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LIBRARY

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(11:25 on Thursdays)

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



BUSY FIRST TERM IN THE LIBRARY!



Welcome to the first issue of this school year of our *Library Matters* newsletter!



A busy new school year began as usual with Library Inductions for Year 8 students. They were not the only ones introduced to the workings of the Library; this year it was decided to set up a team of Pupil Librarians to assist with the day-to-day running of

the Library and to develop a variety of skills. Applications were made and a total of 19 pupils from Years 8-10 and 14 began their training in the use of the 'Eclipse' library system and the organization of fiction and non-fiction on the shelves. After a month's probation, Librarian badges were presented and pupils are currently working towards their First Award Certificate.

Throughout the term displays were held to mark *Roald Dahl Day* (13th Sept); *Banned Books Week* (19th –23rd Sept); *National Poetry*

Day (4th Oct); *World Mental Health Day* (19th Oct); *Libraries Week* (8th-15th Oct); *Hallowe'en*; *CS Lewis Festival* (3-7th Nov); *Non-Fiction Month* (Nov) and *NI Book Week* (19th-26th Nov).

In the last few weeks of term Christmas came to the Library with lots of festive fun, displays and quizzes. Once again 'Secret Santa' proved very popular, with over 40 pupils taking a chance on choosing a wrapped book with only a few clues to go on as to what it was about!



Check out our Twitter page for more information and photos of events in the Library @SullivanUpp Lib



D.E.A.R. Day



On Wednesday 19th September at 10:50am a bell was sounded, alerting the whole school to **Drop Everything and Read!!** Everyone on hearing this, both pupils and staff were encouraged to put down

their work, turn off PCs, and pick up a fiction or non-fiction book, magazine or newspaper and read for the remaining 20 minutes of the period. There was a wonderful atmosphere around the place and it was great to see the whole school engaged in reading for pleasure and many asked if this could be a more frequent event!





Accelerated Reader



Almost as soon as the term began and Year 8 pupils had received their induction to the Library, STAR Reading Tests took place in the SEON Room. When all pupils had received their reading age and the range of books appropriate to them



explained, Accelerated Reader quizzing began in earnest. All quizzing is now able to take place in the Library as we have increased our I-pad stock. Uppermost in many minds was the coveted class trip to Barry's

in Portrush in June, awarded to the class who read the most words throughout the year. 8G took an early lead while the top spot in Year continued to swither between 9C and 9S!

On Friday 30th November Miss Hopkins and Mr Peel were invited to attend the 2018 Renaissance Awards at AR HQ in Canary Wharf as we were shortlisted in the top 3 performing schools in Northern Ireland. Unfortunately we didn't win but enjoyed meeting the writer Andy Briggs and taking home some reading goodies!

December saw a new challenge when all pupils who achieved 100% in each of their quizzes were given a star on which they wrote their name and stuck up on our 'tree'. These were then entered into a draw at the end of term.



Over 200 pupils managed this which was an excellent achievement.

At the end of term 1,722 quizzes had been passed by Years 8 and 9 and 106,964,978 words read!

We have 16 millionaires and two multi-millionaires: John Kane from 9W with a fantastic 2,088,257 words read and Susanna Reavy (8G) with a magnificent 3,019,621! Well done to all our readers this term and may they sustain this excellent effort all the way until June!



Scholastic Book Fair



Once again, the autumn term saw the library host a *Scholastic* Book Fair. During the last week of September the Library was buzzing with students all keen to peruse the wide variety of books available. New

titles by favourite authors as well as old and modern classics at bargain prices were just some of great reads on offer. Each library class had the opportunity to look at the books during library period and take part in a library quiz with a chance of winning a book voucher to spend at the fair.

There were also stationery items, posters and the very popular hand pointers on sale.

The Book Fair, which was also



open at break and lunchtimes earned a very pleasing £ 582 worth of new books for the school library. Check out some of our new stock below!

SCHOLASTIC



New Books

After the great success of our Book Fair we were entitled to a large number of free books from *Scholastic*.

Some of these were selected after the Book Fair but the bulk arrived at the start of December. They included new titles of favourite authors as well as a range of genres: fantasy, sci-fi, romance,

classics, animals and adventure. Top titles borrowed include *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* by Jenny Han; *Ella on the Outside* by Cath Howe, *The Extinction Trials* (Books 1 & 2) by SM Wilson; *Splash* by Charli Howard; and *Illegal* by Eoin Colfer, a great new graphic novel. Be sure to check them out if you haven't already. If there is a book you think should be on our library shelves, please let us know!





