

B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

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

Dear Library Friends,

Mmmmm a slight hiccup with 'syncing' has delayed the production of this edition - I have had to rebuild it (twice) - the less said the better. Next month I am hoping to find the time to focus on our fabulous Jammie Dodger readers and the success of our Games Workshop and Dungeons & Dragons Clubs.

In the meantime, this sounds like a broken record... we have had another very busy month... as you will see as you read on...

Mrs Brett

Library Co-Ordinator

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Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report

STATISTICS

Month ending 31 OCTOBER 2023

Books shelved by the Library Team **780**

Books issued to staff and pupils **308**

(Topic Loans to the English and History Department for the first half term : War poetry, Cold War, Victorians and Gothic Horror)

Books lost/damaged and withdrawn **4**

Overdue Books **80**

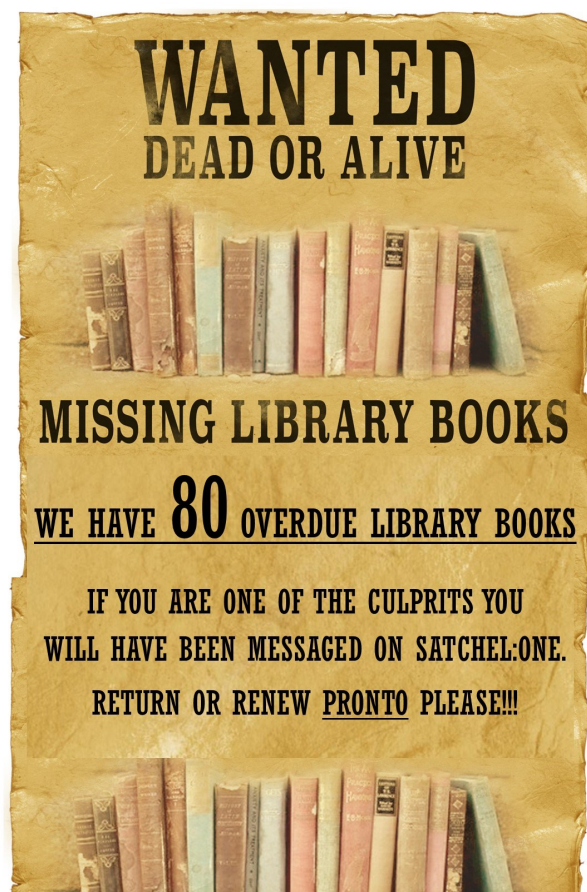
(During the last week of term, a message went out on satchel:one to:

66 pupils with books less than 30 days overdue.

14 pupils with books more than 30 days overdue with a request for a £3 replacement fee for each book lost and/or damaged).

TASKS

1. October Open Evening.
2. Jammie Dodger reading groups meetings and projects.
3. Processing new books.
4. Chasing overdue/lost/damaged books.
5. Halloween Boo-tiful pumpkins competition.
6. New 'Story of the Month' voting and display.
7. Re-organising the Library team (41 pupils)
8. October newsletter.

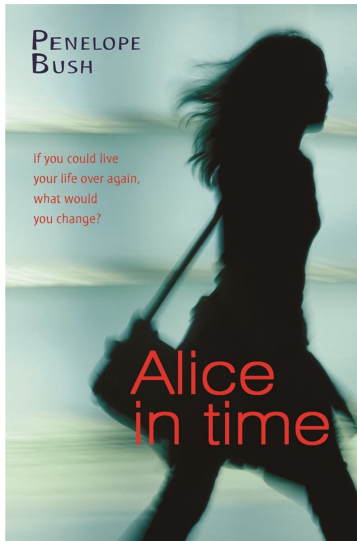




Mrs Brett's Reading : October

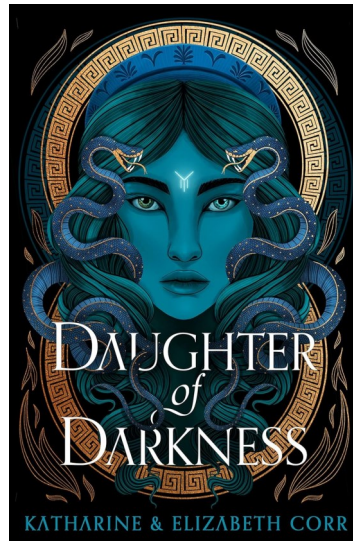


Another 'mixed bag' this month. For guidance and/or recommendations please message or come and see me for a chat.



