

B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

Find out what is happening in
our School Library Community

December 2020

Dear Library Friends,

Well, what a year for our School Library!!!

To celebrate making it through, I started working on a supplementary Christmas edition. This soon evolved into two large documents; one listing all the books new to our Library since September 2020 and one featuring a number of reading lists and Top 20 recommended reads. Please see the last page of this newsletter for their location! I do hope you will browse-and-borrow before Christmas; as always, we are offering unlimited book loans over the holidays

I am delighted to be able to report that our Library space has functioned efficiently as a classroom space whilst our **Click-and-Drop** service has ensured all staff and pupils have continued to have access to all our books.

**Thank you to everyone
for your support this year
and, of course, Happy
Christmas Reading.**

Best wishes.

Mrs Brett

Library Co Ordinator



2020
LIBRARY
COMMENDATIONS

**Mia Armstrong
Amelia Brien
Maddy Broadhurst
Amy Brough
Lucy Brough
Hettie Reynolds**

December Birthday

Amelia Brien



Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report : December

1. As at 11th December, a total of **406** books have been delivered via click-and-drop and morning registration 'roadshow' sessions.
2. Christmas borrowing has been launched today to allow time to deliver all the books.
3. For Year 7s, book drops have encompassed book returns and verbal book order opportunities. This has been very well supported by our Year 7 Tutors.
4. Visits to Year 8 Tutor groups have begun with a very positive response to my 'books versus films' presentation. This carried over to several morning registration periods (!) and 37 Library books were loaned out to pupils in 8O and 8R as a result. Thanks Tutors.
5. I am waiting on SLT approval for my draft 'censorship' Power point for our Year 9s. This is the year group where, traditionally, Library borrowing falls away but I think that, from this academic year, I may be able to reverse this trend. Year 9 lunchtime Yard duty has definitely improved my dialogue with this Year group and I will be building on this morning registration Library sessions to promote borrowing.
6. Mrs Gerrard has asked me to pop in to see 10R after Christmas and I am planning a discussion on 'Thrillers'.
7. Our Library Team is holding together and we have a virtual party planned for Monday 21st December with certificates and presents (which I will be delivering with my book drops during the last week of term).
8. Year 7 Recruitment is on hold until after Christmas, there have not been enough available morning registrations for me to do!
9. To compensate for the lack of borrowers footfall in our Library, comprehensive reading lists have been compiled to assist with reading choices and to promote books new to our Library. These will be stored in the Student Resources folder as well as being downloaded onto the School website and displayed on the Library corridor noticeboard.
10. New books continue to arrive for processing, including the annual Book Trust donation (40 free books) including five new Group Read titles.
11. In my spare time (!), I am (slowly) progressing database cleansing.
12. Mrs Leach has been an invaluable assistant, on occasions when I have been drowning in books, she has managed to find time to help with shelving Library returns and processing new books.

LIBRARY CLICK-AND-DROP SERVICE

Our School Library is currently operating as a Classroom for Year 9 ONLY but **everyone still has access to our Library books**. We have an extensive range of fiction, non-fiction and reference titles and we are continuing to loan out Library books using our **Click-and-Drop service**.

Loans, a recap:

Each pupil has their **own library account** and may **borrow up to three books at a time** (unlimited loans for the Christmas holiday).

The **loan period for Library books is three weeks (books borrowed before Christmas will be due back on 8th January 2021)**.

Library books **must be returned through the letterbox under our Library noticeboard** (next door to student support services).

In these unprecedented times, **finest will be waived** on overdue books, providing they are returned in the condition in which they were borrowed.

Click-and-Drop order form

For ease of access, this is now stored in the Student Resources folder

LOANS

- To borrow a Library book, please use our new **Click-and-Drop service**.
- You can **EITHER** request a specific book **OR** you can ask Mrs Brett to choose a book for you.
- The more information you give, the easier it will be for Mrs Brett to make a good reading match!



Click...

