

BOOKS : New to our Library available to loan when School re-opens

Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo

Bodyguard series

Go Big

Planet Greta

She is Fierce



Whilst School closure sadly means our main March book order is on hold, we did receive these books from Scholastic. I was very pleased to be able to loan out the Bodyguard series to one of our pupils still in school.



B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

Find out what is
happening in our School
Library Community
March 2020

Dear Library Friends,

In a million years, I could never have predicted that I would be putting this newsletter together on my school laptop at home. Wishing everyone well in these unprecedented times and a special 'hello' to Elyse Kessell-Fell (our 2014 Librarian Leaver) who - thank goodness - is well on the road to recovery having contracted Covid 19.

The focus of this newsletter has obviously changed and rather than me telling you what has been happening in our Library (now sadly closed), I want you to tell me how you are spending your time at home!

Librarians, Library Friends, pupils, staff, parents and carers, if you are trying out a new hobby, if you have any artwork doodles you are particularly proud of, if you are reading a fantastic book you would like to recommend or if you are attempting to become the next J.K. Rowling then please share. All articles and photographs to be emailed to:

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Please everyone, stay safe, follow social distancing rules and wash your hands every two hours.

Mrs Brett





Thursday Library Debate Endangered Species

I am so pleased this debate took place before school closure. Many thanks to everyone who participated (our co-chairs Katherine Oldham and Euan Hughes-Williams and our well prepared passionate debaters, **Amelia Brien** (panda), **Amy Brough** (red squirrel), **Abbie-Louise Gale** (rhino), **Emily Kovach** (tiger), **Ellie Preece** (polar bear) and **Beth Stimson** (shire horse). Our winner was **Beth Stimson** who successfully argued that we 'owe it' to the shire horse, bred to work for humans and dependent on human support for survival and that we are better placed to save a species indigenous to our country.

Our next debate was scheduled to be a discussion as to which country had responded best to the threat of the Corona virus but Mrs Brett's vote is for something a little light hearted when we are all back in school.

This month's Library Display



The focus at the start of this month was World Book Day. Mrs. Ashton's Year 11s and Miss. Green's Year 8s won our Tutor Group competition and received a set of World Day books for their classrooms. Winners of our individual

Library treasure hunt were **Mia Armstrong, Amelia Brien, Harriet Roberts and Khalika Ward**; each received a World Book Day book and chocolate. Many thanks to our Treasure Hunt organisers.

I hope our next edition will feature more contributions from our readers. To 'start the ball rolling' here is a lovely piece of art work to make you smile.

Many thanks to our Artist, **Frankie Stevenson** (2019 Year 11 Librarian Leaver). Frankie is studying Art at A-Level and painted Daisy just for fun.



What are you reading?

What are you reading at the moment? What book would you like to recommend to our reading community?. For our next edition, please email jackie.brett@corbetschool.net 

In March, Mrs Brett read...

Truthfully, whilst the sun was shining and it was nice and warm, I was outside working on a couple of gardening projects. I did manage to read a few books though...

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

Donated to our Library back in 2014, a gentle fantasy adventure worth a read, you just have to get past the cover...

Wildspark by Vashti Hardy

This one will be enjoyed by our Year 7s and 8s who like reading fantasy adventure without the romance!

Small Minded Giants by Oisin McGann

An uninspiring cover but actually not a bad Dystopian read. I might not withdraw from Library stock after all.

The Saboteur of Auschwitz by Colin Rushton

Auschwitz from a very different angle; a thought provoking true story and suitable for those who have read **The Boy in Striped Pyjamas** by John Boyne.

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick

One for staff, after 40 years of marriage a widower finds out there was more to his wife than he realised...

Young Adult Fiction Mrs Brett wants to read!

With The Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo (controversial free verse author of last year's Carnegie medal winner, **Poet x**).

The Secret Commonwealth (The Book of Dust series) by Philip Pullman (Mrs B prefers this series to **Northern Lights**).

READING Recommendations

Whilst sadly, Libraries (offering **FREE** reading material) across the country are closed, isolation and social distancing have given us the luxury of free/leisure time.

Dust off those books you have been meaning to read for ages.

Grab a Classic (you are bound to have one somewhere and these definitely take longer to read than 'modern' novels).

Swap (suitable) books within your household.

Download free e:books

Search online for book bargains (at time of writing deliveries allowed)

Explore your favourite author's website (try Lauren Child, www.milkmonitor.com).

Follow your favourite author on Twitter (try Chris Riddell @chrisriddell50).

Take the online Pottermore test (Mrs B is a Ravenclaw).

Accept the Agatha Christie 2020 reading challenge. Download the postcard from The Home of Agatha Christie website and join in the conversation. <https://www.agathachristie.com/news/2020/read-christie-2020>

Go Global and look at <http://fcbg.org.uk/childrens-authors-and-illustrators/>

or <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/genevalibrary/fun-children-s-author-websites/>

You will find the list of reading possibilities is limitless...



