



News From The Library

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the library. We had a busy half term before Christmas, with lots of activities and displays including non-fiction November, Remembrance Day Reads and Book Award Reads, to promote exciting new titles as well as some old favourites. Children have been busy reading and quizzing their books on Accelerated Reader, and this half term, as a school, we have read over 15 million words in the half term! We have our first word millionaires of the year: Amelia in year 5, Skye and Wiktoria in year 6, and Wiktor in year 7. If you are not sure what to read next, these may be the children to ask as they have quizzed more than 130 books between them!



We have recently introduced MyOn. MyOn provides the children with an extensive online library that can be accessed on various devices both at school and at home. Once they have read their MyOn book, children can click on the link to take the quiz which will take them to the login page for Accelerated Reader. Successful quizzers can then build on their word count and work towards their points target as well. Children should have their usernames and passwords in their planners, and can login through the student apps tab on their Edward Peake page, or by going to myon.co.uk.

Damaged and lost books

A letter was recently sent home regarding a number of lost or damaged books. Letters for individual children will be sent home soon. Please remind your children that when they borrow books from the library, they must look after them carefully so that others may enjoy them afterwards, and that it is their responsibility to make sure they are returned. Books can be returned during the timetabled library lesson, or at break and lunch on their designated key stage day. Thank you for your support.



The Summer Reading Challenge this year saw thousands of children reading and exploring nature and action for the environment as part of this year's Wild World Heroes theme. Now things have started to get chilly, children can join the Wild World Heroes as they embark on an Arctic adventure. They can find out about the creatures that live there and the environmental issues facing this precious, remote place. They might even spot a narwhal or two! The Challenge runs from 1 December to 16 January 2022, so there's still time to get involved! More information can be found at wintermini.org.uk.

Book Club

Our first KS2 and KS3 book clubs have proved popular, with children in both groups reading from a book list based on empathy. We have shared our thoughts on the books we've read, and have watched short stories and poems based on the theme of empathy.



To find out more and to choose your own book to read, visit empathylab.uk

Isabelle (yr 5) is part of Key Stage 2 book club:

In our book club we talk about books that we choose to read about empathy. Then sometimes we have craft activities. It's really fun! Right now I am reading *The Boy At The Back Of The Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf, so next week I will talk about what has happened in the book.

It is on Thursday after school from 3.20 till 4.00. Mrs Mills is the leader. She is lovely, so come to the book club!

Ezekiel (yr 5) has been reading *Me and Mister P* by Maria Farrer for book club:

What did you like about the book?

I liked that Mister P would always support Arthur and Liam.

Who was your favourite character and why?



Mister P because he was a funny bear (polar bear).

Describe the book in three words:

Exciting, funny, twisty.

What was your favourite scene:

When they were at Arthur's football match.

Who would you recommend the book to?

Readers aged 8 and above.

Key Stage 2 book club is fully booked currently, there are limited places available for Key Stage 3 book club. To find out more or to sign up, please ask your child to come to the library at break or lunch on their designated day.

Book Reviews

This term we have added lots of new books to the library. Here are some reviews written by the children:

The Kick Off (Jamie Johnson series) by Dan Freedman - reviewed by Josh (Year 7)

What did you like about the book?

I liked how the author brought the story and characters to life.

Who was your favourite character and why?

Jamie was my favourite character because he managed to get over being bullied to be a superstar.

Describe the book in three words:

Inspiring, awesome and great!

What was your favourite scene in the book?

When Jamie scored a goal for Scotland.

Who would you recommend the book to?

People who like football of all ages.



Barry Loser by Jim Smith - reviewed by Aidan (Yr 6)

What did you like about the book?

It is funny with puns and jokes. It is also incredibly readable.

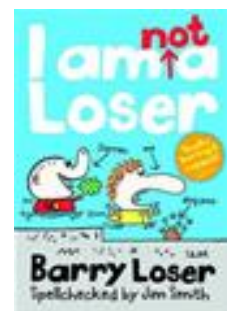
Who was your favourite character and why?

Bunkey was my favourite character because he's just so oblivious and funny.

Describe the book in three words:

Interesting, eye-widening, funny.

What was your favourite scene in the book?



My favourite scene was when Barry got Bunky scared by pretending to be Ghost Grandad.

Who would you recommend the book to and why?

I would recommend it to 8-16 year olds and I would give it a five star review!

The Sister's Grimm by Michael Buckley - reviewed by Skye (Yr 6)

What did you like about the book?

It took characters from other fairy tales but made them more important and I couldn't put the book down!

Who was your favourite character and why?

My favourite character was Daphne because she believes in even the impossible things.

Describe the book in three words:

Mysterious, fun, imaginative.

What was your favourite scene in the book?

My favourite scene is when the two sisters and Puck go into the forbidden room and meet the magic mirror.

Who would you recommend the book to and why?

I would recommend this book for 8 years and older, and for people with a good imagination.



Scholastic Book Club - coming soon!

After the success of our first online book club, this term will see the return of our second. There will be lots of fantastic offers on books by the top authors available. Every purchase earns commission for our school library to spend on new books as well. Thank you for continuing to support this event while we run it online. Look out for information on the next book club which will be sent out separately!

Competition time!

Or how about A History Of The World in 25 Cities? To be in with a chance of winning, follow the link to submit your own city of the future design. Competition closes 1 February 2022. Enter here: [Reading Agency Design a City of the Future competition](#)

Happy New Year from the library!