- You will find this order form on [satchel:one](#).
- It looks complicated to complete but, when you start, you will find it easy to do!

and...

Send your completed order form to Mrs Brett via [satchel:one](#)

Mrs Brett will select your book, issue it and place it in a paper bag for quarantine and later delivery.



Drop...

Mrs Brett will deliver Library books to Tutor rooms during Morning registration.

Each paper bag will be labelled with:

- your name and Tutor group
- the date the book was placed in the bag
- the date the book is due back (this will also be written on the date plate inside the book)



The Snow Spider by Jenny Nimmo

The Snow spider is a trilogy set in the North Welsh mountains. Most likely Snowdonia. It's a story about a 9 year old boy named Gwyn Griffiths whose sister (Bethan) went missing five years ago when going up a mountain. On Gwyn's 9th birthday, his grandmother (who he refers to as Nain) gives him five strange gifts which will change his life forever...

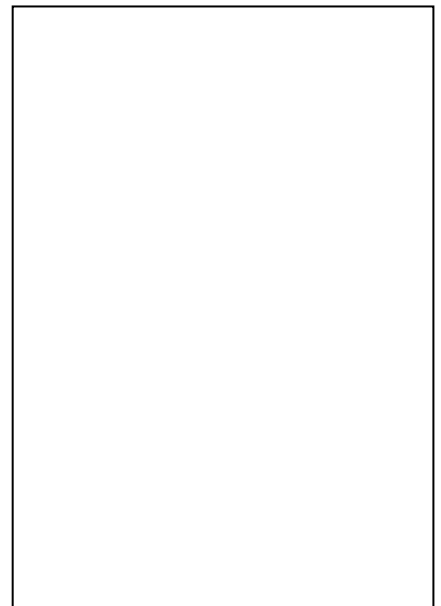
What I liked very much about the book was that it was set in Wales. Wales is often overlooked by authors and I think they go for somewhere more well known and with better stereotypes. I feel like Nimmo uses the Welsh language a lot more freely than other authors. For example, in the second book of the series, Mr. Lloyd sang the Welsh National Anthem and in the third book of the series, Gwyn uses the word 'Duw' a lot (God). Well, he is 13 in the third book!

One thing that I don't like so much about this book is that it was written in the '80's and much of the language may not be recognised by some younger readers. Also, to some it may be a bit hard to follow. My form tutor (Dr. Drever) was working as a reporter once and she went to a showing of the play version of this book in Cardiff and she found it quite hard to follow.

Despite all this, it's still a very good fantasy trilogy and one I would definitely recommend. I rate it 10/10. I love how it takes my two favourite things, magic and Wales, and merges them in an awesome way. For anyone who loves magic, this is a must read.

Reviewed by Morgan Richards...

...and purchased for our School Library on this recommendation!

