

B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

Find out what is
happening in our School
Library Community

October 2021

Dear Library Friends,

Another ridiculously busy month and this first half-term has flown by. My highlights have definitely been seeing the Year 11s and Year 9s forming a new team sitting behind the Issues Desk as well as 'sowing the seeds' for the Librarian Team of the future as our Year 7 and 8 Library users get to know each other during Tuesday lunchtime Librarian meetings.

Our 'new look' Library definitely feels more spacious but we still have an awful lot of withdrawn books to 'move on'. If anyone has any suggestions, please come and have a chat with me; landfill is looming 😞 ..

A quick 'shout out' for those pupils who are doing particularly well on our Librarian Training Award Scheme, Elizabeth Donoghue, Emily Delve, Jess Ford, Lily Trow and Tilly Wright. Last but not least, thank you Lucy Brough and Hettie Reynolds who are busily tidying up our Library book data.

Mrs Brett 
Library Co-Ordinator

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Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report

1. **STATISTICS for the month of OCTOBER 2021**

Books shelved	332
Overdue books	50
Pupil loans (including Science Guides)	524
Staff loans (topic and personal)	40

2. Library newsletter.

3. Putting the finishing touches to the Reference and Non-Fiction sections, creating new signage.

4. Moving all the fiction books to fill the shelf spaces left by moving the True Stories and Historical Fiction books. Backbreaking work but our fiction is now far more accessible and loans are sure to increase.

5. Continuing with database cleansing with the help of two Librarians now fully trained to use the Library database.

6. Year 7 Library lessons (biographies and Roald Dahl).

7. Debate and Reading Club meetings.

8. Reorganising and training our Student Librarian team. Five trainees have attained blue badge status and are now able to shelve books without supervision and after the half term holiday, they will begin to mentor some of our very enthusiastic Year 7 and 8 pupils.

9. Processing new books (covering, date plating and loading details onto the Library database).

10. Creating Donation labels for Fundraiser books..

11. Christmas Craft Fayre planning and crafting.

12. Initial planning for Murder in Our Library (2022 fundraiser).

Library Noticeboard

September Birthday
Beth Stimson

October Birthdays
Tilly Wright
Emily Reynolds



Okay, so I am **STILL** trying to re-home our withdrawn Library books... I have appealed to Oxfam Shrewsbury for help but so far there has been no response...

PLEASE SAVE OUR OLD LIBRARY BOOKS FROM LANDFILL and talk to Mrs Brett.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANGA TO MRS BRETT PLEASE



LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Bridgewood, Mrs Leach and Mrs Parker for your crafty contributions!

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



Thank you to all the Tutor Groups who submitted entries for my **Roald Dahl quiz challenges**. Whilst I have been asked to provide the answers, I have decided not to do so as many of our pupils have very good memories and I may need to use some of these questions again... I can, however, reveal **our staff member's favourite Roald Dahl books**:

MRS ASHTON : THE MINPINS



MRS BRETT : MATILDA



MRS CLEWLOW : THE TWITS



MR CREWE: FANTASTIC MR FOX



MRS MOCCIA : GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE



MRS SALE : DANNY CHAMPION OF THE WORLD



MR WILTSHIRE : THE WITCHES



Several Tutor groups tied on 13 points each. The tie-breaker answers were discovered by Hettie Reynolds who came down to our Library and read about Dahl's boarding school days from 'Boy Tales of Childhood'. Two bags of sweets went off to Miss Cole and the rest of 9B. **The tie-breaker answers:**

Stars and stripes was the system of reward and punishment.

Good work = a pink ¼ star, four quarter stars = a star in the master's book.


Poor work or bad behaviour = blue-green stripe in the master's book and 'a thrashing from the headmaster'.

MMMmmm it's a bit different these days, thank goodness!

DONATED & FUNDRAISER BOOKS



As you can see, pupils and parents have been very generous with their book donations. I have been creating donation plates so that whoever reads these books appreciates how lucky they are!



Library Fundraiser 2021
ASDA
Save money. Live better.

