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*Keep reading
over summer!*



Accelerated Reader™

The middle of June brought to a close another successful yet very different year of *Accelerated Reading* quizzing. On our return to school in September all Year 8 & 9 classes completed STAR Tests giving them reading ages before getting stuck into quizzing. Thankfully, when lockdown returned in January, quizzing was able to be accessed from home and many pupils took advantage of this opportunity to continue their progress.

Quizzing during lockdown was 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 this year with 4,439 quizzes passed. There were 50 pupils achieving millionaire status, 24 of those as multi-millionaires. Top of Years were 8C who read 44,082,558 words and 9E who read 25,374,424 words.

In Year 8 there were 23 millionaires, 11 pupils reading over 2 million, 3 over 3 million, & 4 over 4 million. The top reader in the year was Liam Thomson with a magnificent 8,039,871 words.

In Year 9 there were 15 millionaires, 2 pupils over 2 million, 2 over 3 million, and Noah Currie and Lottie Burnside read over 5 million each, Lottie top of the year with 5,095,170 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 10 quizzes win a book. Many in the year groups managed to achieve this several times over, although two prize books were the limit!



AR Awards 2021

Another difference this year meant that we could not have our annual presentation of certificates and prizes in the Drama Theatre to which all Year 8 and 9



pupils are invited. Instead only prizewinners attended the open air event on 18th June.

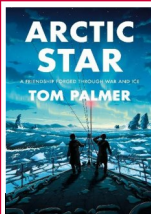


Bright sunshine accompanied this celebration of achievement as millionaires and multi-millionaires received certificates, gold star badges and other

prizes from Mr Peel. Unfortunately there was no trip to the North Coast & 'Barrys' this year; the winning classes celebrated with a movie and treats in their Form Bases.

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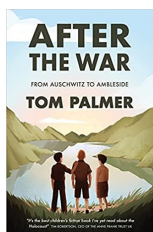




Virtual Author Visit - Tom Palmer

Friday 2nd October saw a visit with a difference as the award-winning author Tom Palmer joined each of the 5 Year 8 classes via Zoom to speak about his writing. Well known in our library as the author of the 'Foul Play' series about football and his historical fiction, he spoke about how he researched his books, and in particular, told us

about his latest novel, *After the War*, which was based on true events about a boy



who survived Auschwitz to start a new life in the Lake District.

Tom answered many of the Year 8's questions on the writing process and they enjoyed the input of his lovely dog Finn as well!



D. E. A. R. Day



On Wednesday 23rd September we were delighted to hold another whole school opportunity to **Drop Everything And Read**. At the appointed time a bell sounded and everyone was encouraged to put down their work and pick up a book. It was great to see virtually the whole school engaged in reading for pleasure. In fact frequent reading for many classes in Form Time has become popular this year.

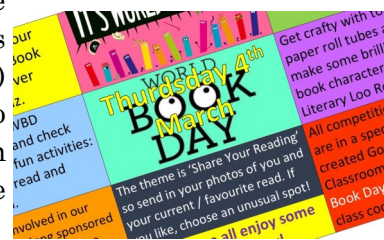
World Book Day 2021

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enthusiasm on Thursday 4th March! While there was no inter-house book quiz, pupils were encouraged to enter an online *Guess the Cover* quiz or to design a literary loo roll! The theme of the day was 'Share Your Reading' and as well as recommendations, pupils and staff were encouraged to submit photos of themselves reading current or favourite books, some in unusual places and lots accompanied by some furry (& feathered) friends. This was made into a compilation video

entitled 'Sullivan Reads'. Award-winning YA author Sheena Wilkinson recorded a personalised creative writing workshop and there were class prizes for the most AR quizzes passed that week.



Despite not being at school on *World Book Day* this year, we still celebrated it with much

Library Team



As the new year started in September 10 pupils successfully applied to become pupil librarians. Together with the existing 4 pupil librarians of the previous year, they have been responsible for assisting with the smooth-running daily running of the Library. Due to the library being closed at breaktimes their duties were limited to returning books and keeping shelves organized and tidy, as well as preparing promotional displays and writing book reviews. At our end-of-

year outdoor get-together certificates and badges were presented and cake and chocolate enjoyed!

