

Dear Library Friends,

This month I have been a little more creative, practising tie and dye techniques on old bath towels, working on a decorative piece for Mrs Goodridge's quilt and creating paper flowers. In readiness for our return to school, I have also been ordering lots of books which will be available to borrow as soon as our School Library re-opens.

One of our Student Librarians, Mia Armstrong (Year 10), has drawn my attention to the annual '**Big Prize Draw**' sponsored by **National Book Tokens**. To help us win £5,000 worth of tokens to spend on books, simply nominate our school using the link below. Thank you.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Mrs B



LIBRARY NOTICEBOARD



LIBRARIAN BIRTHDAY



Megan Dolben



Student Librarians, please email me with your news at
jackie.brett@corbetschool.net.

This month's Gallery...

2020 QUILT

As you all know, Mrs Goodridge has set us a challenge to create a small piece of textile work to form part of a larger quilt for display.

Remember:

- The decorative piece will need to be 18cm x 18cm but the fabric must be 20cms x 20cms so that Mrs Goodridge has a 2cm seam allowance all the way around each piece so that she can sew all the pieces together without hiding any of the decoration!
- Use woven cotton or polyester cotton fabric. Sheet, duvet, pillow case fabric, old shirt, plain tea towel are all suitable as the background fabric if you do not have any other fabric at hand.
- Any colours, patterns.
- It can be decorated in any way you want - patchwork, embroidered, painted, dyed, embellished with beads, buttons, ribbons etc
- It can be based on anything that is relevant to 2020 and important to you, a person, place, occasion, NHS, a loved one etc.
- It can be an image of something or a pattern.
- You don't have to be a brilliant sewer – just willing to have a go.
- Lots of ideas on the internet, Pinterest etc
- **MAKE SURE YOU ATTACH YOUR NAME TO THE BACK.**

Please take part and be as creative as you can.

Thank you to Mrs Leach for the photograph of her quilt piece to show everyone how it is done! If every decorative piece is made to such a high standard, Mrs Brett thinks there should be a staff prize and a pupil prize...





Earlier, I mentioned my foray into paper flower making and I have Eleanor's mum to thank for this. Wendy and Eleanor have donated lots of paper crafting to our school library and I particularly love our story stalk with the cute caterpillars.

I attended one Wendy's paper rose making classes and came home with two cream roses and the kit to make several more. During lockdown I finished these roses and then, using Wendy's template, I made a rose out of brown paper and another from very old book pages. I used wooden barbecue sticks for the stems and was reasonably pleased with the results.



Back to the cream roses... I try so hard to stick with demure colours but it's just not me so I decided to paint them using some old watercolours. The big advantage of paper flowers is that I can now use my unglazed pots to display!



Suitably inspired, my next project was attempting to make paper daffodils using one of Wendy's kits. I found these harder to make than the roses, probably because I am not as familiar with the shape. Wendy's online tutorial was very helpful here. I am pleased with the end result and again I have been able to use one of my unglazed pots to display!

If you would like to find out more about paper flower making, you can contact Wendy on <https://www.facebook.com/paperflowercompany/>





The British Library has challenged school pupils to write **miniature books** during lockdown.

Axel Scheffler (illustrator of 'The Gruffalo'), **Jacqueline Wilson**, **Philip Ardagh** and **Katherine Rundell** are just some of the authors are adding their micro-works to this scheme.

Two hundred years ago, the Brontë children stitched together brown paper sugar packets, strips of wallpaper and old writing paper to create postage stamp-sized books for their toy soldiers to read. Inspired by their collection of miniature gems, The British Library is calling on school pupils to follow in the Brontës' footsteps and write their own small books. An illustrator is being commissioned to create **a virtual bookshelf to display the pupils' work which will form part of an online "National Library of Miniature Books for the toy world"**.

Anna Lobbenberg, speaking for The British Library, commented that the tiny books created by the Brontës "provided a kind of literary workshop for the children, allowing them to experiment with different genres and styles and thus to evolve their own extraordinary writing style... Being able to hold and manipulate tiny versions of ordinary objects is both powerful and delightful for children, helping them to take on new responsibilities and personas". She hopes this project will help young readers gain confidence by playing the part of authors, illustrators, book-binders and librarians.