Our School Library continued to deliver books to pupils throughout the Pandemic using a new click-and-drop service.

Our Library Fundraiser for new books received a positive response and the book you are reading now was purchased by one of our parents, Mrs Eleanor Brien.

We are fortunate to have a thriving School Library supported by the strength and generosity of our Library Family.

Our thanks go to Mrs Brien.




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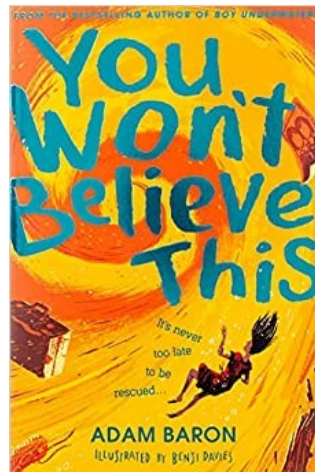
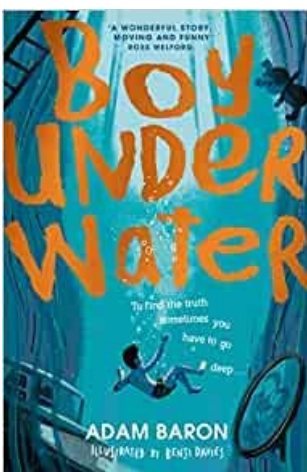
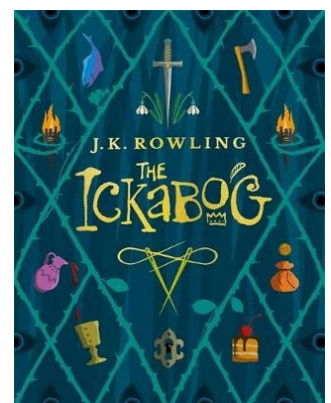
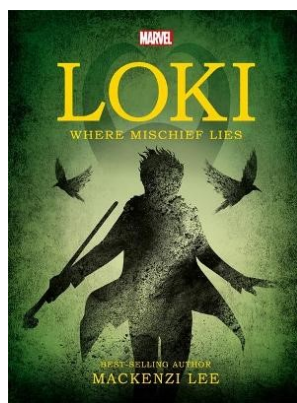
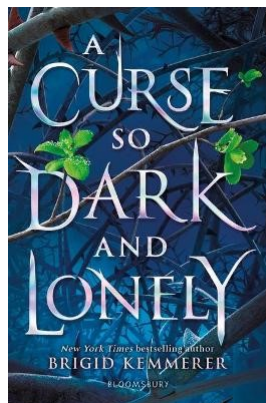
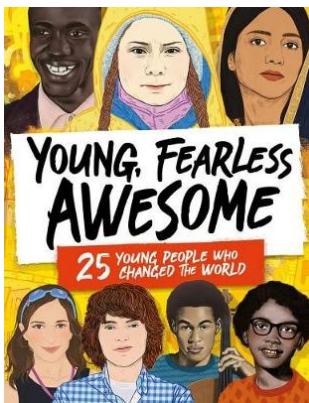
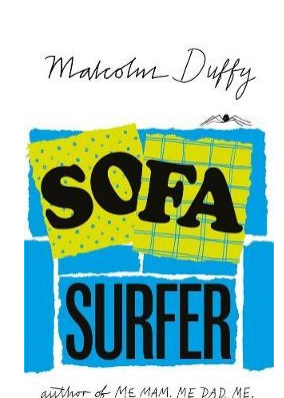
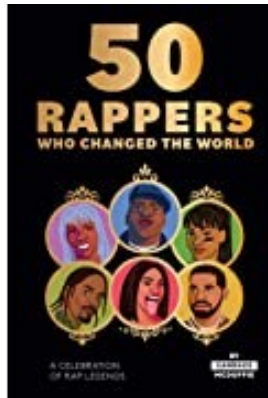
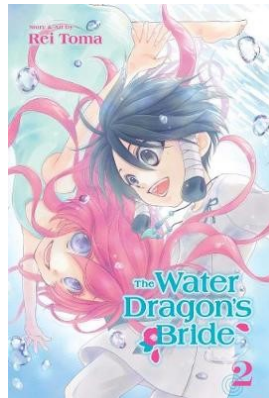
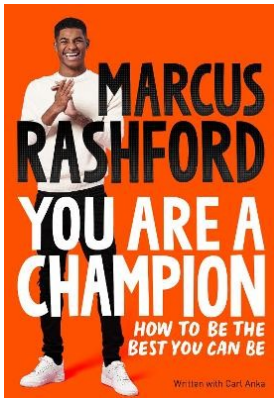
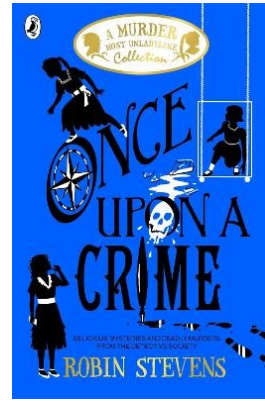
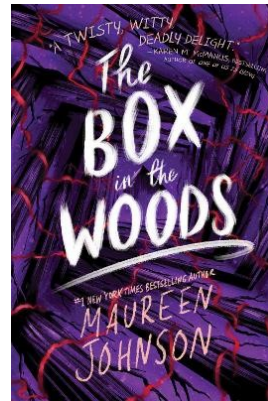
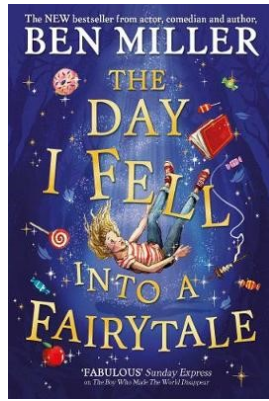
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I am on the 'look out' for second hand books for those with a reading age of approximately 7 years BUT they must hold appeal for teenagers. If you have any books that fit this brief and you are able to donate, please email me. Many thanks.