FANTASY

I usually love 'Alice in Wonderland' related stories, but this one was a disappointment. It needs saving by another reader...



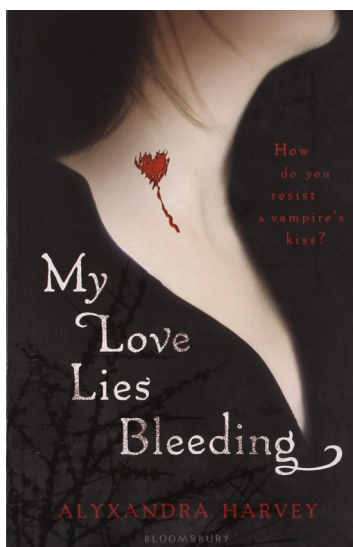
FANTASY

Thanks to Amy C for making me read this. I've just bought the second book. For lovers of Greek mythology inspired fantasy.



CRIME

Agatha Christie and Richard Osman fans should like this one. Sadly one scene has forced me to pop an age restriction on the Library database.



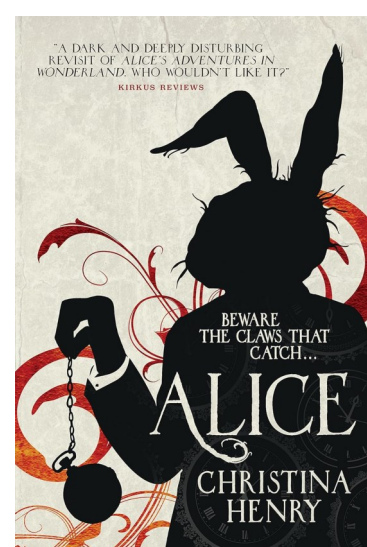
FANTASY

For fans of 'Twilight' and 'Beautiful Dead'.



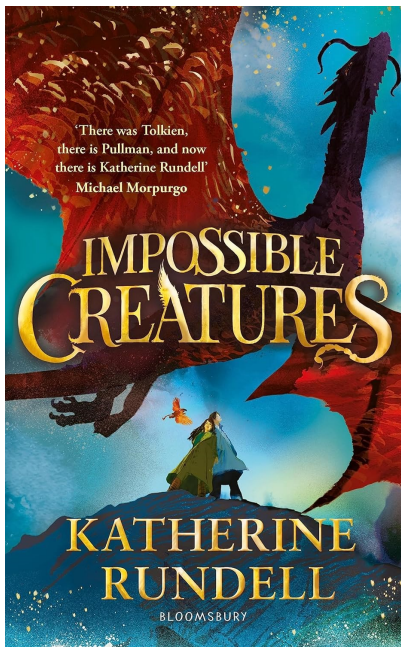
HORROR

A great addition to our Red Eye series. For all fans of 'Frozen Charlotte',



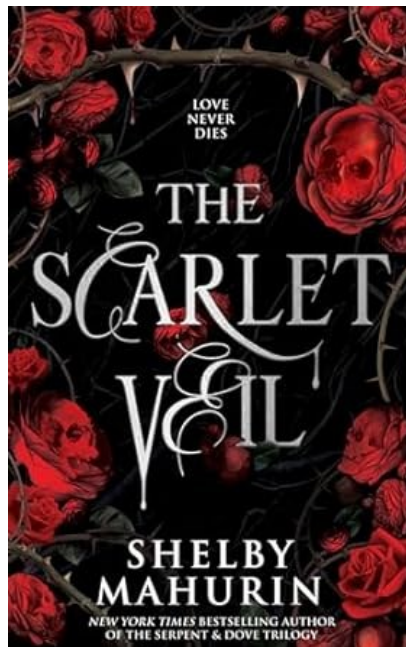
HORROR

A Thanks for loaning me your copy Melissa. I have to buy the series. Blood and gore horror!



