



LIBRARY MATTERS

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LIBRARY

OPENING HOURS

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(Closed 11:10 - 11.25)



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Wishing you a very Happy New Year from the Library.



AUTUMN TERM IN THE LIBRARY



The first issue of our *Library Matters* newsletter for the school year reports on another busy term for the Library. The Autumn



term commenced with Library Inductions for Year 8 students. They were not the only ones introduced to the workings of the Library; new Pupil Librarians who assist with the day-to-day running of the Library applied and were selected for the Library team. A total of 10 pupils from Years 8, 9 and 11 then began their training in the use of the 'Eclipse' library system and the organization of fiction

and non-fiction on the shelves. Alongside our existing 8 pupil librarians they have been a tremendous help in keeping the Library tidy and smooth-running.

The Library continues to provide readers with a wide range of reading material from new titles

to the latest by favourite authors.

We have had almost 200 new titles added to our stock this term.

Throughout the term special book displays were held to mark *Roald Dahl Day* (13th Sept); *Banned Books Week* (23rd-27th Sept); *National Poetry Day* (3rd Oct); *World Mental Health Day* (10th Oct); *Libraries Week* (7th-

11th Oct); *NI Book Week* (14th-20th Oct-26th); *Hallowe'en*; *Non-Fiction Month* (Nov); *Anti-Bullying Week* 11th-15th Nov) and Remembrance Day.

Displays are also in place in both SEON rooms giving pupils guidance on research skills and evaluation information.

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 almost 30 pupils taking the challenge of an unknown wrapped book selection. We welcomed Prep 1 and their Prep7 buddies for a story.

Lots of competitions took place during the term and together with DEAR day and Book Fair, promoting whole school reading for pleasure is very much at the heart of what the Library at Sullivan does.



D.E.A.R. Day



On Wednesday 25th 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.

It was great to see virtually the whole school engaged in reading for pleasure (both pupils and staff) and very

encouraging to hear so many speak positively about the experience. Some staff now include weekly reading in junior Form Time and pupils, are encouraged to carry a book with them at all times.



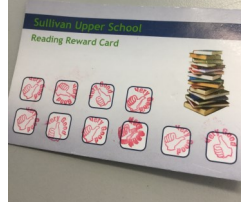


Accelerated Reader



The Accelerated Reader programme continues to flourish in Years 8 and 9 as a way of encouraging reading and developing literacy skills. Quizzing began in earnest in September after all classes sat tests to determine their reading ages. This is turn was used to guide them to choosing books in the Library within their range whilst providing an ever increasing challenge.

Many incentives to encourage pupils to read and quiz on a consistent basis included recognition for targets achieved.



Quizzes achieving 100% were rewarded with a stamp on pupils' Reading Reward cards and a prize received when

At the end of term 2,385 quizzes had been passed by Years 8 and 9 and 124,075,935 words read (well up on this time last year).

We have 20 millionaires and 6 multi-millionaires. Noah Currie (8E) has currently a magnificent 5,730,115!



filled. Towards the end of term inter-class competitions took place for the most 85% quizzes passed and this 85% target was also required by individual pupils to enter the monthly draw which commenced in September.



Well done to all our readers this term and may they sustain this excellent effort all the way until June! Remember that to qualify for the trip to Portrush, 10 quizzes at 85% need to have been passed by each pupil in the winning class.



Scholastic Book Fair



Once again, the autumn term saw the library host a *Scholastic* Book Fair. From 7th—11th October 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 £ 321.86 worth of new books for the school library.



Junior Book Club



This term a group of Year 8 & 9 pupils have been meeting in the Library at Tuesday lunchtimes to discuss their favourite and current reads, play games and get new recommendations of what to read next. We are also taking part in a scheme with *BookPenPals* where we are in correspondence with a published young adult author.



BookPenPals pairs UK authors and illustrators with UK schools to make book recommendations via postcards. Schools reply with a postcard of their own and it is hoped this pairing sees the joys of reading, writing and drawing multiply. We have been paired with Louisa Reid whose verse novel *Gloves Off* is now in stock in the Library. New members welcome next term. Tuesday @1:30 pm.



Royal Society Young People's Book Prize Award 2019

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 Science Book Prize 2019*. 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 just four pupils, from Years 8 and 9 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 fun to film and our judges were able to share a lot of insightful comments about each of the six shortlisted titles.



At the panel's final meeting, *Bacteria* by Steve Mould was declared our winner (with *1000 Things To Know About Numbers, Computers & Coding* and *Kid Scientists* only a point each behind!) and we submitted this and our video. Later in the term we were a little shocked to learn that *Planetarium* had been chosen as the overall winner; our 6th placed book!



KIDS' LIT QUIZ 2019



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 26 teams from across Northern Ireland. 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 beards, classics, amphibians and clocks!

The Special Guest was Kelly McCaughrain, Northern Ireland Children's Writing Fellow and author of *Flying Tips for Flightless Birds* which won the 2019 NI Book Award. She spoke about writing stories and signed copies of her award-winning book. As always, the Sullivan teams acquitted themselves well: Year 8 were 15th and Year 9 placed 3rd, winning book tokens and chocolate. Well done to all, including the Prep team who came a magnificent 5th!



Readathon

Reading to help children in hospital

This is to certify that

Sullivan Upper School

is an

Outstanding Readathon School

Encouraging pupils to read for pleasure and helping to bring the magic of books and stories to children in schools and hospitals across the UK

Well done and thank you!

The Spring term will see our annual *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 and guardians as possible will support us by sponsoring their children. More information about this project will be posted in the New Year. In November we received a certificate to thank us for all our support and acknowledging us as an **Outstanding Reading School**.



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Have you lost your USB pen? Please ask Miss Hopkins if it is in the Lost Pen box!

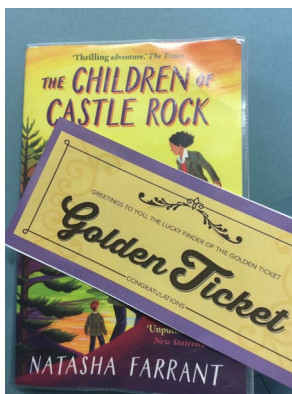
Make sure you call into the Library in the New Year to check out our great displays of titles for you to borrow.



Check out our webpage on

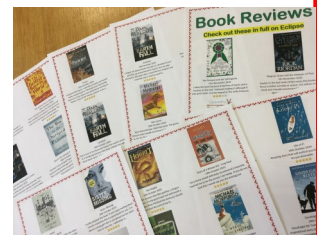
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LOOK OUT FOR THESE GOLDEN TICKETS HIDDEN IN SOME OF OUR GREAT FICTION TITLES. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS READ THE BOOK AND LET MISS HOPKINS KNOW TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE! 5 TO BE FOUND....

Book Reviews Hundreds of new book reviews added this term. Don't forget to check these out on 'Eclipse' as well as submitting your own. **Book Reviewer of the Month** prizes given. A really useful way to help choose your next great read from our school library!



COMING SOON!

The **NI Book Award** is returning, giving pupils a chance to read 6 shortlisted books and select a winner. The shortlist of the 6 titles will be announced in January and the Finale event will take place in the Crescent Arts Centre during *Belfast Book Week* in June.



HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads	A student who reads	A student who reads
20:00 minutes per day	5:00 minutes per day	1:00 minute per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and scores in 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and scores in 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and scores in 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests

SCHOLASTIC