


B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

**Find out what is
happening in our School
Library Community
July & September 2021**

Dear Library Friends,

I am afraid my July newsletter remained in draft form because I was super busy talking about Summer reading and issuing books to pupils; I am sure that most of you will have read the Library article in our Summer School newsletter. September has been even busier than the end of last term but I should just mention the results of our Library fundraiser (quiz answers overleaf).

This was sponsored by  with a little help from Mrs Brett and raised £192 (something of a miracle in view of the numbers of pupils self-isolating). In addition, one of our dedicated Teaching Assistants, Mx Hughes, kindly bought and donated a set of 'Dog Man' books and one of our super parents bought most of the titles on my Wish List for our School Library. In fact, I cannot thank Mrs Brien enough for her generous gesture, especially as all of these books are currently out on loan.

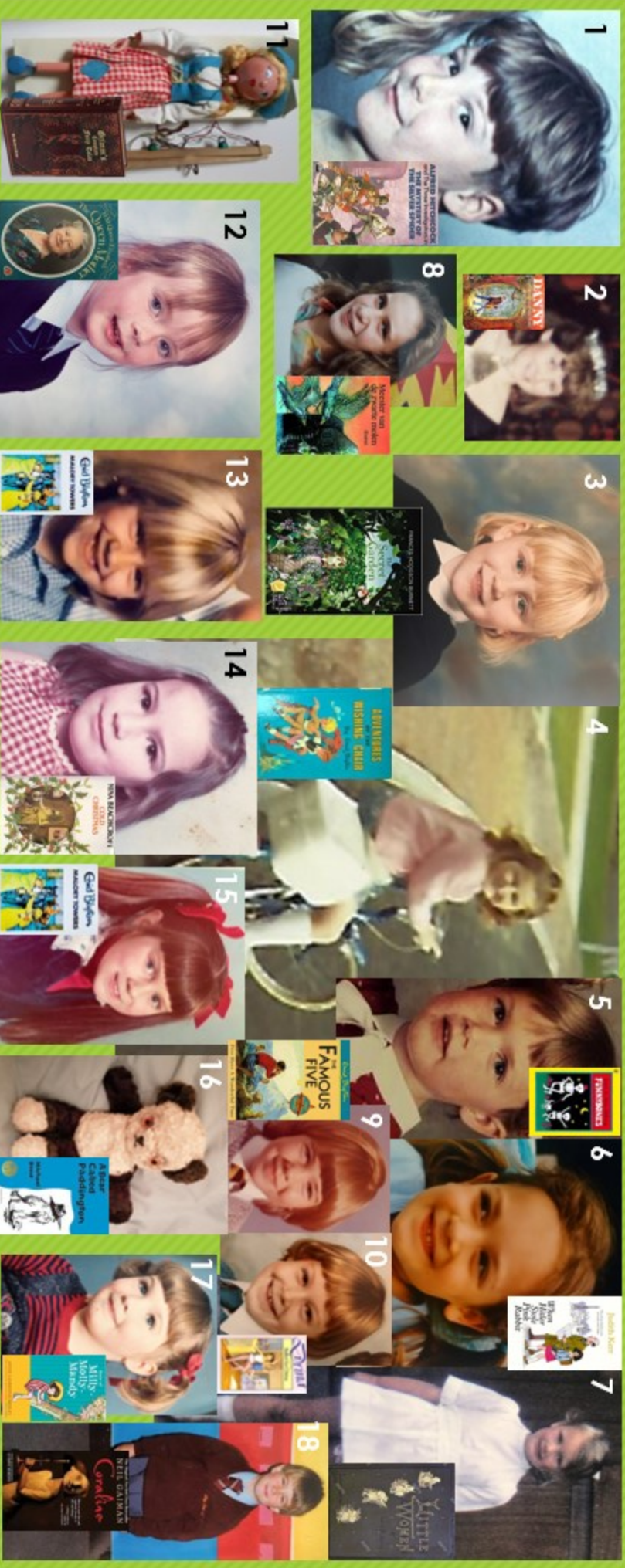
It is good to be back after the Summer holidays, seeing familiar faces in our School Library and welcoming lots of new pupils too.