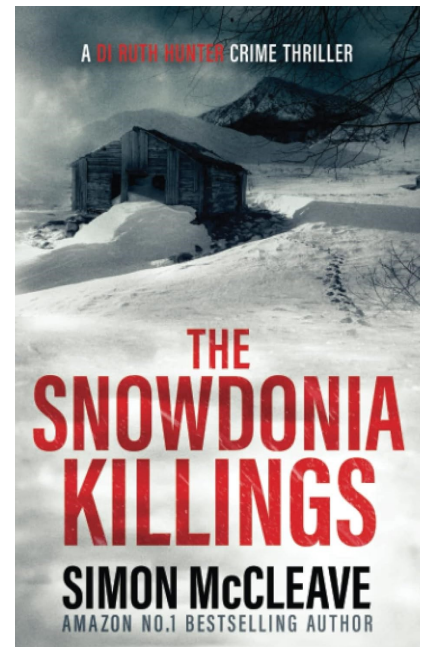
FANTASY

I was looking forward to reading this but am a tad disappointed with the writing. A great, fast paced story line for Year 7s.



FANTASY

Published as the first part of a duology but really the fourth book in the Serpent & Dove series. One for our Year 9s and over Fantasy readers.



CRIME

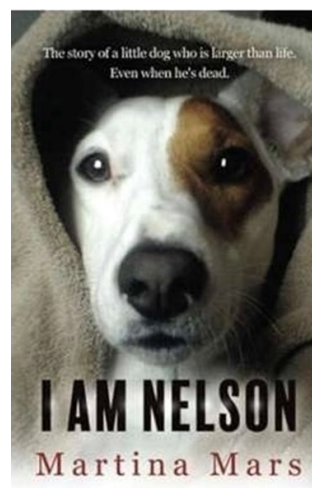
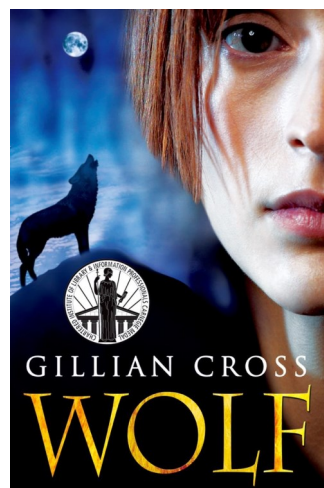
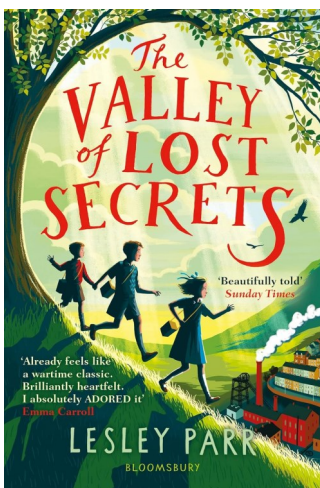
I don't know what to make of this one. I disliked the writing style but found myself wanting to find out what happened next! Readers who prefer non-fiction might like to try this one.

