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Kids' Lit Quiz 2017



On Thursday 9th November ten members of Year 8 and 9 travelled to Wellington College Belfast to take part in the international reading competition, the Kids' Lit Quiz.

Quizmaster Wayne Mills, from New Zealand, welcomed the 29 teams and then began the 10 rounds of 10 questions on subjects as varied as mythology and toys.

The Year 8 team took an early lead as they won the first round and were awarded with a bonus prize of some books!

The audience got a chance to participate in the competition too, and questions for book tokens were directed their way after every few rounds.

As the rounds progressed, the teams grappled with picture rounds, 'Who Said That?', and showed off their knowledge on witches, transport and war in children's books.

After the penultimate round the scores revealed that the Year 8 team had eased into joint second position. An incredibly tense tie-break ensued: but unfortunately the team were beaten to the answer.

However both teams acquitted themselves admirably and the final scores saw Year 8 in 3rd place with 70 points and Year 9 just

5 points behind in 12th place. The Prep team also performed well. A most enjoyable and rewarding day for all!

Year 8: Fay Bradley, Kirstin Cunningham, Tiffany Fong, Jamie Morris, Jacob Craythorne (Sub)

Year 9: Alex Burke, Harvey Hamilton, Chloe Hanna, Emma Magowan, Eve O'Doherty (Sub)

PHOTO: Yr 8, 9 & Prep teams



Author Visit - Brian Gallagher

On 26th September the Irish writer Brian Gallagher visited the school Assembly Hall to speak to Year 10 pupils about his work. *Arrivals* is his current title, having already published *Pawns*, *Stormclouds* and *Secrets and Shadows*, which are available in the Library. After reading some extracts, he explained his love of historical fiction and told listeners about his writing process: how he writes a CV for all characters to ensure detailed portraits as well as the lengthy process of redrafting before publication. This interesting insight into historical novel writing ended with questions and answers as well as the opportunity to get books signed.





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Book Fair 2017

It was with great anticipation that the annual Scholastic Book Fair arrived in school to take place in the first week in October. Once more pupils were given the opportunity to browse and buy a wide selection of books from favourite authors. Many books were offered as good deals and stationery was popular too.

Sales totaled £720.17, which not only meant that lots of pupils had received new reading material, but a magnificent £360 of free books for the Library! Much new stock has now been purchased and pupils of all ages have been checking out the great choice of books received.



As a result of our Book Fair Sales we were lucky enough to get some free books for the Library: well, as you can see from the picture, actually quite a few, almost **100** titles from new & favourite authors! Choose from adventure, mystery, relationships, humour, classics & more.



Plenty to interest, entertain and challenge this New Year!



Christmas in the Library

Following on from the success of last year's *Secret Santa* reading project, it was repeated in the fortnight before Christmas with an even greater numbers of parcels being picked and unwrapped! Almost 80 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. As before only two rules applied: that they waited until they left the Library before opening their 'present' and that, on opening, they would give the book a chance, not returning it until they'd tried a few chapters.

Many readers were pleasantly surprised with their unknown choices and held onto them until after the holidays. *Remember everyone can write a brief review and rate their book on Eclipse.*





Royal Society Young People's Book Prize

The autumn term saw a small group of dedicated Year 8 and 9 students participate in the Royal Society's Young Person's Book Prize. This book club with a difference focused students on books not normally chosen for pleasure as well as incorporating science titles and a wide range of ideas and ages. The group met weekly in the Library to discuss the six short-listed titles which included beautiful picture books for very young



scientists: 'This Little Pebble', 'If...' and 'A First Book of Animals' as well as informative titles for older readers: '100 Things to Know About Space', 'The Awesome Body Book' and the winner 'Home Lab'. This book by Professor Robert Winston, was full of exciting experiments for budding scientists and got our group's final vote as well. As well as discussing each book and deliberating its worthiness as a winner, the group submitted a short video to the competition of themselves at work. Although we didn't win it was fun to record our efforts!

The Northern Ireland Book Award

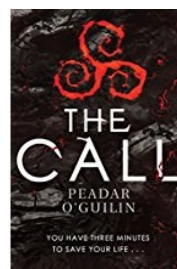
After a two year break the Northern Ireland Book Award is back and that means the opportunity for pupils to shadow the judging panel and select a winner. The shortlist was drawn up following a list of nominations from those with school library responsibility that met the following criteria:

- Published between January 2016 and June 2017
- Fiction for the children's or Young Adult market, with YA protagonists
- A debut author (or an established author writing for this audience for the first time)
- Written in English, or translated into English for the first time within the time period stated above.

The books have been selected to appeal to a wide range of pupils and age groups, and as such, two of the titles may be more suitable for those aged 13+. You do not need to read all of the titles to take part in the shadowing scheme and vote for a winner!

The Book Award Shadowing will run from January to April 2018. The first meeting of the Sullivan Upper Reading Group is Monday 22nd January in the Library at 1:20pm. All ages welcome to discuss titles and post reviews!

The 6 short-listed titles are:



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All books are available from the School Library as well as Libraries NI. Check them out and tell us your thoughts!

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Latest copy at issue desk; back copies in magazine rack.



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*. Also available is the iMLS App which allows students, parents and staff to access the school library from a mobile phone or tablet.



Holocaust Memorial Day—Saturday 27th January

Harry Potter Night—Thursday 1st February

Valentine's Day Project 'Blind Date with a Book'—week beginning 5th February

World Book Day—Thursday 1st March: quizzes, prizes, Inter-House Book Quiz, Book Swap



P.S. The Library is not just for checking out junior fiction! There are plenty of great reads to choose from in our YA and adult literature sections.

We have a range of non-fiction and subject related books for all levels. **ALL AGES WELCOME HERE!** Remember if you need help with research or projects call in to the Library and ask Miss Hopkins.

We look forward to welcoming prospective pupils and their parents to the Library on Open Day Saturday 20th January, 2018.