Homemade miniature books can be shared using The British Library's Twitter account:

[@BL_Learning](#) using the hashtag #DiscoveringChildrensBooks

Alternatively, please email your creation to learning@bl.uk. (copying in Mrs Brett please).

Good luck, I think we may have some Student Librarians willing to give this a go!

READING Recommendations

BOOKS REVIEWED BY THE SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SPRING 2020

KS3 Fiction

The Last Human by Lee Bacon (Dystopian)

A Sea Of Stories by Sylvia Bishop (Reluctant reader)

KS3 Non-Fiction

Darwin's Voyage of Discovery by Jake Williams

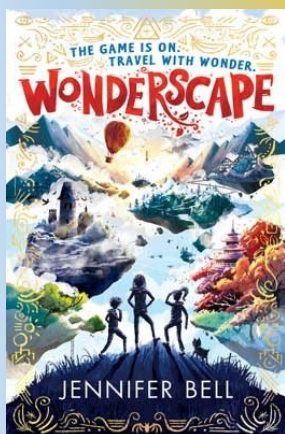
KS4 Fiction

Mother Tongue (The Wordsmith) by Patricia Forde (Dystopian)

The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys (Historical Fiction)

KS4 Non-Fiction

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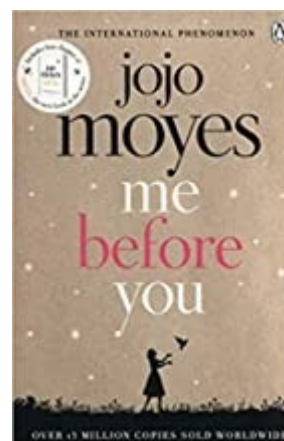
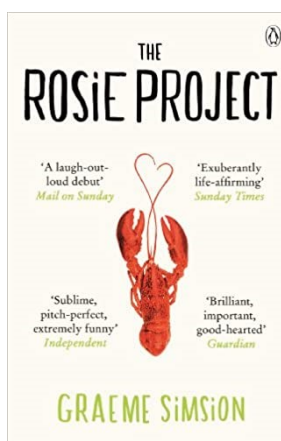
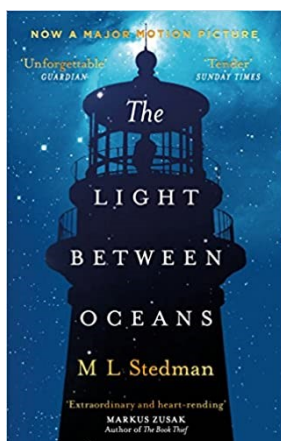
WATERSTONES : JUNE RECOMMENDATION

A hugely exciting and playful mash-up of video game and history, Bell's time-hopping adventure pitches a trio of resourceful kids into a far future contest involving famous figures from the past. Bursting with the same narrative skill that she brought to the **Uncommoners** series, this book, **Wonderscape**, fizzles with energy and thrills.

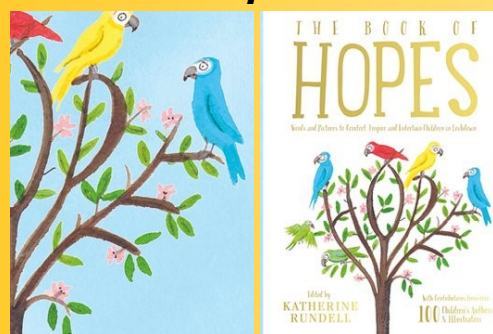
Corbet Staff BOOK CLUB

Currently we are reading three books!

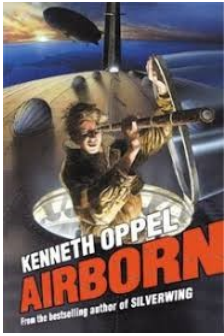
Our next Zoom meeting is provisionally scheduled for Thursday 9th July at 1.30pm (subject to school re-opening times).



The National Literacy Trust have launched **The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown**, compiled by Katherine Rundell. This is a free downloadable eBook containing contributions from over a hundred children's authors and illustrators. To find out more, just Google Literacy Trust Book of Hopes.



In May, Mrs Brett read...