Mrs Brett 
Library Co-Ordinator

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FUNDRAISER QUIZ ANSWERS



ANSWERS :

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| 1. Mr I Evans | 2. Mrs L Johnson | 3. Miss K Williams | 4. Mrs J Lewis | 5. Mrs N Smith | 6. Mrs R Roberts |
| 7. Mrs C Dobson | 8. Mrs C Van Mulders | 9. Mrs D Benson | 10. Mrs J Jones | 11. Mrs J Brett | 12. Mrs L Selman |
| 13. Mrs R Simms | 14. Dr J Tinker | 15. Mrs G Monk | 16 Mrs T Pugh | 17. Mrs C Clewlow | 18. Mr Crewe |

Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report

1. CLICK-AND-DROP STATISTICS for the School Year 2020/21:

GROUP	JULY	Sept 2020 to July 2021
7	71	417
8	68	287
9	37	215
10	15	42
11	0	4
Staff	63	331
TOTAL LOANS	254	1,296

2. STATISTICS for the month of SEPTEMBER 2021

Books shelved (a new Library record)

478*

(*This included 176 books returned during the 1st week back)

Overdue books (excluding Science Revision Guides) 36

Pupil loans (including Science Guides) 460

- Reorganising the Reference and Non-Fiction section.
- Withdrawing books 'past their sell by date'. This and database 'cleansing' (from March 2020) has resulted in 5,025 books being moved from Eclipse Resources to the recycle bin.
- Library newsletter.
- Roald Dahl School Quiz.
- Year 7 and Year 8 Library induction sessions.
- Setting up a new Monday lunchtime reading group.
- Starting a new Friday debating group.
- Reorganising and training our Student Librarian team:**
 - Pupils from the 2019/20 Team (Years 9 - 11) 10
 - September training for 'Fast-Trackers' (Years 7 - 9) 15
 - Taster sessions timetabled from October week 1 to November week 2 for potential trainees (Years 7 - 10) 39
- 64 pupils wanting to be Student Librarians is another record!**
- Processing new and donated fiction books.

Library Noticeboard

Birthdays

Mrs Brett is compiling a new list...



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
MANGA
TO MRS BRETT PLEASE



Okay, so I am trying to re-home our withdrawn Library books not dogs, but this picture may

have captured your attention! Any ideas/offers/volunteers to take these books away (not for Landfill) would be very much appreciated. Many thanks in advance. *Mrs Brett*



LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

If you can offer help, please see Mrs Brett

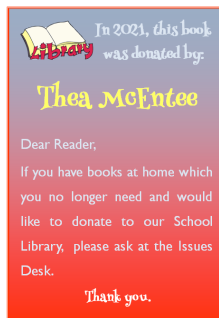
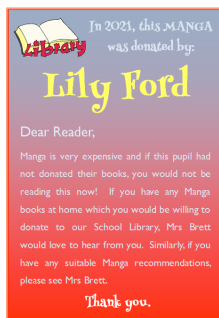
I NEED A NAME FOR OUR NEW MONDAY LUNCHTIME READING GROUP. A BAR OF CHOCOLATE IS ON OFFER IF WE ADOPT YOUR SUGGESTION...



Clever
Book Club
Names

www.8x2TeamNames.com

DONATED & FUNDRAISER BOOKS



Book donations play a very important part in stocking our Library with contemporary fiction. This month, Izzy and Lily donated so many books in 'mint' condition that I feel 'duty bound' to buy book vouchers for them.

These donation plates are inside the book covers and serve as a nice reminder of past and present pupils.

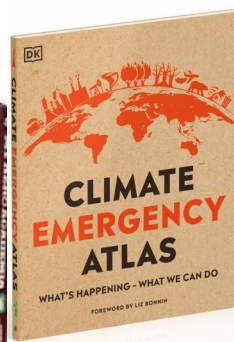
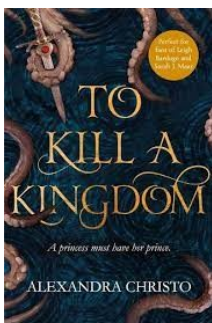


Mx Hughes purchased 'Dog Man' books and Mrs Brien purchased the following books in response to our Library Fundraiser. Again, thank you both so much.



Sherlock Holmes boxed set (Manga)
Dear Amy by Helen Callaghan
The Wicked Girls by Alex Marwood
The Cousins by Karen McManus
Ten Tremendous Tales by Liz Pichon
Rise Up Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories
We are Displaced by Malala
The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
The Sleeper and the Spindle by Gaiman and Riddell
Megamonster by David Walliams
A Secret of Birds & Bones by Kiran Milward Hargrave
Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories
The Rule of Many by Ashley and Lesley Saunders
The Rule of All by Ashley and Lesley Saunders
As Good As Dead by Holly Jackson (Aug release)

Books purchased using Fundraiser monies include:



WISHLIST : NEW BOOKS...