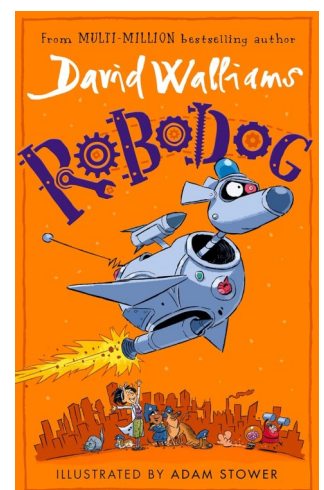
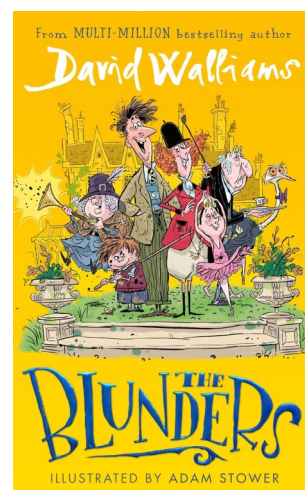
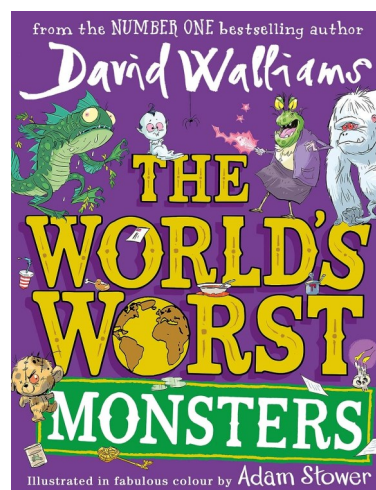
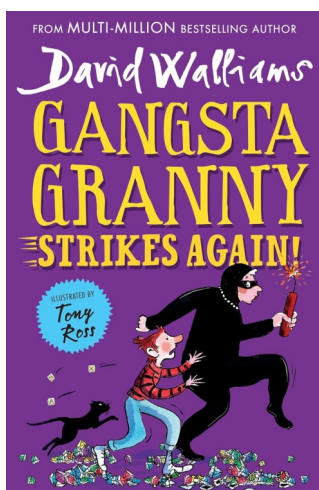
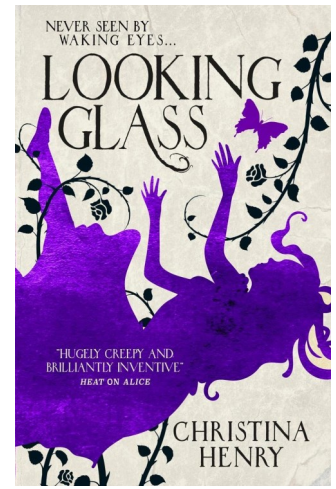
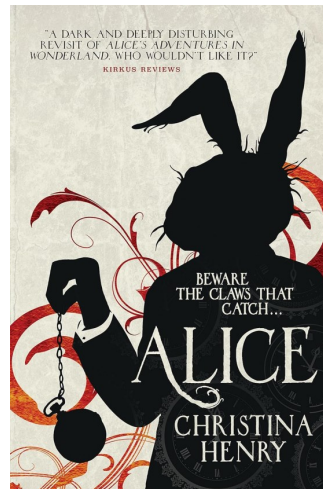
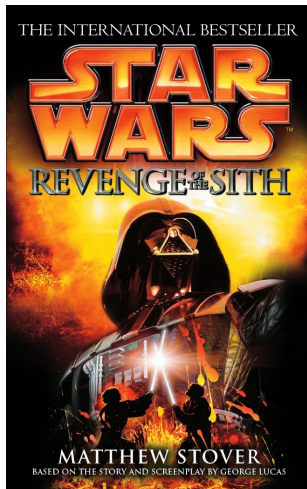
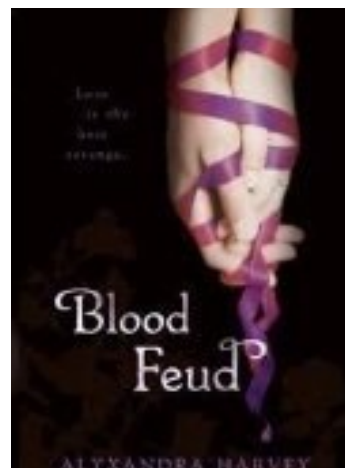
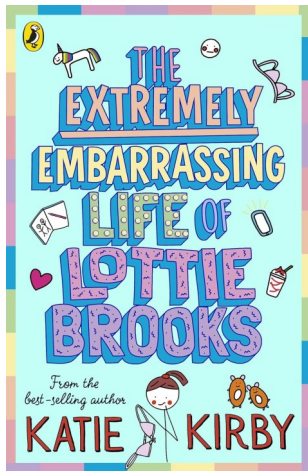
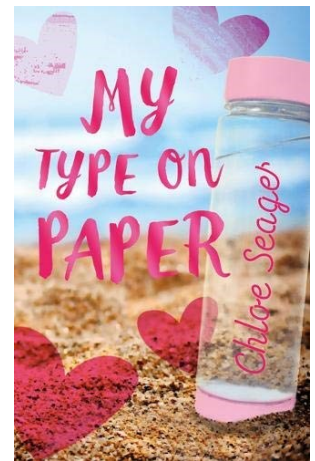
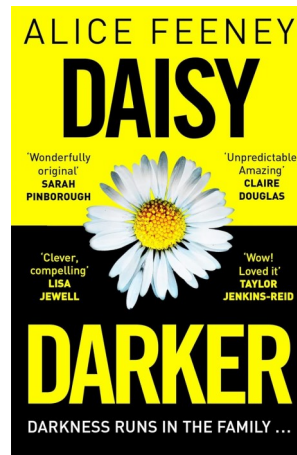
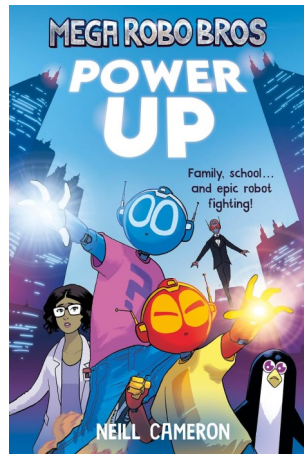


