



LIBRARY MATTERS

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LIBRARY

OPENING HOURS

Monday — Friday
8.30 - 4.30



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Scholastic Book Fair 2011

 books...books...and more books!

The library year got off to a great start with our much anticipated Scholastic Book Fair, held in the first week of October. The fair was open before school, break time and after school, for students and staff to browse the many books on display.

During library periods, Years 8 to 10 had time to select books and also take part in our library quiz. The library was really buzzing, with great books the focal point of discussion.



Sales during the week were brisk and the checkout manned by the librarians was kept busy!

Many thanks to all who supported the sale. As a result, we are now awaiting delivery of £360 worth of new free books for our library.

Why not check out the new books in the library in the New Year?

Hope to see you at next year's sale (first week of October 2012).



On Friday afternoon, the remaining books were wheeled away back to the warehouse and when total sales were totted up, a staggering £658 had been spent by our keen readers on their favourite books.

.....and there's even more

Mrs Gorringe was delighted to go to Library Headquarters during the autumn term to select our first allocation of books for the new school year. These are all now catalogued and on our shelves. Ask the librarian if you would like to know if a favourite book is in

stock or if we have books by your favourite author.

We also received a donation of a selection of philosophy books and these can be found on the non-fiction shelves, in the section with Dewey numbers 100.

During the summer break, the soft chairs in the library

have been re-upholstered and blinds have been installed at all our windows, which has helped to rejuvenate our surroundings.

This, combined with our recent re-organization of stock has resulted in a more streamlined space.



NI Book Award 2011-2012 Launch

The launch of the 2011-2012 Book Award Scheme took place on Wednesday 16th November at Inst's library.

26 local schools are taking part this year and Sullivan Upper was represented by a group of 7 Book Club members.

The two librarians who organize the scheme (Kathy Lindsay from Inst and Ann Cowdrey from Bangor Grammar) welcomed us all and then revealed the titles of the books which have been nominated by local students. The nominees are -

Gangsta Graany - D. Walliams

Sektion 20 - P. Dowswell

Far Rockaway - C. Fletcher

One Dog And His Boy - E. Ibbotson

Run Rabbit Run - B. Mitchelhill

The Phoenix Files - Arrival - C. Morpew

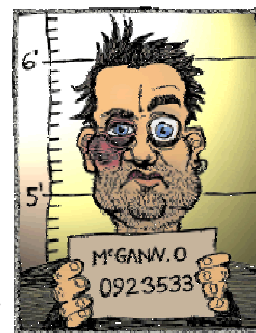
Unleashed-A Life And Death Job -A. Sparkes

Ministry Of Pandemonium - C. Westwood

To launch the scheme to Sullivan students in Years 8 - 10, the librarians have prepared a powerpoint presentation to let everyone know how they can get involved.

You can access the powerpoint by going onto the Shared Area - Library - NIBook Award PPT. Students can read the nominated books between now and March and post reviews on the website www.nibookaward.org.uk. Various book related activities will also take place - check out the website for details.

In March, students will be asked to vote for their favourite book and the winning author and book will be announced at the Grand Finale event on March 28th.



Oisín McGann

The launch event culminated with a lively presentation by Oisín McGann, the Irish author and illustrator (see above).

Oisín's talk kept us chuckling in our seats and gave us an insight into an author's world.

Why not challenge yourself to read all 8 books?



Book Club

Sullivan's Book Club for students in Years 8-10 recommenced in September.

Book Club meets every other Monday afternoon 3.30-4.30pm in the library.

Our meetings consist of fun book related activities and discussions, as well as participation in Book Award events and outings, and

sometimes we have visits by authors.

Book Club members usually get to see all our new books first and their recommendations for new books are considered when book selections are made.

We are always happy to see new members, so why not pop in to one of our Monday meetings?

"Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers."

- Harry S. Truman

Meetings for the New Year will be on the following Mondays :-

Monday 23rd January

Monday 6th February



It has been great fun welcoming our new Year 8 students to Sullivan Library, although by now you probably feel you have been here for years!

Year 8s should now be in possession of their new smart cards. Please do remember to present this when borrowing or returning books, as



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the barcode printed on it is your unique library identification code and will speed up library transactions.

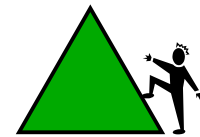
Please ask the librarian if you need help with anything in the library, we are keen to be of assistance.

Have a look at our posters which show what we have been doing in

the library or check out our notice board to see what is coming up.

We supply a daily newspaper, which is found at the Issue Desk and back copies are in the magazine rack.

