



### **Villa Wolksonky**

The Residence of the British Ambassador in Italy

*The Villa Wolkonsky was built in the 1890s by the descendants of the Russian Princess Zenaide Wolkonsky, the wife of an aide-de-camp to Tsar Alexander I.*

*In 1830, the Princess's father gave her a large piece of land near the church of San Giovanni in Laterano (the Pope's Church in Rome). The plot included thirty-six bays of the aqueduct spur which Nero added to the system constructed by Claudius in the middle of the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD.*

*The Princess built a small villa incorporating three of the aqueduct bays and created a garden with roses, sculptures and Roman statuary as the main features. After her death in Rome in 1862, her son Alexander lived in the villa and he uncovered the Roman tufo tombs beyond the aqueduct. During the rapid expansion of Rome in the 1870s, much of the estate was sold off for development. The sales enabled the descendants of the Princess, the Campanari family, to build a new, imposing villa on the site. The house was greatly extended in the 1930s with the addition of two wings and a fourth storey, and the Princess's original villa was also enlarged at the same time. Five columns were used to build a little roofed temple.*

*The Villa Wolkonsky has been the British Ambassador's Residence since 1947. The main State Rooms are maintained by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Estates Division and most of the pictures are from the Government Art Collection.*



## Read On! for eCLIL Extensive Reading Project

### Festival and Awards Ceremony

HM British Ambassador's Residence

Villa Wolkonsky

Rome

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014

12.00 - 13.00	Registration and set up of Students' Displays
12.30 - 13.45	Buffet Lunch
14.00 - 15.15	Official Guests arrive and visit Students' Displays
	<i>HM Ambassador Christopher Prentice</i>
	<i>Luciano Chiappetta, Capo Dipartimento, Dipartimento per l'Istruzione, MIUR</i>
	<i>Carmela Palumbo, Direttore Generale, Direzione Generale per gli Ordinamenti e per l'Autonomia Scolastica, MIUR</i>
	<i>Gisella Langé, Ispettore Tecnico di Lingue Straniere, MIUR</i>
	<i>Letizia Cinganotto, Direzione Generale per gli Ordinamenti e per l'Autonomia Scolastica, MIUR</i>
	<i>Christine Melia, Director British Council Italy</i>
	<i>Nina Prentice, Teacher Trainer Read On! for eCLIL</i>
15.15 - 15.45	Speeches and Awards
16.00	Close

#### Delegates from the Read On! Team

Nina Prentice, *Teacher Trainer*  
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