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Accelerated Reader™



Borrowing from the Library ended on Wednesday 18th March with shelves being left (not unpleasingly) sparse as borrowers stocked up for the unknown period of school closure that would last beyond the end of the academic year. Thankfully, despite the lockdown occurring, AR quizzing was able to be accessed from home and many pupils took advantage of this opportunity to continue reading and quizzing.

Quizzing during lockdown has been steady but by no means as well utilized as if we had been quizzing weekly in Library class. However at the end of the year it is good to see that many pupils do continue to read and make progress. 247,205,858 words have been read by Year 8 and 9 pupils this year with 4,439 quizzes passed (85% target). 50 pupils have achieved millionaire status, 24 of those as multi-millionaires. The top class in Year 8 was 8P who read 44,082,558 words and in Year 9, 9G read 25,374,424 words.

In Year 8 there were 27 millionaires, 9 pupils reading over 2 million words, 5 over 3 million, 4 million were read by Lottie Burnside, and Daniel McMichael read over 5 million words. The top reader in the year was Noah Currie with a magnificent 10,172,362 words, which is the highest score we've had since starting AR. Noah did 141 quizzes and averaged a 92.8% pass rate.



In Year 9 there were 23 millionaires, 3 pupils over 2 million, words 3 over 3 million, and Alice Gemmell and James Matthews read over 4 million with James top of the year on 4,722,385 words.

Emphasis for all has been achieving 85% in quizzes and each month a draw takes place and a prize given for any pupil in each year who has managed this. Those who achieve 100% in a quiz receive a stamp on their reading loyalty card and, when that is completed, win a book.



AR Awards

It was with much regret that there was no end-of-year awards ceremony to celebrate the reading achievements of Year 8 and 9 pupils this year but we look forward to this taking place next term when pupils will be presented with certificates, gold star badges and other prizes. Prizes will also be given to those who were the top of their classes as well as the top scoring class of each year. Unfortunately



there will be no trip to Barry's for the foreseeable future but hopefully we can celebrate in some suitable way!

Well done to everyone on their reading progress this year, regardless of how many words read. In particular a huge thanks to our 6th form Mentors who come along to Library classes each week to help administer AR quizzes, encourage pupils and talk to them about their reading.

Keep reading over summer!



Author Visit—Kelly McCaughrain

On Tuesday 3rd March we were delighted to welcome award-winning author and the current Children's Writing Fellow at QUB, Kelly McCaughrain, to speak to Year 10 about her novel, 'Flying Tips for Flightless Birds' (winner of last year's NI Book Award and Children's Book Ireland Award).



Following a lively and enjoyable talk in which she read from her

novel and talked about her influences and love of the circus, Kelly answered lots of questions on the writing process and signed multiple copies of her book. She then joined a gathering of over 30 creative writers in the Library to share writing tips.



Creative Writing

The club emerged from Kelly McCaughrain's visit at the start of March, but unfortunately only met again once before lockdown happened. However, pupils were encouraged to keep writing at home and a Google Classroom was set up which kept them up to date with various writing competitions to enter.

It is hoped that the Creative Writing Club will recommence in September; until then, keep up the good work! Log on to *Eclipse* where under *NEWS* a list of current writing competitions can be found.

World Book Day

WBD was, as usual, a busy and enjoyable day and indeed bookish activities took place throughout the week, with an author visit as well as most of the Prep classes visiting the Library for story-time. On the day, book swaps for both pupils and staff took place at Break, and the annual Inter-House Book Quiz at lunchtime which was won by Grant. All pupils received a £1 book token. A *Guess Who's Behind the Book* competition was on display in the Library where pupils had to guess which member of staff was holding their carefully chosen book!

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Open Day 2020



This year's Open Day saw a steady stream of visitors to the Library as we welcomed prospective new pupils and their parents. Displays on all aspects of library life were on view and pupil librarians were on hand to answer any questions and demonstrate Accelerated Reader on the iPads. P6s and 7s were able to look around at the well-stocked shelves and see recommendations by current Year 8s, as well as participate in some quizzes on place names and a literary version of the word game 'Taboo'.

Library Team



At the end of January, the 9 pupils who joined the Library team in September received their badges. Together with the existing 7 pupil librarians of the previous year, they have been responsible for assisting with the smooth daily running of the Library. Duties include returning books and keeping shelves organized and tidy, sorting borrower loans and returns, adding new books to the Eclipse library system as well as

preparing promotional displays and writing book reviews.

Unfortunately we did not have our end-of-term get together nor our presentation of First Award (and this year, Bronze Award) certificates but this will be looked forward to on our return!

Any pupil interested in becoming a librarian should ask for an application form next term; like everything, much of next year's work will continue online.



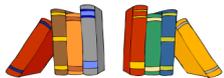


Junior Book Club



The Junior Book Club continued to meet weekly over lunch in the Library up until school closed in mid-March. As well as discussing current reads, the power of historical fiction (Holocaust Memorial Day), books loved in different ways (Valentine's Day), the current Year 8 and 9 members also enjoyed receiving recommendations from and replying to our book pen-pal, author Louisa Reid.