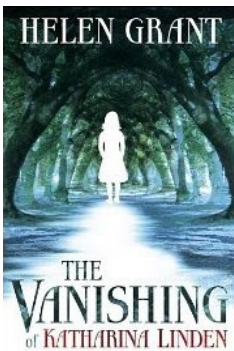
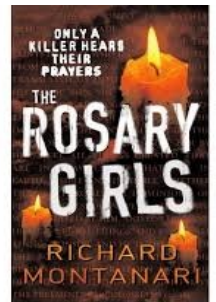


Airborn by Kenneth Oppel

This is one of the many books which I am forcing myself to read to determine whether it should remain on the shelves (last borrowed in 2010). To my surprise, I thoroughly enjoyed this fast paced action adventure. Very sadly, the rest of the series is now out of print but this one can still be read as a stand-alone story.

The Rosary Girls by Richard Montanari

A crime and detective thriller with lots of blood and gore and an excellent twist at the end. Not for the faint-hearted, young adults only.

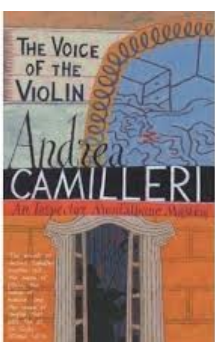
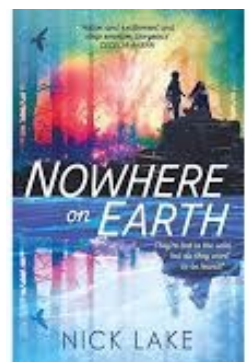


The Vanishing of Katharina Linden by Helen Grant

Once you get your head around the names of the various characters and the - at times - fairy tale feel, this is unput-a-downable. For lovers of quirky crime adventure books, I did not spot the villain until the very end.

Nowhere on Earth by Nick Lake

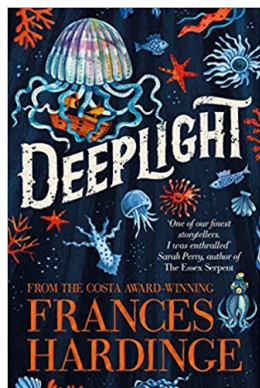
I had to force myself to read this book because it has been shortlisted for this year's Carnegie medal. I dislike this author's blend of reality and fantasy but have to admit I think this book is a winner. I was appalled to find I was crying throughout the last chapter. I may have to revisit my opinion of this author.



The Voice of the Violin by Andrea Camilleri, An Inspector Montalbano Mystery.

I love the European illustrative style of the book jacket! A tricky one to read because of all the unfamiliar names but I persevered because I really liked the author's slightly old-fashioned witty writing style. The content means this is probably one for the staff room..

In May, Mrs Brett read...



Deeplight by Frances Hardinge

I was looking forward to reading this latest novel by Frances Hardinge as I have enjoyed her previous work - quirky, dark fantasy - and I had been told about the deaf librarian who was the inspiration behind one of the main characters. Disappointingly, I struggled to finish this; just too fanciful for me and in my head I kept seeing Davy Jones from 'Pirates of the Caribbean' (very distracting).

Darkness Falls and Sleeping Angels by Mia James

These are the second and third books of the **Ravenwood Mysteries** trilogy and sadly, proved deeply disappointing as the first book, **By Midnight**, was so good. This has turned into a very average tale of vampire romance.

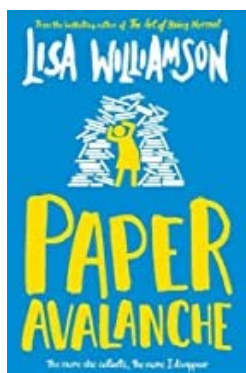


Half Bad, Half Wild and Half Lost by Sally Green

At last, a trilogy that really is a trilogy, no prequel and no paperback books 4 and 5!

I have to admit I abandoned Book 1 but was persuaded by Amy to read it again. What was I thinking? Second time around I thoroughly enjoyed reading and romped through the next two books. What an ending.

This trilogy should be made into a film and is highly recommended for all our Fantasy readers.



Paper Avalanche by Lisa Williamson.

I loved Williamson's **The Art of Being Normal** and her latest novel is just as good. Shortlisted for the 2020 Carnegie Medal, the story of Ro Snow touches your heart. Reach for the tissues with this one.