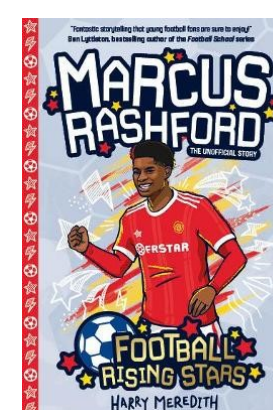
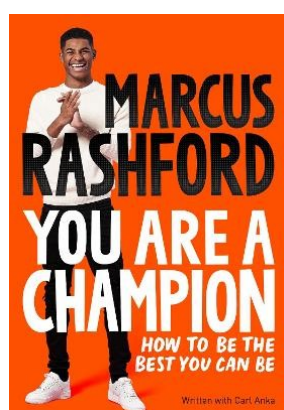
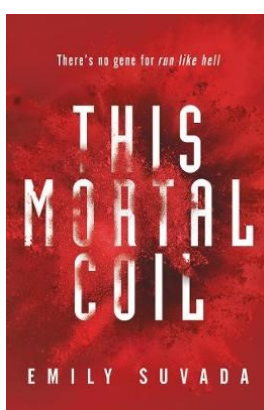
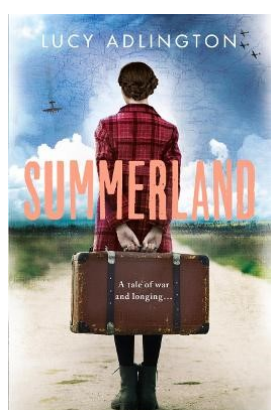
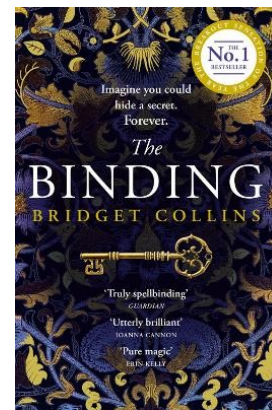
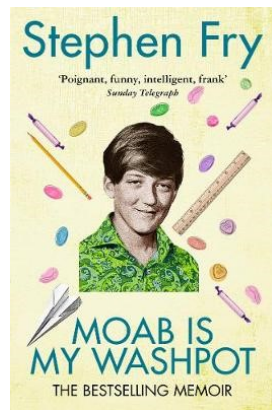
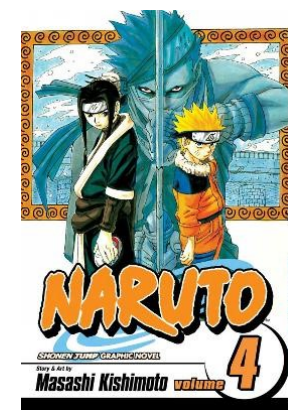
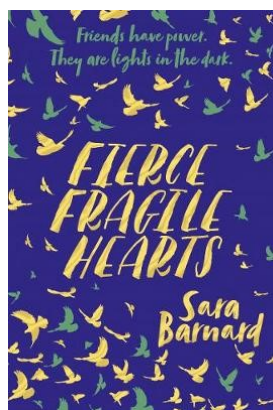
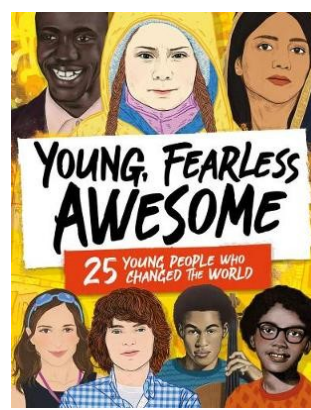
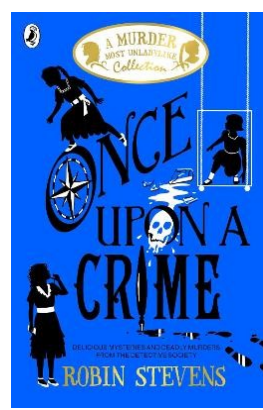
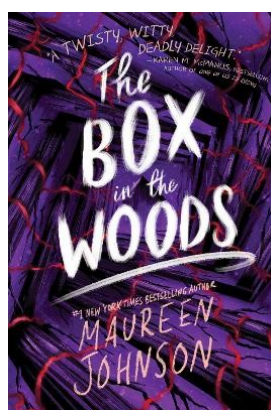
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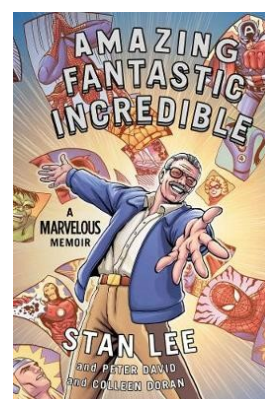
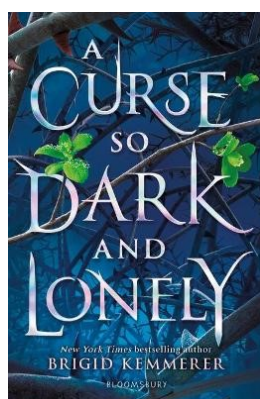
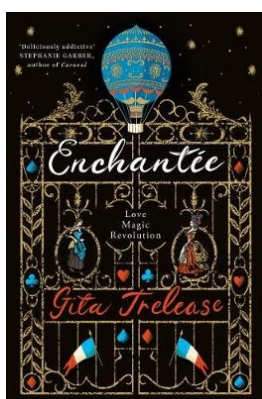
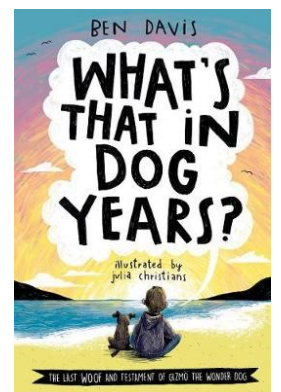