JAMMIE DODGERS : Wish List



We have started a wish list of pupil recommendations. Further research and fund raising is required but we are hoping to buy these books...







DEBATE CLUB



Join our **BALLOON DEBATE**

Our notional hot air balloon is crashing down to earth and we can only save one passenger (the one with the best cake). Who will you vote for?

Come along to the School Library

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER @1.45pm



We are still struggling to research and make notes beforehand, nevertheless we all enjoyed this balloon debate and we had some very good questions/observations 'from the floor'.



Our straw poll established that 'red velvet' was deemed the best cake by the audience. Sadly, the arguments put forward for remaining in the hot air balloon failed to convince and the speaker was (notionally ejected) at the end of the first round.



Whilst many of us enjoy a slice of cheesecake, this option was ruled out as we decided that to qualify as a cake, it had to be baked in an oven...



Mrs Brett thought 'generic' Swiss roll cake would win after our chocolate cake speaker withdrew.



In the final round, however, the speaker introduced the idea of the versatility of the cake and got so bogged down with different types of fillings that our (easily distracted) voters lost interest...



The winner was the lemon drizzle cake, easy to bake, economical and apparently providing one of our 'five-a-day'.

Great debating skills George!!!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF OUR BALLOON DEBATES, PLEASE SEE MRS BRETT IN THE LIBRARY.

BOO-TIFUL PUMPKINS COMPETITION

WOW! The artistic talent in our Library never ceases to amaze me.

Our panel of Librarian judges really struggled to pick the winners. After a great deal of deliberation, first place was finally awarded for 'the pumpkin within a pumpkin' which had its own little horror story. Joint second places were awarded for a fabulous pencil drawing and a boo-tiful pumpkin straight from the beautician (complete with makeup and face cream).

The winners received one of Mrs Brett's ceramic pumpkin medals but every entrant will be getting a Halloween magnetic bookmark (just as soon as they arrive).

The 'fresh' pumpkins were returned to their creators but all of the photographs and illustrations will be preserved in our Library scrapbook.



COMPETITION

Can you design a
**BOO-TIFUL
PUMPKIN**
for our School Library?

JUST 20p TO ENTER TO RAISE FUNDS TO
REPLACE LOST/DAMAGED LIBRARY BOOKS

Use any media - drawing, painting, clay, felt
etc. If you want to carve your own pumpkin at
home, please take a photograph and bring this
down to our Library, along with your 20p.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES
Tuesday 24th October

JUDGING AND PRIZES
Wednesday 25th October

IF YOU HAVE AN OVERDUE BOOK, PLEASE
RETURN IT. FOR LOST/DAMAGED LIBRARY
BOOKS, THE REPLACEMENT FEE IS £3.



I am persevering with my new 'Rule of 3' ...

THE RULE OF 3

LIBRARY BOOKS ARE FREE!

1. WE LOAN BOOKS OUT
FOR **3** WEEKS
2. YOU CAN RENEW YOUR LOAN
FOR **3** WEEKS
3. IF LOST OR BADLY DAMAGED,
A **£3** FEE IS PAYABLE

Watch out for overdue Library book messages on Satchel:one. If in doubt about the return date, check the date plate at the front of your Library book.