw incredible results, enabling their students to read and write from Pre-K!

"Jolly Phonics is truly one of the best gifts that I have been given as an educator. Each year, I continue to be profoundly amazed at the initiative many children take to use their newfound phonics skills to label pictures and write letters ... as well as their confidence in sounding out words in their environment. Teaching Jolly Phonics has significantly changed my beliefs about teaching phonics in an early childhood classroom."

Kelli Newsome, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Phoenix Country Day School

From these case studies and others, Jolly Phonics has proven to be the game changer needed for students' results.

Take a look for yourself today. Scan the QR code!





### Singapore At Number 1 – A Jolly Good Result!

With Jolly Phonics as the most popular phonics program in schools, Singapore has risen to 1st place, with the additional claim to be the only education system to make continued, steady progress over 20 years since the first PIRLS study in 2001.

Crucial to Singapore's success is the funding provided by the government for teacher training, which has enabled teachers to benefit from high quality training and therefore maximize the potential of programs in their schools.



"For us, we want our children to be able to be successful readers and writers by the time they leave school and Jolly Phonics is part of the foundations for this." Lucy Davies, English Lead

The latest PIRLS puts England in 6th place in a global education league table. England's 10-year-olds had an average score of 558, higher than the international average and similar to the score achieved in the previous cycle (559 in 2016).

**England: higher than the** 

international average

Green Primary School demonstrates performance, using Jolly Phonics for over 10 years and transforming the literacy ability of their students.

## Ireland jumps to 2nd in PIRLS league table

The dedicated choice of 86% of Primary Schools, Jolly Phonics has enabled Ireland to move up 8 places in the league table, from 10th in 2011 up to 2nd in the world by 2021. This exceptional performance shows the nation's commitment to nurturing young minds at work in partnership with Jolly Phonics. Teachers are free to choose the program they want and, most especially, the training they want, leading to high engagement and success using Jolly Phonics.

Norma Foley, Education Minister for Ireland said, "These results are extremely positive news for Ireland. We have retained our place among a small set of high achieving countries for achievement in fundamental skills in our schools."





Get the results your school and students deserve!

Contact us today and start your success story with Jolly Phonics.