Regrettably, the club didn't continue online during lockdown but hopefully will resume next term and we will once again share our love of reading with like minds!

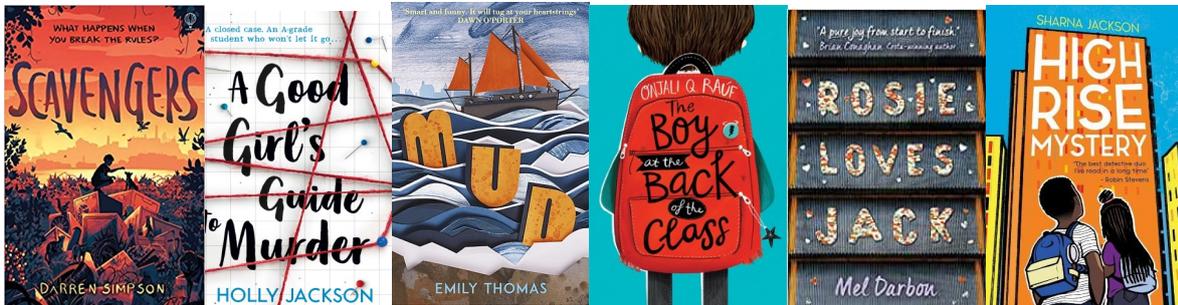


Northern Ireland Book Award 2019-20

A small group of 3 pupils (from Years 8 & 9) comprised this year's NI Book Award judges, the presentation of which was not made at the start of May as planned. However, just before lockdown the team had read the books and were able to make their individual choices. A little discussion on some of the books was also possible. We were however very disappointed not to be able to select our overall winner and attend the finale event at the Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast during Belfast Book Week in June. Hopefully next term!



The 6 shortlisted novels for this year's NI Book Award:

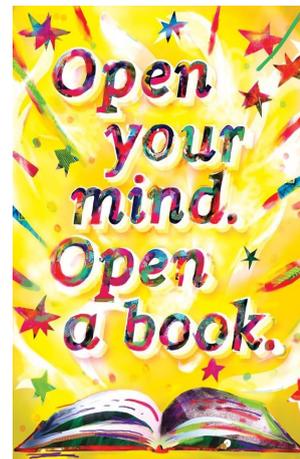


All available from the school library and on *Accelerated Reader*.



Books on Loan

This year our annual end-of-year stock-take could not take place as usual as books are still on loan. While the books you have borrowed are not due until we come back, you are urged to look after them until returned. Any that have been lost will have to be paid for. Many new books were added to our Library this year which is great, but remember, they are for ALL to BORROW. Please make sure you always return your books. If missing books have to be replaced, we cannot afford to buy so many new books.



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Eclipse Library System

A lot more use of the online catalogue, *Eclipse*, will be made on our return to school. As browsing in the Library cannot take place for a while, book selection will have to be made online and books reserved/renewed there. There is now a detailed range of booklists to view as well as lots of information in the NEWS section. Book reviews will become even more important and you should get into the habit of writing a short one after reading your book. There's a prize every month for the best one!



Remember to use your local public library over the summer holidays and beyond! Sign up to e-books and you can borrow 18 titles including audiobooks. You can also borrow magazines and newspapers.

Find out information on how and where your local library is located at www.librariesni.org.uk



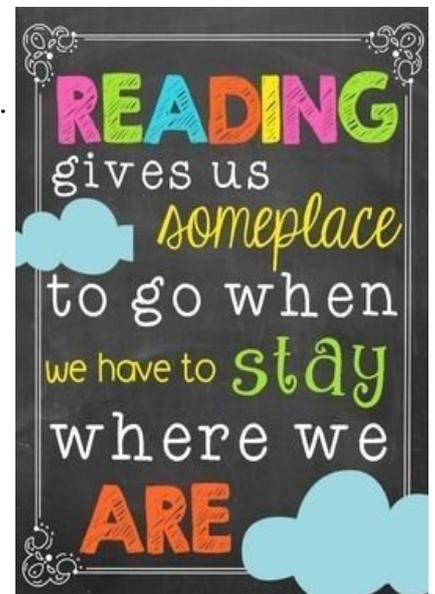
Summer Reading:

The holiday season is at last upon us. Even if you're not going anywhere this summer you can enjoy an

escape into a book! Here are some recommendations for you to seek out:

Eden Summer
Good Girl, Bad Blood
How I Live Now
Lying About Last Summer
Infinite Sky
Robin Hood
Unstoppable

Liz Flannagan
Holly Jackson
Meg Rosoff
Sue Wallman
CJ Flood
Robert Muchamore
Dan Freedman



The Library looks forward to welcoming everyone back again and in particular all new entrants to Sullivan. Things will be a bit different for a while and a lot of processes and activities will be online. As always, please pass on your recommendations to the Librarian of books (both fiction and non-fiction) that you think would be good to have on our shelves for others to borrow. Please be patient with the new borrowing system: books will have to be quarantined after being returned for 72 hours. Full details will follow.