Amy's Book Blog

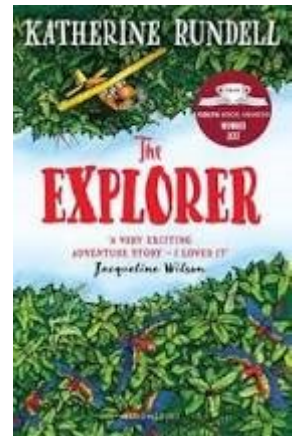
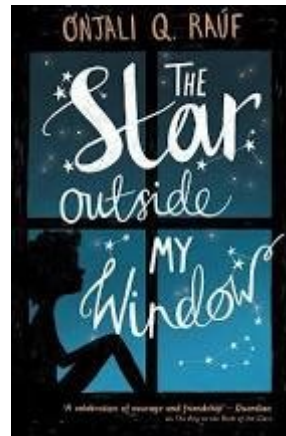
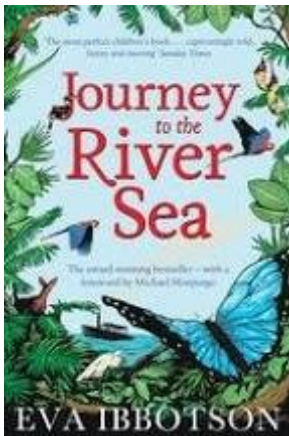
I am enjoying re-reading several books that I have not read for a while including:

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

Rumblestar by Abi Elphinstone

The Star Outside My Window by Onjali.Q.Rauf. A beautiful book about a young girl who wants to find her mother in the stars.

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. A plane crashes in the middle of the Amazon and four children, stranded in the largest rainforest on earth, must learn to survive alone in their deadly surroundings.



I've also re-read some book series:

The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell.

A story of a young wizard and a young warrior, brought up to hate each other until they unite to battle against an ancient evil that has returned unnoticed to their forest.



Magyk by Angie Sage.

Magic, mystery and science combine in an incredible tale that will grip you from start to finish.



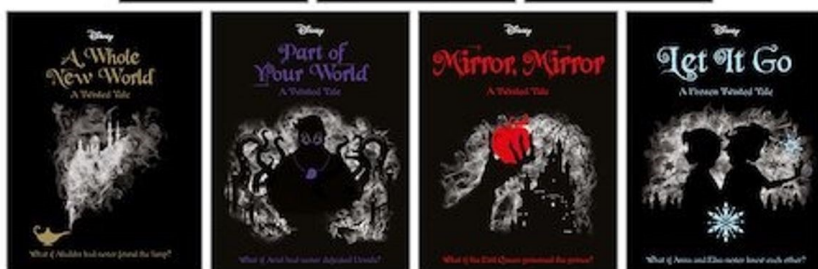
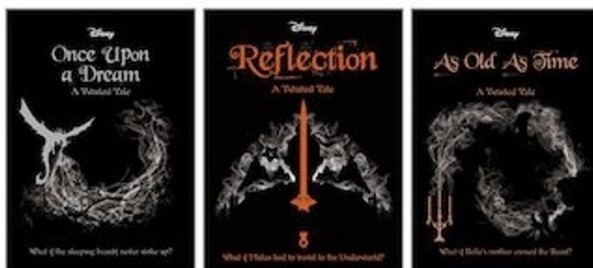
Amy's Book Blog



I have also read a series belonging to my brother called **Secret Breakers** by **H.L.Dennis**. It is about Brodie, Tusia and Hunter who are the children of the code-crackers who worked for the Black Chamber formed by the Government in World War I2. The children have been brought to a special coding school called Team Veritas to help crack the coded document MS408, also known as the Voynich Manuscript.

The only problem is that trying to crack the code is illegal and the current government's Black Chamber is doing everything they can to stop them. It is quite hard to get into the first book but then the plot becomes more exciting and you become drawn in.

Some of the **Disney** stories are good too. I have already read the **Twisted Tales** and am currently reading a new set called the **Villain Tales**, where you get to see parts of the classic stories from the villains' perspective, with a little bit of a side story as well. They are so good and I cannot wait to finish them!