Royal Society Young Person's Award 2018

September saw our launch of our non-fiction book club open to Years 8-10 to participate in the search for the *Young People's Book Prize 2018*. This involved reading and discussing six short-listed titles which featured a range of scientific areas and catered to children of varying ages. Our group consisted of 8 Year 10 girls who not only worked hard on choosing a winner but also enjoyed making a 3-minute video of the judging experience. Although it did not win, it was great fun and as well as a lot of insightful comments made about each title, it included some humorous scenes in which fine acting talent was evident! At the panel's final meeting, 'Women in Science' by Rachel Ignatofsky got our top vote and we submitted this and our video and enjoyed eating chocolate cake!



It was with great excitement a few weeks later that we received an invitation to attend the finale event on Thursday 15th November at which the winner would be announced. This was held in W5 and as well as hearing from all the authors at the afternoon award ceremony, in the morning pupils were able to participate in a series of interactive workshops inspired by the shortlist. Although these were mainly targeted at primary school age children, our team involved themselves fully! The winning book was 'Optical Illusions' by Sarcone and Waerber which was our second choice! All books are available in the Library,



KIDS' LIT QUIZ 2018



After 'auditions' were held in October, the top four in each year were selected to represent the school at the regional final of the annual international Kids' Lit Quiz.

On 6th November the teams set off for Wellington College, Belfast where they met with the other 29 teams from across Northern Ireland, in this the biggest turnout ever for the Quiz here. The principal of WCB welcomed all to this event "celebrating the joy reading brings young people...which opens doors and provides a window to understanding".

This is a highly competitive event celebrating 'the sport of reading' and requires a lot of knowledge about all aspects of children's literature. The competition consisted

of 100 questions which were divided into 10 categories which included *Fantasy*, *Rocks and Stones* and *Squirrels*!

As always, the Sullivan teams acquitted themselves well: Year 8 (who won books in Round 1 by being top scorers) were 6th and Year 9 placed 3rd, winning book tokens and chocolate. Well done to all, including the Prep team!

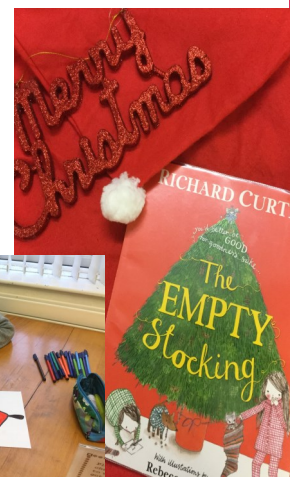


PREP VISIT TO THE LIBRARY



On Tuesday 18th December the Library was once again delighted to welcome members of Prep 1 and their book buddies from Prep 7. Miss Hopkins read them a very entertaining seasonal story by Richard Curtis entitled 'The Empty Stocking' which was followed by a shared art activity between

the two year groups. The visit ended with a rousing rendition of pupils singing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'!



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LIBRARY NEWS IN BRIEF

We are on Twitter. Check out all our news and events and follow us on @SullivanUpp_Lib.



Make sure you call into the library in the New Year to check out all our new fiction books which will be on our shelves for you to borrow.

Have you lost your memory stick?
Please ask the librarian to see if it is in our collection of lost property.



Keep Up-to-date with Current Affairs: *First News* available in the Library every week

FirstNews

NEWS TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE TALKING

Latest copy at issue desk;
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First News is the UK's only newspaper for young people. Founded in 2006 it has always been independently owned and has no political affiliations. *First News* produces fresh and innovative news content that speaks directly to young people in a voice they can recognize and trust. The paper tackles topical and sometimes tricky issues answering questions in an honest but understandable way for our young audience. Its owners say, "We aim to ensure they understand the issues facing them and the news shaping the world they live in; we want all children to be informed, to have a voice and be heard."

Readathon

Reading to help children in hospital

The Spring term will see our **Readathon** take place. This is a scheme that encourages young people to read as well as raising money for charity. We hope that as many parents/guardians as possible will support us by sponsoring their children. More information about this project will be posted in the New Year.

Coming soon! **NI Book Award** returns, giving pupils a chance to shadow the judging panel and select a winner. Shortlist of 6 to be announced in the New Year, but why not check out some of these nominations by local school librarians? **Ten** of these 16 great titles available in our Library!