As things hopefully return to normal next term the team will be busy with new projects and training in using Eclipse. Any pupil interested in becoming a librarian should ask for an application form next term.



Royal Society Young Person's Book Prize - Judging Group 2020



Once again the Autumn term saw a small group of keen readers take part in the Royal Society's competition to judge the *Young Person's Science Book of the Year*. Although we could not meet in person, our judges read the six titles and posted their comments on our Google Classroom. The group of Year 8 and 9 pupils enjoyed reading and reviewing the 6 shortlisted titles and selected 'In the Key of Code' by Aimee Lucido as their winner, a verse novel which combined poetry, music and coding as well as being a coming of age story and a celebration of girls in STEM.



CILIP Carnegie Award 20-21 Shadowing



In the Summer term when we returned to school a small group of 5 pupils (from Years 8, 9 & 10) took part in the *CILIP Carnegie Medal Shadowing Scheme*. This involved weekly meetings, reading and discussing the 8 shortlisted books which varied in their style and subject matters. 'Run Rebel' was chosen as our winner; indeed, it went on to win the *Voter's Choice Award*, the overall winner being 'Look Both Ways'. We were able to end the term by watching the live streaming of the Awards ceremony.



The 8 shortlisted novels for this year's CILIP Carnegie Award

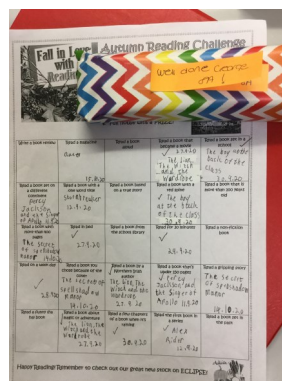


All available from the School Library and are on *Accelerated Reader*.



opportunities to win prizes! Check them out!

Don't forget that there are lots of competitions running in the Library throughout the year and many



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Library Stock

This year our usual end-of-year stock-check took place for the first time in two years. This is an excellent opportunity for the Librarian to weed out old, out-of-date or tattered stock as well as review our wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles. 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. Remember that we have to buy all our own books and are not provided with them for free! If missing or damaged books have to be replaced we cannot afford to buy so many new books.

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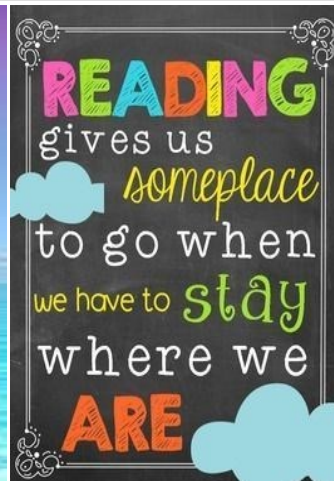
Remember to use your local public library over the summer holidays and beyond! Up to 9 books can be borrowed and all the latest titles are available. Sign up to ebooks and you can borrow 18 titles including audiobooks. You can also borrow magazines and newspapers. Find out information on how and where 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 away anywhere this summer you can enjoy an escape into a book! Here are some recommendations to try:

When The Sky Falls Phil Earl
Burning Sunlight Anthea Simmons
Worst. Holiday. Ever. Charlie Higson
The Great Godden Meg Rosoff
Harrow Lake Kat Ellis
As Good As Dead Holly Jackson (published 2nd Aug)



The Library looks forward to welcoming everyone back again and, in particular, all new entrants to Sullivan. Hopefully we will be back to full service for browsing and borrowing, as well as open at all times! However, using the Eclipse Library Catalogue will still be encouraged as there is much to be found there to help you in your reading and academic study!



D.E.A.R. DAY has proved very popular in the past and we hope to have another **Drop Everything And Read** event in September. It's a great chance for everyone to come together and read for a short time and highlights the importance of reading for pleasure!