Amy's Book Blog

My sister Lucy (Year 7) has also been reading a lot. These are a few of her favourites:

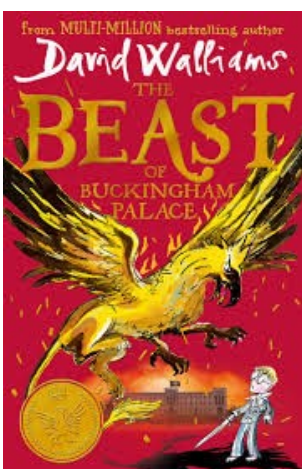
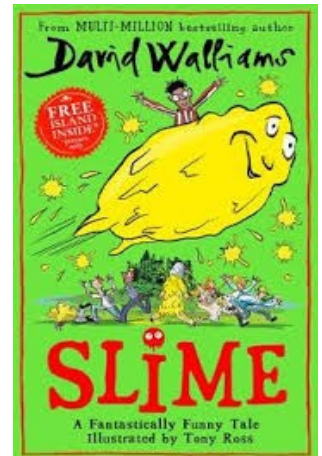


Wonder by R.J. Palacio

A recommended read because it is about the things you go through when you are different from all the other people. This book is about a boy, 'Auggie', who shows real perseverance. You see the hard times and the rewards; this story shows you what you can achieve.

Slime by David Walliams

This is a very funny book about a boy called Ned who lives on an island where all of the adults hate children. As a result of a prank by his big sister, Ned creates a slime monster who is willing to do his every bidding. With the help of Slime, Ned manages to go around the island, helping the children and having his revenge on the adults who were mean to him.



The Beast of Buckingham Palace by David Walliams

Darker than most of David Walliams' previous books but still very enjoyable.

Message from Mrs B:

Amy, I've purchased the **Secret Breakers** series for our Library and am about to start reading. **Rumblestar** is now on order. Keep those recommendations coming please!

Lucy, any word back from Mr. Walliams?



Books new to our Library

These titles will be on our library shelves and available to borrow just as soon as we re-open:

Football Legends : Harry Kane (Factual biography for reluctant readers)

Nightshade by Anthony Horowitz (13th Alex Rider book)

Nowhere on Earth by Nick Lane (Teen read, Carnegie Shortlisted)

Paper Avalanche by Lisa Williamson (Teen read, Carnegie Shortlisted)

Slime by David Walliams (Humour)

The Deathless Girls by Kiran Millwood Hargrave (Fantasy)

The Eve of Illusion by Giovanni and Tom Fletcher (Dystopian sequel)

Darkness Falls & Sleeping Angel by Mia James (Fantasy)

With The Fire On High by Elizabeth Acevedo (Carnegie 2020 Shortlist)

Secret Breakers Series by H.L. Dennis (Adventure)

The Outsider by Stephen King (Crime)

The Hand On The Wall by Maureen Johnson (Crime)

Alight by Scott Sigler (Dystopian)



The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust
Depression – let's get talking

The CWMT has kindly donated several books to our School Library for staff and pupils. These books focus on a range of issues affecting our wellbeing including mental health and body image, teen substance abuse and eating disorders.

Please email your contributions
for our next edition to
jackie.brett@corbetschool.net

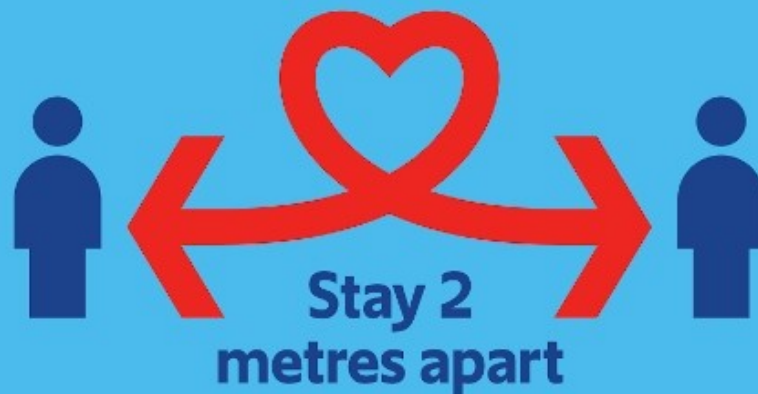


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Keep our distance, wash our hands,
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