

B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

**Find out what is
happening in our School
Library Community
JANUARY 2023**

Dear Library Friends,

First off, a massive 'thank you' to all members of our Librarian Team who ensured the Library remained open for business during my absence. An extra shout out for Amy Brough and Liz Donoghue who even managed to host a lunchtime Librarian Training Session. Moving forward, my Library hours have been reduced but the Library will be open before school, break and lunchtime with my Senior Student Librarians working behind the Issues Desk to ensure pupils can continue to borrow and return books.

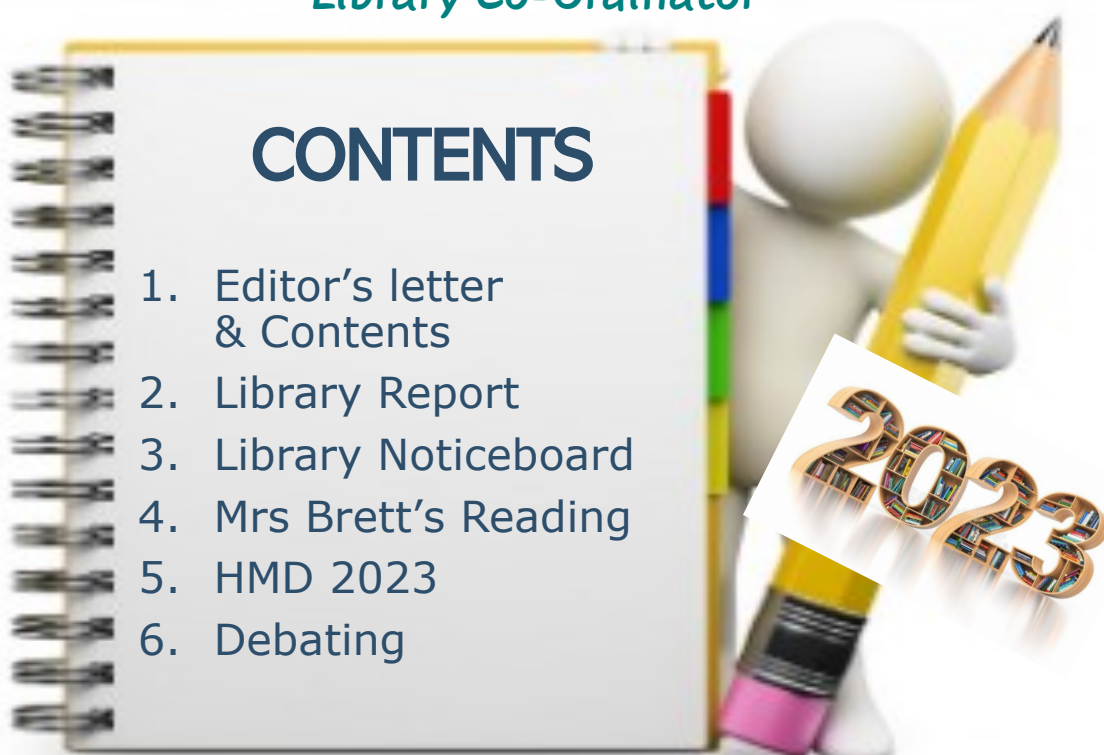
December and January were busy months and it is proving an increasing challenge to keep on top of the steady rise in the number of overdue, missing, lost and damaged Library books. With our limited budget, it is a real dilemma - to replace or not to replace? The former comes at the expense of buying new titles whilst the latter deprives pupils of popular reads. My temporary solution is to buy more second hand (pre-loved!) books but I am unsure as to how my 'super readers' will react to this; feedback please.

HAPPY READING!

Mrs Brett 
Library Co-Ordinator

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Mrs Brett's Library Report

STATISTICS for DECEMBER 2022

Books borrowed	625
Books shelved by the Library Team	275
Number of overdue books	63

Learning Support Topic Loan : Shropshire Local Studies & Crafts

English Department Topic Loan : Dyslexia friendly fiction

STATISTICS for JANUARY 2023

Books borrowed	433
Books shelved by the Library Team	449
Number of overdue books	97

English Department Topic Loans : Atlases, Classics, Group Reads, Quick Reads

Science Department Topic Loan : The discovery of DNA, Animal Adaptation

TASKS

1. Focus on the return of overdue Library books.
2. Ongoing stock check.
3. Book repairs.
4. Pre-loved book wish list.
5. Student Librarian training.
6. Holocaust Memorial Day Display
7. Refugee debate
8. Newsletter



Library Noticeboard



STUDENT LIBRARIAN TRAINING PROGRAMME

We now have a lovely Library team of 32 students, all at different stages in our Training Programme. This month, I was thrilled to award a GOLD CERTIFICATE to my Year 11 Deputy, **Amy Brough**. Thank you Amy for somehow finding time to pop in to help the Team and Mrs B! A mention this month too for my Issues Desk Captain, **Hettie Reynolds** who passed the 500 book returns milestone this month. Last - but definitely not least - congratulations to **Willow Senior**, a worthy recipient of our bronze certificate.