We also supply the local weekly paper - The Spectator, so there is no reason not to be up to date.



KIDS' LIT QUIZ 2011



Once again this year, a team of Year 8 students from Sullivan joined 17 other schools from Northern Ireland at Wellington College Belfast on Thursday 10th November to take part in this annual event.

To win a place on the team, students had to attain the highest scores in a pre-test quiz completed during English classes.

Meg Wilson, Owen Aicken, Rebecca Mackie and Ryan Trimble were the well read students with the highest scores and so they accompanied Mrs Gorringer and Mrs Drennan to the competition.

The quiz is a challenging literary event and the questions posed by the quizmaster Wayne Mills (AKA The Book Guru) were wide ranging, fully testing the competitors. It was a closely fought competition and at the end of the ten rounds of questions, a team from Friend's School Lisburn emerged victorious with the highest score.

Our team worked hard on the day and enjoyed taking part in the quiz, browsing the Scholastic book stall and refuelling with much needed refreshments during the break. The team were rewarded with a certificate, photo and book to thank them for representing school.

Research has shown that there are 3 key factors which contribute to the likelihood of becoming an avid reader. They are - **1. Support from family and friends with reading for pleasure. 2. Choice of books from a wide range. 3. The extent to which students enjoy their reading is an important element impacting upon their engagement with literature.**

Author Visit — Colleen Ringland

Book Club members were treated by Mrs Millar to an author coming to visit on Monday 14th November.

Colleen Ringland, a local author (literally from around the corner) spoke about her book 'Errigal' which is a fantasy set in Donegal.

She told students how she set about writing the novel and the influences which led her to put pen to paper. After reading an extract from the book to whet our appetites, she then fielded many questions from the audience about her career as a writer.

Colleen's visit encouraged our students to have a go at creative writing themselves and to pick up her book, which is available now in bookshops and in the school library.

Have you read it yet?



The News In Brief

Do you regularly read a newspaper? If not, why not? The library gets the **i** newspaper (a compact essential daily briefing from the Independent) on a daily basis. Why not pick up our copy from the issue desk and spend some time in the library keeping up to date with current affairs?



Lost Property

Please ensure when you are leaving the library that you have all your belongings .

A growing collection of abandoned memory sticks is gathering, awaiting pick up from their rightful owners.

Please see the librarian to reclaim yours.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR



To all
AT SULLIVAN



NEW LIBRARY POSTERS AND SIGNS

Following the stocktake and re-organization of resources, all fiction books are now found in the section of the library nearest the SEON Room and the non-fiction books are organized in Dewey decimal order in the section nearest the library entrance.

New signage is now in place to assist users with locating the books on our shelves, but don't worry if you can't find what you are looking for, you only need to ask, and the librarians will be more than happy to help you.

ACCESS TO SEON ROOM



From the start of January, all classes scheduled for SEON Room 1 will enter and exit via the outside (fire exit door).

Students should wait at the outside door until the teacher opens the door at the start of the class.

To check which SEON room your class will be using, please refer to the SEON room timetables which are displayed on the main library door.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated as we aim to reduce traffic filing through the library and create a quieter and less disrupted atmosphere, conducive to reading, private study and undisturbed library periods.



ODE TO A STOCKTAKE

It started with weeding to clear out the shelves
With staff from Headquarters and of course ourselves
The pace hotted up as the old books were discarded
The 'recycle' pile was soon with paper bombarded

For days we worked like women demented
To get the stock shifted, we were really tormented
The fiction and non-fiction were swapped around
In future the books will be easily found

For days we manoeuvred the books high and low
The shelves were rebuilt till we had them just so
Every tall book, every small book, they all had a space
Mr Dewey would now be proud of this place!

On the 13th of June with our doors closed tight
Came the next stage of the process, what a delight
The computer stocktake was going to be fun
As we'd scan in each book, one by one



So off came the books from the shelves to the trolleys
The librarians felt like airline trolley dollies
We hoovered each book and wiped down all the shelves
We really worked hard, like Santa's wee elves

We were determined to quickly get the job done,
With some help from our friends, the battle was won
Every book accounted for, now we wanted to see
How many missing items would there be?

Quite a number of books have gone 'walkies' somewhere
For librarians, stock losses are hard to bear
The books that are left are our pride and joy
All refreshed and ready for borrowers to deploy

So thank you SMT for giving us the time
Working unhindered by borrowers – now that was sublime
We hope that you'll pop in to see how it looks
And enjoy with the students perusing the books!