



# LIBRARY MATTERS

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**LIBRARIAN**  
*Miss Hopkins*

**LIBRARY OPEN-  
ING HOURS**

**Monday—Friday**  
**8.30a.m.—4.30p.m.**

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## READING 2018-19



The Accelerated Reader (AR) programme continues to encourage pupils' enjoyment of reading. This year 257,581,793 words were read by Year 8 and 9 pupils with 93 pupils achieving millionaire status.



Emphasis has been on achieving 85%+ in quizzes and in January loyalty cards were introduced, with a stamp being acquired when 100% is attained. Since January 33 pupils have completed these, winning books, while 198 pupils have



consistently achieved 85% or more in all of their AR quizzes taken.

A special presentation assembly was held at the end of term when pupils were presented with certificates, gold star badges and other prizes by Mrs McBrien. Prizes were also given to those who were the top quiz takers in each class, scoring more than 85% in most tests.

In Year 8 there were 35 millionaires with 13 pupils reading over 2 million and 2 over 3 million.

The top reader in the year was of Susanna Reavey 8G with



a magnificent 5,520,091 words. In Year 9 there were 36 millionaires and 3 pupils over 2 million. With a fantastic 3,273,330 words John Kane of 9W was top of the year.

8G were the class who read the most words (43,089,182) and together with the top scoring 9W (30,246,583) won a day out to Barry's in Portrush,

Well done to everyone on their reading progress this year, regardless of how many words read. Keep reading over the holidays and let Miss Hopkins know of anything read that you would recommend for the Library.



## Winners' Trip to Portrush

Perfect sunshine filled skies accompanied the AR winners' trip to Barry's Amusements in Portrush at the end of June. 9G and 9W, together with some lucky members of staff enjoyed a few hours on



the dodgems, Big Dipper and arcade machines, before heading to Portstewart for their picnic lunches along the promenade, with



time for playing football, sunbathing and eating ice cream. All too soon it was time to go home!



## World Book Day March 2019

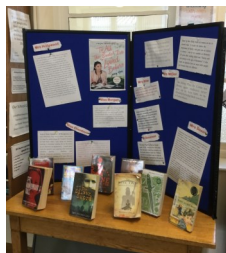
World Book Day was a very successful day in Sullivan Upper with several events taking place. All students received a token for a free book.

Teachers wore badges featuring the names of novels and pupils had to match these up and also write down the author.

A *Book Swap* took place in the Library at Break which generated much new reading material for pupils (and some staff!)

The now annual Inter-House Book Quiz took place at lunch-time with McAlester emerging victorious.

There was also a display entitled *To All The Books I've Loved Before* which featured the favourite books of staff when they were young.



## Prep Visits

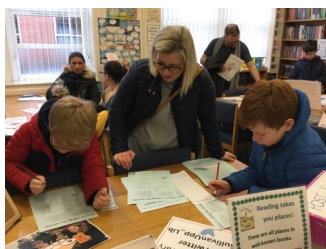
The Library welcomed pupils from the Prep Department several times during the week of World Book Day. They were read stories on various themes they were studying, including the Vikings, Greek Myths and People Who Help Us before undertaking some creative activities and having a look around the Library.



## Open Day 2019



Open Day saw many prospective pupils and their parents pass through the Library which was full of fun activities promoting its role in school life. As well as displays of books and pupil recommendations, there were quizzes for visitors on book themes. Prospective students also had the opportunity to pose for a selfie with Roald Dahl's Matilda or Greg from the Wimpy Kid series. Pupil Librarians were on hand to answer any questions about library life and show how Accelerated Reader quizzing on the Ipad works.



## Shelf Help



Following a display for Mental Health there is now a permanent selection of books on show on topics including self-esteem, teenage problems and stress. There are also a number of fictional titles collated on such themes as OCD, eating disorders and depression.

## Librarians

The Pupil Librarians team

continued to assist in the day-to-day running of the Library: tidying and shelving books, sorting borrower loans and returns, and adding new books to the 'Eclipse' library system. The team



always get a first look at all new books as well as being asked to recommend new books and undertake to make promotional displays. All of the team achieved their First Award certificates which were presented to them at the end of term at a thank you party. Any pupil interested in becoming a Librarian should pick up an application form next term.