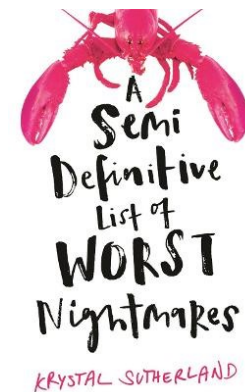
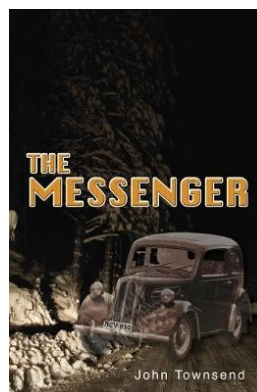
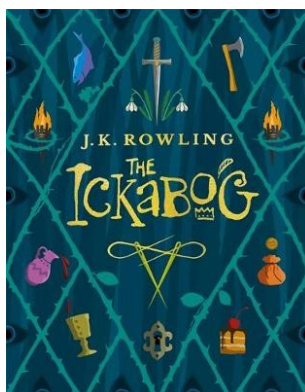
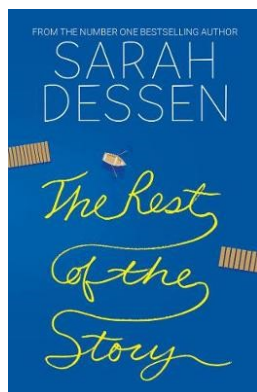
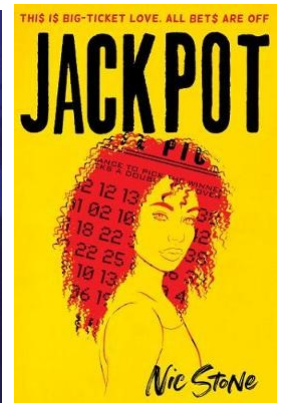
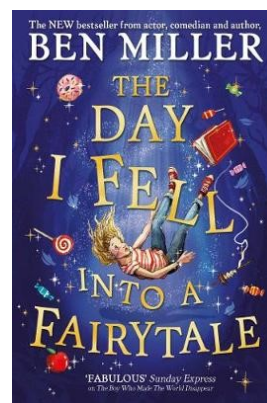
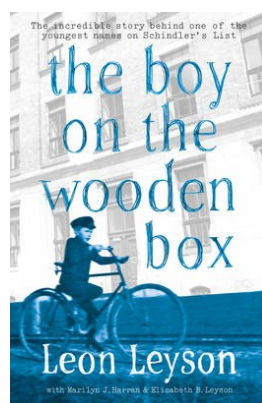
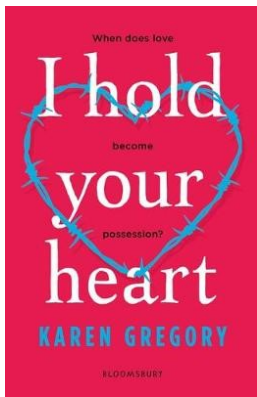
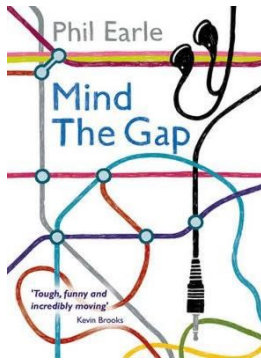
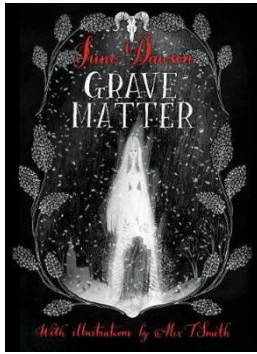
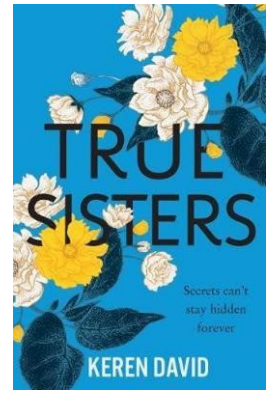
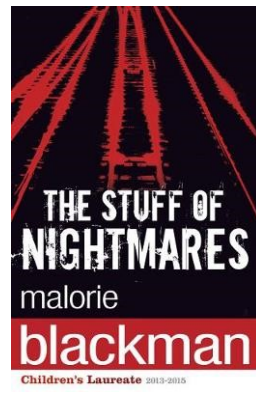
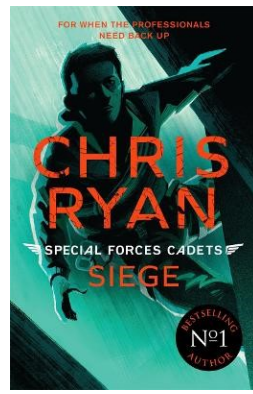
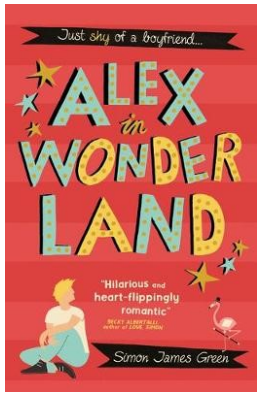
I have approximately 80 fiction titles on my new Library Wish List (see images below and overleaf) and this is BEFORE SUPER THURSDAY.