LIBRARY LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Monday lunchtimes are always noisy (especially with our expanding D&D group) and rather than shushing students I am trying a new tactic...

Tuesdays are for Librarian Training

Thursdays are for Debating

See Mrs Brett for details and an early lunch ticket.

Christmas Fundraiser

In spite of significant pupil and staff absence, our Pre-Loved Christmas decorations raffle raised £31.50. We will be using these funds to buy new book covers and repair materials. Thanks to our Donors and Buyers!



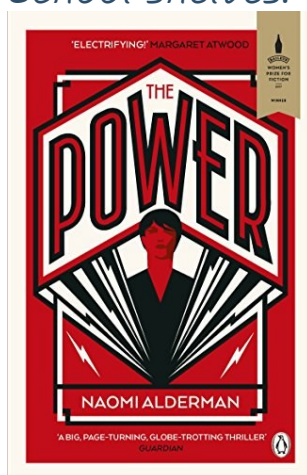
Mrs Brett's Reading : December



Being ill for most of December and January kept me away from reading but I watched a lot of cheesy Christmas films and bubblegum Netflix films...

The Power

A disturbing read with echoes of Margaret Atwood. This is not on our School shelves.



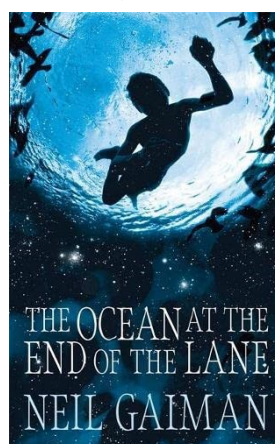
The Dark Is Rising

The book is better than the film and the film is good. A great read for our fantasy lovers.



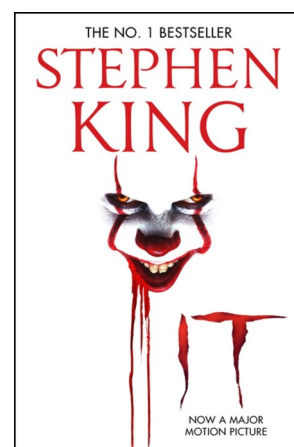
The Ocean At The End of the Lane

Another winner from one of my favourite authors; I think/ hope there is scope for a sequel...



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I'm still reading this one. Stephen King is such an intense writer that I can only read in short bursts!



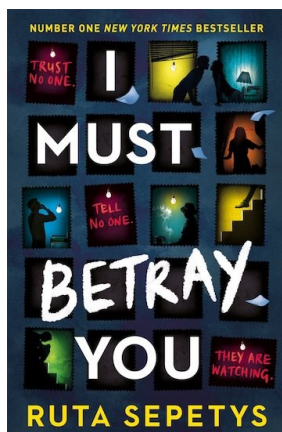
How To Stop Time (Corbet Staff Book Club)

Matt Haig's obsession with how we use time makes me uncomfortable but this is the first book of his that I have enjoyed.



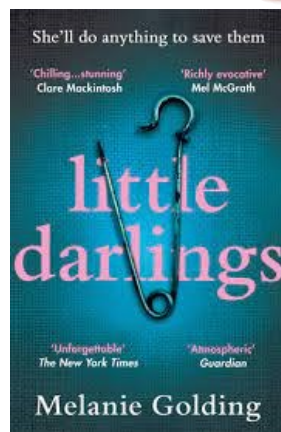
I Must Betray You

Ruta Sepetys is the best historical fiction writer for Young Adults. This book focuses on Romania. A must read.



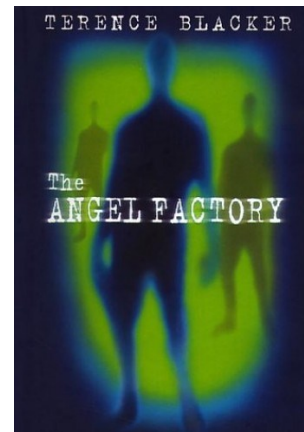
Little Darlings

A brilliant concept but a disappointing (rushed?) ending I would read more by this author.