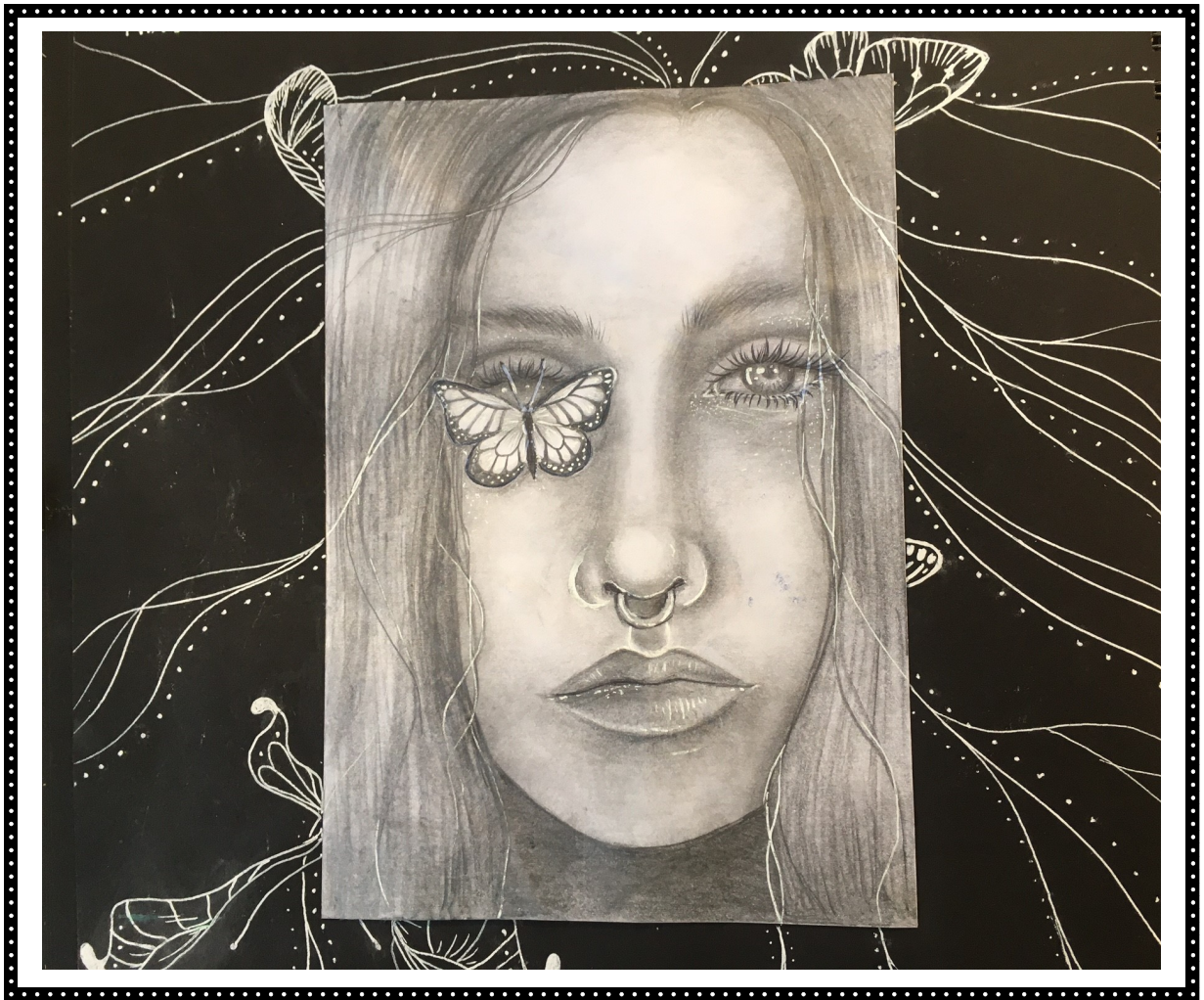


December Art Gallery: Josie Mitchell

One of the advantages of art classes in our Library is that I get to see some amazing work. Josie Mitchell began a personal sketch-book during Lockdown and, with an Art Degree myself, I was 'blown away' by the illustrative quality of Josie's work. She has kindly given permission for some of my favourites to be published. Be in awe, Josie is just 13.





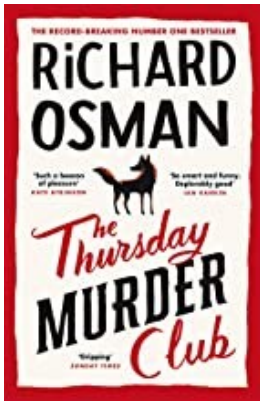




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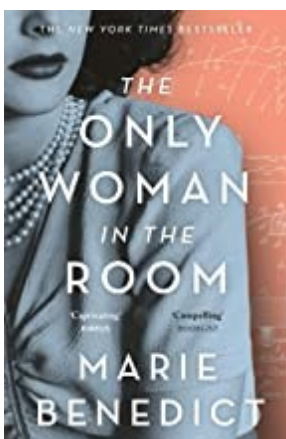
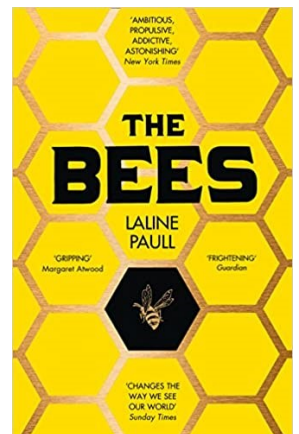
Corbet Staff BOOKCLUB Reading for Christmas