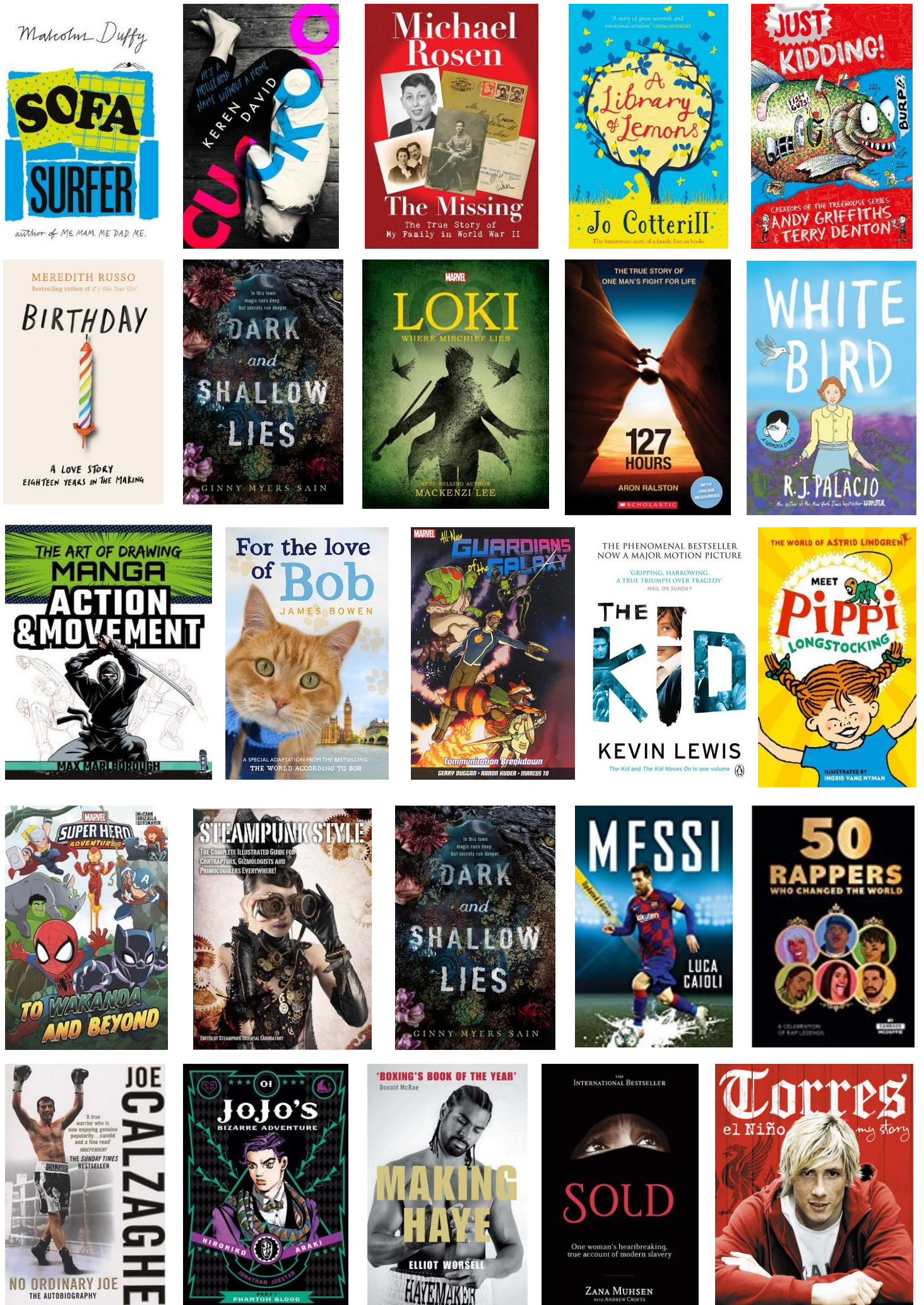
For 2021, 5th October has been designated Super Thursday and 505 new hardbacks will be published to target Christmas sales.