## Readathon 2019

March saw our annual Readathon event take place. This sponsored reading event, participated in by Years 8, 9 and 10 raised the commendable sum of £910.55 which helps very sick children in hospital, while at the same time is also beneficial in promoting reading in school. The top collectors were Lily McIlwaine (8A) and Ally Hewitt (8S), The highest contributing class was 8A with £184.40. Well done and thank you to all those who took part.







## Northern Ireland Book Award 2019

The Northern Ireland BOOK AWARD



Once again we took part in the Northern Ireland Book Award, in which a group of Year 10 girls came together to read 6 debut novels chosen by local librarians and teachers before voting for their winner. After meeting weekly, reading the books and discussing their thoughts on those read, the group's top choices were 'Flying Tips for Flightless Birds' by Kelly McCaughrain and 'Children of Blood and Bone' by Tomi Adeyemi (the latter just beating the other by 0.5% when we scored them). Having submitted this to the Book Award committee we were invited to attend, with other schools, the finale event at the Crescent Arts Centre in Belfast during *Belfast Book Week*. This was a very enjoyable morning where we played book games and did quizzes before the winner was announced. We were pleased that this was Kelly's book and that she was present to receive her prize and address the room. **All books are available to borrow from the Library and all have quizzes on Accelerated Reader.** See page 4 for titles.



## Visit of Poet—Ash Dickinson



at the start of the session, pupils were amazed by how, at the end, they had created their own enjoyable poems including the *shadorma* which is a poetic form consisting of six lines with a 3/5/3/3/7/5 syllable count. So many wanted to read out their poems at the end there just wasn't enough time to hear them all!

During the last week of term we were excited to welcome award-winning performance poet, Ash Dickinson, to hold poetry writing workshops with Years 8 and 9. From a lukewarm response to the question, "Who likes poetry?"



## Annual Stock-take

Our **annual** stock took place in the last fortnight of the summer term. This involves the Librarian removing all books from the shelves and checking them off a list of all the stock we should have. A lot of 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 continually replaced we cannot afford to buy so many new books.

## Review Writing



Peer written book reviews are extremely useful to readers searching for what to read next. It is also a useful exercise to write a short piece giving some indication of type of book it is and what it is that makes it enjoyable or not. Reviews can be written anonymously on *Eclipse* or on a postcard and every month all book reviewers will be entered into a prize draw so keep submitting your thoughts on what you read!

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Here are the  
6 shortlisted  
titles for the  
Northern  
Ireland  
Book Award 2019:

### NI BOOK AWARD SHORTLIST 2019

*Flying Tips for Flightless Birds*—Kelly McCaugh-  
rain

*Children of Blood and Bone*—Tomi Adeyemi

*Boy 87*—Ele Fountain

*Tin*—Padraig Kenny

*The House with Chicken Legs*—Sophie Anderson

*Kid Normal*—Greg James & Chris Smith



Some great titles to read these summer:

- \* *Under A Dancing Star*—Laura Wood
- \* *The Poet X*—Elizabeth Acevedo  
(Winner of Carnegie Medal)
- \* *The Bodyguard Series*—Chris Bradford
- \* *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*—Holly Jackson

Although you can't borrow books from the  
school library in July & August, don't forget  
to use your local public  
library over the summer  
and beyond! Find out  
where they are at:  
[www.librariesni.org.uk](http://www.librariesni.org.uk)

*Have a great  
summer break!*



**Catch up on all the latest  
news about what's happen-  
ing in our Library and all  
our events by following us  
on Twitter.**

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**SCHOLASTIC**

usually takes place at the start of October so be prepared for a  
week of great books to buy and a quiz to enter in which you  
can win a book voucher to spend at the Fair!

The Autumn term sees the return of the  
Scholastic Book Fair. This



### D. E. A. R. Day

**Drop Everything And Read!** We  
hope to hold one of these in  
September. This means that  
when a signal is sounded all  
pupils and staff in school stop  
what they are doing, pick up a  
book and read!



**We'll be looking for Kids' Lit Quiz  
teams (one from the incoming Year 8  
and one from next year's Year 9) for  
this international competition which takes  
place on 12th November, 2019.**