NEW BOOKS

New books purchased this month, now available to loan:



If you are really enjoying a book we do not have in our Library, please loan your personal copy to Mrs Brett. If I like it, the title will go onto my 'Wish List'. This is exactly what is happening with these books by Adam Baron. Thanks to JACK MUNN for loaning me your copies, I can't wait to see what Cymbeline does next!

The Corbet Staff **BOOK CLUB**

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

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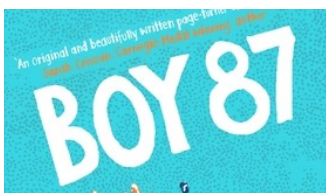
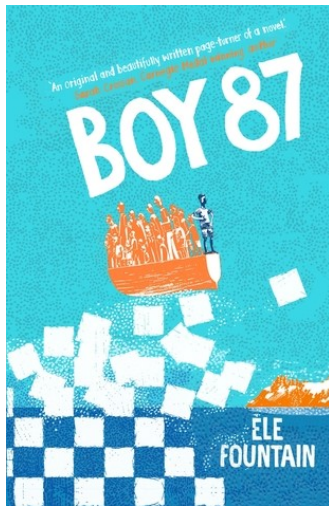
One Day by David Nichols (Romance)

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)



This one has captured everyone's imagination but I have not been able to read it (yet) because every copy is out on loan.

The story follows Shif, an ordinary boy who likes chess, maths and racing his best friend home from school. One day, soldiers with guns come to his door and he is forced to leave his mother and little sister, and embark on a dangerous journey involving imprisonment, escape to new lands via a perilous crossing by land and sea. *Boy 87* is described as 'a gripping, uplifting tale of one boy's struggle for survival echoing the story of young people all over the world today'.

Ele Fountain worked as an Editor in children's publishing where she was responsible for launching and nurturing the careers of many prize-winning and best-selling authors including Angie Sage, Philip Reeve and Sarah Crossan. She lived in Addis Ababa for several years and this provided the inspiration for *Boy 87*, her debut novel.