This is a 'do the maths' moment, I anticipate I will have £300 to spend on new books for the Academic Year...

Our reading group are currently working on various fundraising ideas as well as a Christmas Craft Fayre...watch this space for further details and if you think you can help, please see Mrs Brett.







NEW LIBRARY LAYOUT

Losing our Reference shelves to accommodate Year 9 classes during the Pandemic has provided the perfect opportunity for some reorganisation.

The first stage

- The Non-Fiction books have been reduced to 10 bookcases.
- Horrible Histories and Funny Facts are now in Non-fiction.
- The Reference Section now occupies just two bookcases on the left hand side of the Library (the Non-Fiction section) looking out onto the 'classroom' area.
- True stories are now on the left hand side of the Library (the Non-Fiction section) next to the Reference Books.
- Manga, Graphic Novels and Science Fiction are now located on the blue trolley on the right hand side of the Library (the Fiction section).



Thanks go to: Mrs Leach for helping me with moving, withdrawing and reshelving books. This has been a massive undertaking and I could not have done it without you. **Mrs McEntee** for saving all the history books. **Miss Williams** for delivering several boxes of withdrawn books to Pacey's Primary School. **Jen Whittingham** for collecting books boxed up for Ruyton XI Primary. **Mrs Davies** for drip-feeding books to the Salvation Army shop. **Mrs Kennerley** who insisted on making a monetary donation for the books she saved. Now I have another 1,000 or so books to rehome...**ANY VOLUNTEERS PLEASE?!**

The Second Stage

- Reshelving the historical fiction books next to the True Stories in the Non Fiction Section.
- Moving the Fiction section up by 2 bookcases to create more space for ease of access to our fiction titles.
- Creating a separate section for Free verse books.
- Creating an LGBTQIA+ fiction shelf in the Young Adult section.



Books will bear this logo on the date plate to alert readers to their content. I have no plans to restrict reading but if any parents/carers have concerns, please contact me to discuss.

Book Reviews by Elizabeth Selman (Year 7)

Elizabeth has been reading and reviewing lots of books over the Summer, here are her recommendations...



I really liked how the chapters kept changing viewpoint and that the necromancer bit was right at the end. This is the 4th book in the series and not as easy to read as the rest. Recommended for Years 7 to 9.



NOTE : The Flamels in 'The Immortal Secrets of Nicholas Flamel' series and 'Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone' are not the same 'characters' and so the two series are not connected. However, both authors based their Nicholas Flamel on the French alchemist by this name (born 1330 died 1418).



I enjoyed this book with its great sense of adventure and spooky sense of humour. My rating would have been five stars but I wanted more fantasy as Skulduggery is a magician as well as a detective. Recommended for Years 7 to 9 who want a fast, fun reading experience.



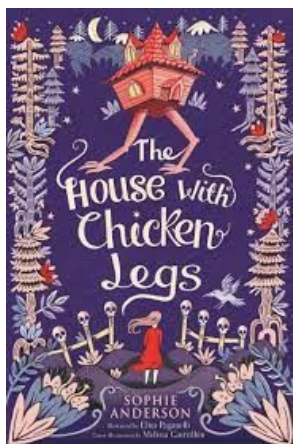
NOTE : This series follows heroine Stephanie Edgley whose uncle (a famed horror author) dies in suspicious circumstances, leaving Stephanie his fortune and mansion. When Stephanie spends the night in the mansion she is thrust into a magical underworld full of vampires, ghosts and monsters. Skulduggery Pleasant the skeleton detective is her ally, protector and mentor.



I really liked how the writer kept changing the point of view of a fox to a human but the ending was a little predictable. This book is packed with emotion and description. Recommended for Years 6 to 9.



NOTE : Peter is forced to leave the fox he has grown up with when his father volunteers to go to War. We have several copies available if a group of pupils would like to read.