The Angel Factory

Long overlooked in our Library (the cover!!) but what a thought-provoking read. I've moved it to Dystopia.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



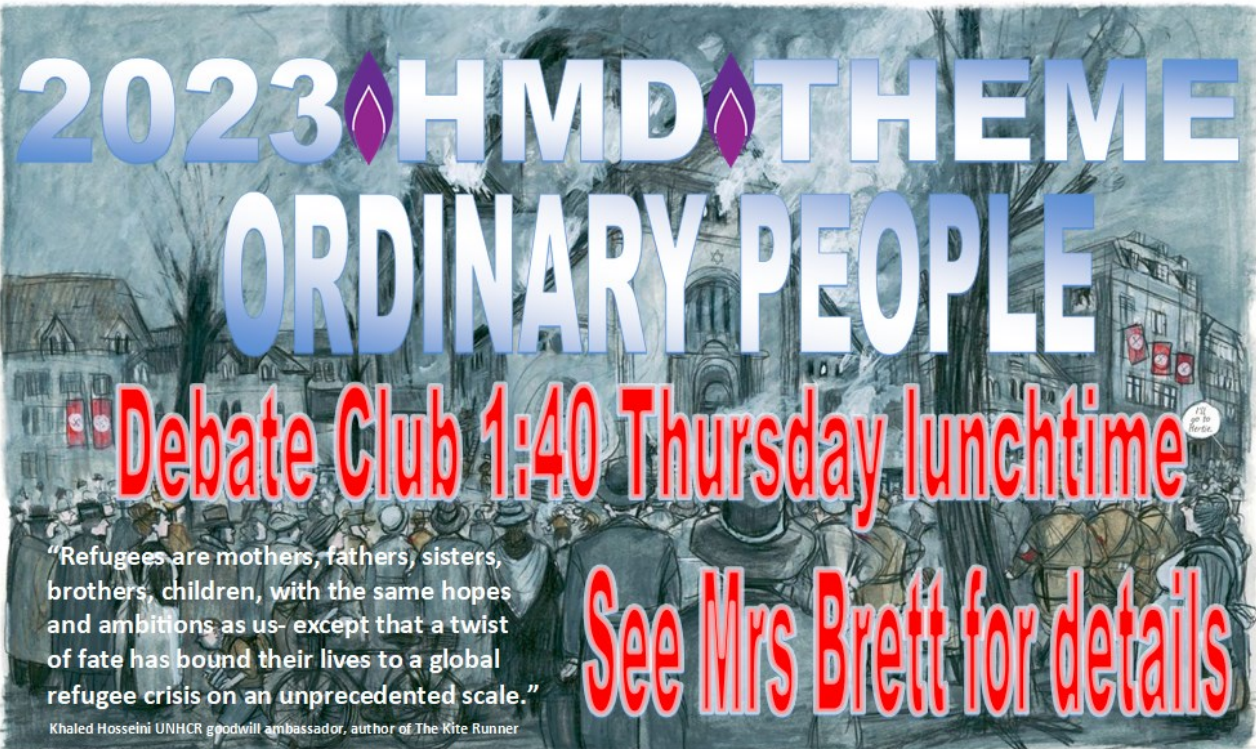
Holocaust Memorial Day

Learning from genocide
- for a better future



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY TRUST

This year's theme focuses on how genocide is facilitated by the actions (or inaction) of ordinary people. True stories and historical fiction enable our readers to stand in the shoes of those ordinary people and to wonder if we would have acted in the same way. With the War in Ukraine, conflict and oppression across the World, now, more than ever, ordinary people need to make their voices heard.



"Refugees are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, with the same hopes and ambitions as us- except that a twist of fate has bound their lives to a global refugee crisis on an unprecedented scale."

Khaled Hosseini UNHCR goodwill ambassador, author of The Kite Runner

Continuing with the theme of Ordinary People, I wanted our Debate Club to consider the desperate that many people across the World find themselves in through, 'no fault of their own'

Asylum seekers/Refugees/Migrants are all emotive terms but effectively all these ordinary people are 'displaced'. Some statistics:

1 ordinary person is displaced **every 2 seconds**

89.3 Million ordinary people are displaced across the World

A displaced person has to **walk 300 miles (on average) to a Refugee Camp.**

Short term conditions are basic (one communal latrine for 20 people and one shower for 50 people).






The average time spent in a refugee camp is **seventeen years**

I set our Debaters the challenge of imagining they had arrived home to find they had 20 minutes to pack a rucksack before leaving for an unknown destination - maybe forever - what would they pack? For the following meeting, I presented a rucksack with the agreed items as a visual aid. I then described a scenario where, at each twist and turn, items were taken/used/discarded and family members left behind until just one survivor arrived at the refugee camp with a single item. I ran a similar scenario past 110 during their morning registration and the subsequent discussions continued into February...




Blind
Date
with a book!



-  Fill in your dater profile (you will find this on Satchel@One and forms are also available from the Issues Desk..
-  We will choose and gift wrap one of our Library books for your blind date.
-  Blind dates will be available for collection from our Library from Tuesday 14th.
-  Inside your Blind Date, you will find a Valentine's rating slip which we would like you to complete (3 hearts = 'a perfect match').
-  Whether your date was good or bad, you will receive a chocolate treat IF you return your date on time!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE...

...please complete and return a

DATER PROFILE to OUR ISSUES DESK
no later than Monday 13th February.





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OUT!**

Please support our
Valentine's
paper hoglets
(upcycled damaged
Library books) sale.