Mrs Brett's Reading

October 2021 has to be my worst month for reading in ten years. I have not counted how many books I have picked up and put down after reading the first few pages; must be the weather... I've managed to finish:

Boy Underwater by Adam Baron (Adventure)

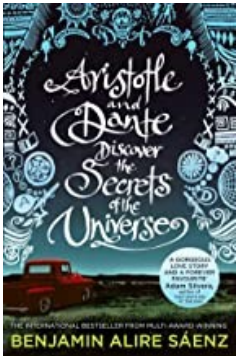
You Won't Believe This by Adam Baron (Adventure)

Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky (Historical Fiction)

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (LGBTQIA+)



I have a pile of books to tackle over the October half term holiday and these will go to my November list. Please can anyone recommend a funny book? I still need to read one for my 21 books for 2021 reading challenge.



Described as 'A tender, honest exploration of identity', this novel is recommended for our mature readers. Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has a unique perspective on life. When the two 'loners' first meet they seem to have nothing in common but as they spend time together a special friendship develops and they learn the truth about themselves and the kind of people they want to be. Despite feeling the World is against them they learn to open themselves to love.

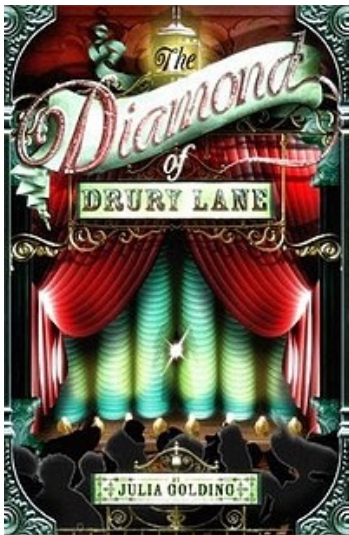


Mrs Brett's TOP 12 READS FOR 2021 (So Far)

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 Callendar
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

Rediscovered Library Books

Our new book club is uncovering a few hidden gems. One of our readers mentioned she liked JULIA GOLDING and I remembered we had this book on our shelves under Crime (last borrowed 7 years ago). I am reading it now and thoroughly enjoying. Highly recommended for our Year 7 and 8 mystery readers; I will be moving it from Crime...



Set in 1790's Covent Garden this is an adventure story about one hidden treasure, two bare-knuckle boxers, three enemies, and four hundred and thirty-eight rioters. Cat Royal, is a four foot tall orphan with long red hair and not a penny to call her own. She lives in the Theatre Royal on Drury Lane, a place filled with dramatic characters, theatrical spectacles, and now, a secret treasure--which Cat has been asked to protect. Her new friend Pedro, a former slave and gifted violinist, is eager to help, and so is the theatre prompter, Jonathan, who is hiding secrets of his own. When the ruthless gang leader Billy Shepherd learns about the treasure, Cat thinks she's going to lose it for sure. She still doesn't know what the treasure is, so how can she keep it safe from Billy and his gang? Follow Cat into the streets of London, as she faces danger and adventure, racing to be the first to discover the diamond of Drury Lane!

JOE'S JOKES

One of our Year 11 Librarians has been challenging us with his 'cerebral' jokes. I said I would publish one or two in this Newsletter..

Interesting fact:

In Iran, the most common fear is that of spiders.

However, in Iraq, no phobia.

I had a joke about communism,
but I doubt you'd under-Stalin-d

A frog walked into a bank, and he said, "I want to carry out a loan". The woman behind the desk (whose name was Patricia Wack, according to her nametag) asked the frog for his name, to which the frog replied, "Kermit Jagger. I was named after the frog on the television and my dad is Mick Jagger." Mrs Wack explained that to secure the loan, Kermit would need some sort of collateral, which led the frog to pull out a white pill from his pocket. Not sure whether this classified as collateral, Mrs Wack rushed to her manager to ask what she should do. The manager replied,

"It's a Tic-tac, Patty Wack. Give that frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone!"