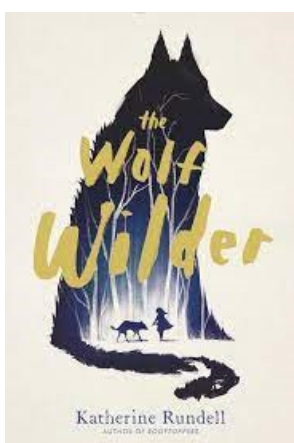


The descriptions were so good that it was easy to imagine Marinka and the surroundings. At times the emotion was a bit too much (when Grandma is lost) and the house falling apart was sad.

Recommended for Years 6 and over.



Elizabeth, I enjoyed reading this retelling of the Baba Yaga myth (shortlisted for the 2021 Carnegie Medal). Look out for books by this author. Mrs B



I really enjoyed the adventure but at times the story was a bit too real for me, I would have preferred more fantasy. Recommended as an easy read for Years 7 to 8.



Elizabeth

Oh dear Elizabeth, having read your full review, I am surprised you scored this one four stars. Katherine Rundell is a very popular author, I am sorry she was not for you. As we go to print, I wonder how many of the Skulduggery series you have read? Mrs B



Book reviews are a very useful tool for promoting books.

What better way to decide whether or not you want to read a book by finding out what one of our pupils thought about it. If you would like to write a review to help our Library borrowers (readers), please see Mrs Brett.



Can you read 21 books by the end of 2021?

I have set myself this additional challenge (to read one book for each of the following categories). If you would like to attempt this, please message Mrs Brett via Satchel.One for further details and an entry form.

Progress : So far I only know of one pupil - MEGAN LAWSON - who has completed my challenge. I have tried several funny books and have not got past the first chapter...

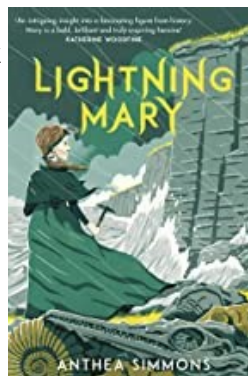


The Corbet Staff BOOK CLUB

We chose three books for the Summer Holidays:



I really enjoyed this book but definitely paused to reflect when the content provoked a very strong negative reaction from one of our members. The title, in my opinion, is very misleading..



This has been languishing in my Group Reads because of the awful cover and the old adage applies. This book tells the story of **Mary Anning** whose scientific, (palaeontology) discoveries in the 1800s went largely unrecognised because of her gender.



Everyone LOVED this story inspired by Russian folklore tales told to **Sophie Anderson** by her Prussian Grandmother. A quick shout out for the Illustrator, **Elisa Paganelli**, whose distinctive, evocative artwork really complements Anderson's writing. Our Year 7 Carnegie Shortlist readers really enjoyed 'The Girl who Speaks Bear'. This title is available as a Group Read.



For our next meeting (**Wednesday 17th November at 3.30pm**) we will be aiming to read these titles:

From Shrewsbury Library Book Club Service:

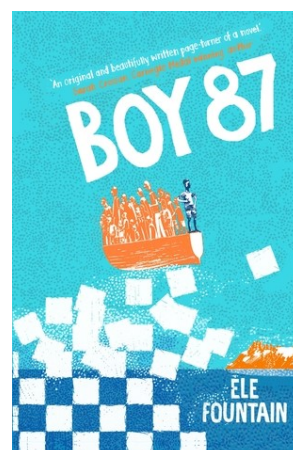
One Day by David Nichols (Romance)

Staff Book Club Member Recommendation:

All The Missing Girls by Megan Miranda (Thriller)

Our School Library Group Read:

Boy 87 by Ele Fountain (Adventure/Survival)



Mrs Brett's Reading

Reading 'Teen' fiction helps me to recommend books onto pupils with a fair degree of confidence that I will successfully match the pupil with the book. The better I succeed at this, the more likely the pupils is to return to borrow another book. I have been busy the last three months and have not read as much as usual; twenty three titles are listed below (in order of reading, not by preference and definitely not in alphabetical order by author surname).