BOOKS REVIEWED BY THE SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SPRING 2020

KS3 Fiction

Cyborg Cat and the Night Spider (second in a series for reluctant readers)

The Fowl Twins by Eoin Colfer (Fantasy - this one is for you Amy B!)

KS3 Non-Fiction

Brain Fizzing Facts : Awesome Science Questions Answered

KS4 Fiction

Step Sister by Jennifer Donnelly (Fantasy/Teen)

Mother Tongue by Patricia Forde (stand alone Dystopian sequel)

KS4 Non-Fiction

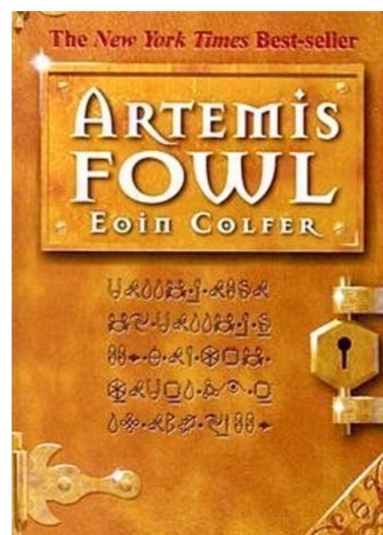
The Plastic Problem by Rachel Salt

ARTEMIS FOWL

By Eoin Colfer

"Stay back human. You don't know what you are dealing with."

Artemis fowl is not your average twelve-year-old. He is a brilliant criminal mastermind with a flair for achieving the impossible. When he discovers an ancient fairy race, hidden far below the surface of the earth, what does he do? Well, he kidnaps one of them and holds her to ransom of course! However, these fairies are nothing like the ones from the bedtime stories, they are armed and deadly. Fowl thinks that he has them right where he wants them, but that's before they stop playing by the rules...



Artemis' impeccable intellect, outrageous schemes and sarcastic genius will keep you hooked until the very last page. I would give this book 5 stars and I would highly recommend this book to Year 7 fans of books full of wit, cunning and action.



Reviewed by Amy Brough, Year 8

Emily's Animal Column!

Welcome to the first 'Emily's Animal Column' where every month we will talk about pets, animals; you name it! In this issue we will be talking about **MY favourite animal...the tiger!!** The tiger lives in South East Asia and is normally found in rain forests, grasslands, savannas and even mangrove swamps. Their main source of foods are antelope, water buffalo, sambar deer and wild pigs. Some old or injured tigers have been known to prey on domestic cattle. Did you know that a tiger's paw pattern is like a fingerprint, no two tigers paw patterns are ever the same! Tigers normally live for around 16 to 18 years but this could decrease due to more and more dangers to the species. There are now (estimated to be) 3,900 tigers living in the wild. The prime dangers that tigers face are poaching (a crime that can only get you 3 months in prison – which is shocking, seeing how few tigers are left), deforestation, wildfires, global warming and people). There are already three tiger species which are now extinct and many people think that the Indochinese are extinct as they haven't been seen in the wild for over 25 years. Can you name 6 remaining species of tiger? Watch out for the answers in the next edition where my article will be about frogs.

Emily Kovach (Year 8)

LIBRARY NOTICEBOARD



Year 7 Library Lessons

WBD tokens were handed out and we looked at the selection of **World Book Day books** before starting on a series of challenges set by Mrs. Clewlow. We talked about which authors inspired us as well as our favourite childhood story (Peppa Pig). Each Year 7 then designed a pennant based on their favourite book for a new mural in the English Department.

Sadly cut short, we were enjoying Dr Drever's lessons, using Library reference and non-fiction books to track down the origins of some of our well loved **nursery rhymes**. Whilst looking at 'Three Blind Mice' a group of Year 7s came across the historical interpretation of 'Mary, Mary quite contrary'. Find out for yourself, if you dare...



STATS

As at 18th March our team of Librarians had returned **400 books** to our Library shelves. We were set for a record year for Library usage...



LIBRARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Beth Stimson
Liv Wade



LIBRARIAN TRAINING PROGRAMME

AWARDS and congratulations to:

Beth Stimson (Yr 9) : Platinum Certificate
Amy Brough (Yr 8) : Silver Certificate

BLUE BADGES* and congratulations to our new KS3 trainees:

Maddie Broadhurst
Ember Cox-Roberts
Jess Ford
Erin Wareing
Harriet Roberts
Sergiu Stavaru

For those still on our waiting list, priority training will be given on our return to school. Thank you



*Piers Moor and Erica Leech are almost there, your 24 books are waiting for you!!