We held our-after School Zoom meeting on 9th December (sadly no mince pies and mulled wine) and agreed on this selection of books to read over December and January 2021:



In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. When a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. The members might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late? This debut novel has 'rave reviews' and Mrs Frank has started reading it already and has praised its 'feel good' factor. Looking forward to this one!

This book is on our Year 9 Book-et list and is another brilliant debut novel. Our unlikely heroine is Flora 717, a sanitation bee on the bottom rung of the hive hierarchy. Living to accept, obey and serve, she is prepared to sacrifice everything for her beloved holy mother, the Queen. Yet Flora 717 is exceptional and in the face of an increasingly desperate struggle for survival she changes her own destiny and that of the hive. Mrs Brett can highly recommend this book, you forget they are bees, it could be us!



Recommended by one of our new members, this biography tells the remarkable story of Hedy Lamarr. Who would have thought this Hollywood icon was married to an Austrian arms dealer who was a Nazi sympathiser and she was therefore privy to secrets of the Third Reich? Not only beautiful, Lamarr was also a talented Scientist living in a 'man's world' yet her ground breaking invention revolutionised modern communication.

Nora Seed's life has been full of misery and regret but when she finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. As she tries to undo her past mistakes and create the perfect life, her choices place the Library and herself in danger. Before time runs out, she must answer the ultimate question: what is the best way to live?





If you need any help with your reading choices, please chat with or message Mrs Brett.

If you look on our School website you will find there are lots of past Library newsletters with articles to inform your reading choices:

Pupils >Other > Library

You can also look inside our **Student Resources** documents folder, here you will find all the information you need!

TAW200 - Document Library (L:) > Student Resources > #LIBRARY



Books New to our Library



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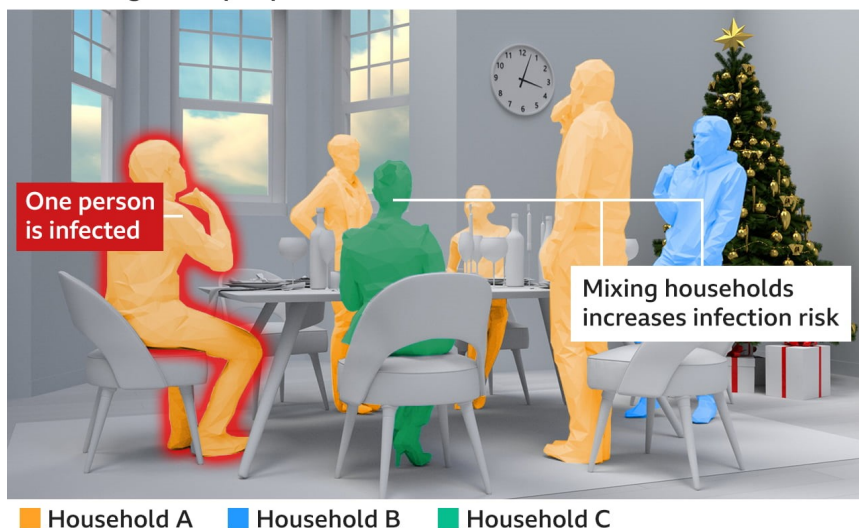
Top 20s Reading List



Click-and-Drop NEW

Covid risks at Christmas

Gathering of six people from three households



If you have a Library book which is due back in this month, please message Mrs Brett to renew your loan so that you can finish reading it over the holidays.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



Stay Safe & Read Books!

If you any questions about books or reading recommendations, please message Mrs Brett
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