OUTSTANDING (10)

Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender (LGBTQIA+)

You Should See Me In A Crown by Leah Johnson (LGBTQIA+)

The Wastelands, 4th in the 'Dark Tower' Series by Stephen King (Fantasy)

Max by Sarah Cohen-Scali (Historical Fiction)

What We're Scared Of by Keren David (Teen : Discrimination)

As Good As Dead, 3rd in the 'A Good Girl's Guide To Murder' trilogy by Holly Jackson

Waiting for Doggo by Mark B. Mills (Romance)

On Midnight Beach by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick (Teen, Carnegie 2021 Shortlist)

Frostheart by Jamie Littler (Fantasy)

To Kill A Kingdom by Alexandra Christo (Fantasy)

GOOD READS (9)

Step Sister by Jennifer Donnelly (Fantasy)

The Wicked Girls by Alex Marwood (Crime)

Dear Amy by Helen Callaghan (Crime)

The Rule of Many, 2nd in the Rule trilogy by Ashley & Lesley Saunders (Dystopian)

The Rule of All, 3rd in the Rule trilogy by Ashley & Lesley Saunders (Dystopian)

Carbonel by Barbara Sleigh (Fantasy Adventure)

Lightening Mary by Anthea Simmons (True Story, Group Read)

Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers (Staff Book Club, Young Adult)

The House With Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson (Fantasy, Group Read)

AVERAGE (3)

So Below Key to The City by Matt Whyman (Thriller)

The Day I Fell Into A Fairy Tale by Ben Miller (Fantasy Adventure)

Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren (Fantasy Adventure)

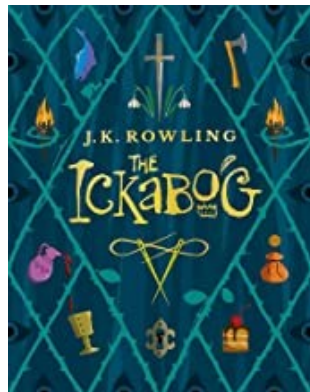
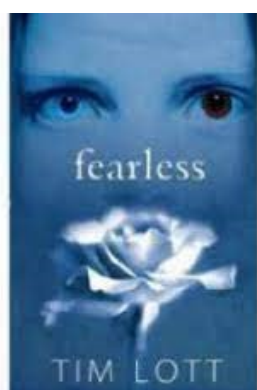
DISAPPOINTING (1)

The Convent (Historical Fiction) by Marie Hargreaves

Mrs Brett's TOP 12 READS FOR 2021 (So Far)



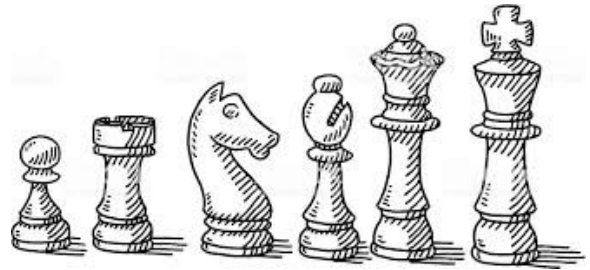
1. Fearless by Tim Lott
2. The Killer's Cousin by Nancy Werlin
3. Max by Sarah Cohen-Scali
4. Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender
5. As Good As Dead by Holly Jackson
6. On Midnight Beach by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick
7. Arc of a Scythe
8. The Ickabog by J.K. Rowling
9. The Stolen Ones by Vanessa Curtis
10. Being Miss Nobody by Tamsin Winter
11. One of Us by Jeannie Waudby
12. What We're Scared of by Keren David



Those eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed a significant change in the book order. Where the story line is dimming with time (!) titles are dropping down my list. In addition, I have had to increase my list to twelve books, ***there are just too many good reads...***

CHESS CLUB

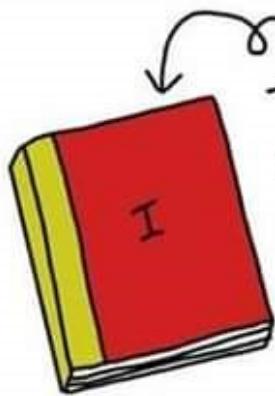
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME
in our School Library



It seems like a lifetime ago that we started this club and whilst chess was popular before the Pandemic, there is definitely a resurgence in interest. Our second Wednesday lunchtime saw 29 pupils of all ages and abilities playing chess. A big 'thank you' to Mr. Evans who is spending his lunchtime teaching our beginners. Also, a shout out for Mrs H. Jones for authorising purchase of some nifty timers using the MAT budget. We may have to find a new room if numbers continued to increase. If anyone has a chess set they can donate, please contact either myself or Mr Evans. Thank you.



EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM A BOOK

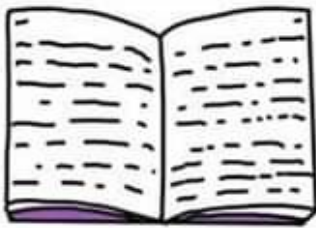


Things usually
turn out okay
in the end.
If not...

there's
probably
a sequel.



It's good to be
different. Be
weird. Be complex.
Be anything
but trite.



All the best
characters
are flawed.
You are NOT
a failure.

When things go
wrong, hang in
there. It's just
a plot twist.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

If you would like to submit
an article or a photograph
for the October issue,
please email Mrs Brett
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