This will probably beg the questions, 'what about copyright and what is an acceptable joke?' providing more issues to debate...

Debate Club



BALLOON DEBATE

'BATTLE OF THE CHRISES'



Maria Christina
of the Two Scilles
(Queen Consort to Spain)



Chris Hemsworth
(Actor, best known for
Thor in Marvel films)



Christopher Robin
(character from the
Winnie-The-Pooh stories)



Kristen Stewart
(Actress, best known
for Bella in 'Twilight')



Christine Van Broeckhoven
(Professor of molecular genetics
researching neurodegenerative
brain diseases)

Participate in the Debate
Thursday 21st October
1.40pm prompt start

Our first balloon debate did not go quite according to plan. Unbelievably, Mrs Brett forgot about PD Day and so we hastily brought forward our debate. Sadly, our Proposers for Christine Von Broeckhoven and our Chairperson were all absent from School. Many pupils who had indicated their desire to participate did not arrive until 2pm; a lesson to be learnt here about collecting early lunch passes.

Mrs Brett's opening straw poll indicated that (much to her surprise) the Proposers for Christopher Robin were most likely to be left in our Hot Air Balloon. The least favoured (and least known) Maria Christina received one vote from her Proposer, Catherine Oldham.

Thanks to some excellent research and debating as well as some searching questions from our audience, the Actors were ejected first and Maria Christina was the last person standing in the hot air balloon. Well done Catherine Oldham (our winner), Lily Trow and Jess Ford who all demonstrated that the best way to do well in a Debate is to thoroughly prepare and write down your points.

We were side-tracked by the question 'if your behaviour has not been exemplary, should your life-time achievements be erased from history?'. This might form the basis for our next debating motion...

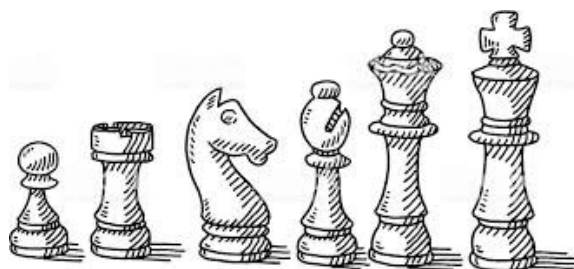
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Bring Back Your Overdue Books

No fines.
No problems.

CHESS CLUB

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME
in our School Library



Mr Evans' chess tournament is now underway...

Just to clarify, as we have had so many pupils wanting to play chess and our Library occupancy number is limited to 50, we have advised pupils:

- 1. If you are playing in the tournament you can come into our Library to practice during break and lunch. If you ask for a chess board when there are only 5 minutes left before the start of lessons, you will not be allowed to start a game!**
- 2. If you are not playing in the tournament you can only practice during Chess Club meetings on Wednesday lunchtimes.**

Whilst we do not want to disappoint anyone, we must accommodate our readers, student librarians and debaters who not want to play chess. Incidentally, Mrs Brett has discovered that threatening tournament disqualification is the best way to keep the volume down when a chess move is disputed!!!



OUR WORLD IS CURRENTLY 1C WARMER THAN PRE-INDUSTRIAL LEVELS



“Here in the UK, Shropshire farmers are on the front line. They are the ones who have the finger unfairly pointed at them over emissions but we are uniquely placed to be part of the solution. Put simply, farming captures carbon dioxide from the air and turns it into a wide range of foods, fibres and fuels. Our farmers are busy enhancing the industry’s ability to capture carbon, using it to generate "negative emissions," in other words, actively removing CO₂ from the atmosphere to balance the methane and nitrous oxide emitted from food production systems. So with COP26 upon us, the discussion for farmers is about producing food as sustainably as possible and encouraging people to buy local, home-grown, climate-friendly produce when they can”. **Oliver Cartwright, the NFU West Midlands communications adviser**

*1st–12th November **COP26** is an International Meeting to Discuss Global Action on Climate Change. For information on this and **Remembrance Day** (11th November) please check out our Library noticeboard in the corridor.*