



LIBRARY MATTERS

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LIBRARY STAFF

Mrs Gorringe
Miss Hopkins

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Monday—Friday
8.30—4.30

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HAPPY

NEW

YEAR



Kids' Lit Quiz 2016



Welcome to the
**Sport of
Reading**

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

A busy new school year began as usual in the Library with Inductions for Year 8 students followed by all Year 8 and 9 pupils being tested on their literary knowledge.

The top four pupils in each year were selected to represent the school at the regional final of the annual international Kids' Lit Quiz.

On 29th November the teams set off for Wellington College, Belfast where they met with 22 other teams from across Northern Ireland. There were high hopes as last year's Year 8 team were the current regional champions!

The competition consisted of 100 questions which were divided into 10 categories and included *Babies, Comics,*



Cannibals and *Cars*, as well as on classic and contemporary kids' literature.

At the halfway point the Year 8 team was in 10th place and the Year 9 in 6th. After an exciting second half the Year 8 team finished in 13th position and the Year 9 team had worked their way into 3rd place. For their hard work, each member of the team won £10 in book vouchers and a chocolate trophy.

The Prep team did well and finished the competition in a very respectable 9th position, which as the youngest pupils in the competition, was a great achievement.

A wealth of literary knowledge and a deep enjoyment of reading were very evident from everyone throughout the afternoon.

YR8 TEAM: Alyssa Campbell, Harvey Hamilton, Zoe Macdonald, Emma Yeaman.

YR9 TEAM: John Bailie, Michael Johnson, Thomas McLenaghan, Erin Watson.



Accelerated Reader 2016-17



The Accelerated Reader programme continues to flourish in Years 8, 9 and 10. Already we have several word millionaires and the addition of I-pads to the Library, kindly donated by SUPA, means that quizzing is even more convenient.

In light of their commitment to the programme, Sullivan was the proud recipient of the *Accelerated Reader Award* for the top performing school in Northern Ireland 2015-16. This was presented at the inaugural Awards Ceremony in London. The award was based on the number of books read by pupils in Years 8-10 and on the quality of their responses in the quizzes taken after finishing a book.



"Wherever I am, if I've got a book with me, I have a place I can go and be happy."

JK Rowling



Welcome

Following Mrs Drennan's retirement in June we are pleased to welcome Miss Ruth Hopkins who joined the Library staff at the start of the autumn term. With a background in English teaching, Miss Hopkins is delighted to commence her new career here, and has settled very well into library life at Sullivan. She works in the Library Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and

Fridays, although you may have seen her on a more regular basis this term as Mrs Gorringer has been off sick. We wish Mrs Gorringer a speedy return to full health and back in the Library soon!



Scholastic Book Fair



Once again, the start of October saw the Library buzzing, with students all keen to peruse the selection of new books available at the Scholastic Book Fair.

Each Library class had the opportunity to browse the books during Library period and take part in a literary quiz with a chance of



winning a book for themselves. The winners were Ailsa Edgar (8W), Max Hutchinson (9M) and Molly Rowan (10C).



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

The Fair was also open before school, break time, and after school for

maximum purchasing opportunity!

This year's Fair was extremely successful both for pupils and the Library, as can be seen below.



NEW

New Books

NEW



After the great success of our Book Fair we were entitled to £458 of books from Scholastic.

Some of these were selected after the Book Fair but over 40 books arrived at the start of December. They included new titles of favourite authors as well as a range of genres: fantasy, sci-fi, chick lit, classics, animals and adventure. Be sure to check them

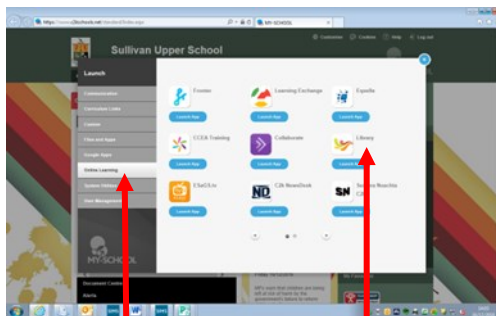
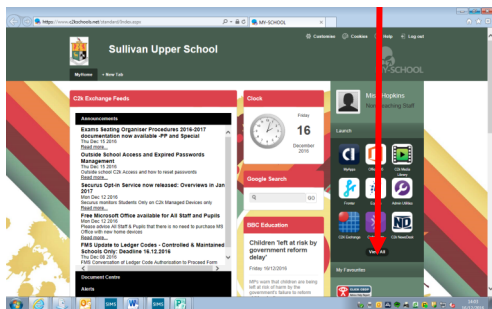
out if you haven't already. If there is a book you think should be on our library shelves, please let us know and we will endeavour to acquire it during a stock selection.



Using the Eclipse Library System

All members of staff and students are members of the school library and therefore have their own account on the Library system, **Eclipse**. From this you can view your current and past loans, renew your books, reserve books, write reviews, and search the library catalogue. Becoming familiar with **Eclipse** means you can renew your own books and avoid fines*. Other features included are Book of the Week, Top Ten and Latest Reviews.

Go to my school and click on **View All**



Click on **Online Learning**

Then click on **Library** to Launch App

You should now be viewing your own account.

Click on **Current Loans** to view your loans

Click on **the title** you want to renew and then click the **red arrow** to renew your book*



* You cannot do this if your book is overdue or if you have already renewed it twice: you will need to see the librarian. Books reserved for other borrowers cannot be renewed.



Secret Santa Success!



In the fortnight before Christmas, borrowers were enticed into selecting titles for the holidays which they might not usually choose. Brightly wrapped books were on display with just a few clues as to their content presented on the front: for example, 'Adventure, Historical, Award-Winning Author'. Two rules applied: that borrowers waited until they left the Library before opening their 'present' and that, on opening, they would give the book a chance, reading a couple of chapters before deciding to return it.



Most held on to their choices until after the Christmas break and many were pleasantly surprised by their book, enjoying it much more than they expected, and said that had they seen the cover they probably wouldn't

have chosen it! *Remember everyone can write a brief review and rate their book on Eclipse.*



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REMEMBER: In the
LIBRARY and SEON rooms

**LIBRARY MATTERS IN BRIEF**

REMEMBER: You can avoid being fined by renewing your books online before or on the date due. However if it's overdue or it is the 3rd time of renewing, you must bring your books to the issue desk in the Library.

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

**ALWAYS CHECK YOUR PC BEFORE
YOU LEAVE THE SEON ROOM.**

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, as well as our ever-changing displays.



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

**THE WEEK**

Latest copies at issue desk;
back copies in magazine rack

The Week magazine takes the best articles from the global online and print media and edits them together, giving you a balanced and concise view of the news from the past seven days. In a short time therefore, you will be brought up to date with the most important news and events, in a brief and informative way. As well as discovering all of the main stories, opinions and comment, you can also read about the week's cultural highlights, including books, theatre, films, sport, people, and travel.

FirstNews

NEWS TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE TALKING

First News is the UK's only newspaper for young people. Since 2006 it has always been independently owned and has no political affiliations. *First News* produces fresh and original news content that speaks directly to young people in a familiar and trustworthy voice. The paper tackles current and sometimes difficult issues, answering questions in an honest but clear way. Its owners say, "We aim to ensure children 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 soon!

We look forward to welcoming
prospective pupils and their
parents to the Library on
Open Day
21st January 2017



World Book Day
2nd March 2017
GET READY!