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*Have a great
summer break!*



Accelerated Reading Reader™ 2017-18

The middle of June brought to a close another very successful year of the Accelerated Reader Programme (AR).

AR is a powerful tool for encouraging and monitoring independent reading.

Pupils are encouraged to select books according to their interest and level and when reading is completed, a short online quiz is taken. Reading and quizzing regularly is the key to success! As well as increasing their individual word count, points for the class are accumulated with every quiz done.

This year, Years 8 and 9 read 44,173,176 words with 700 quizzes passed (85% target) and 117 pupils achieving millionaire status.

They were presented with certificates, gold star badges and other prizes at a special presentation assembly by Mr Peel. Prizes were also given to those who were the top quiz takers in each class, scoring more than 85% in most tests.

In Year 8 there were 40 millionaires with 16 pupils reading over 2 million, 5 over 3 million and 3 over 4 million. The top reader in the year was John Kane of 8S with a magnificent 4,418,154 words.

In Year 9 there were 36 millionaires, 10 pupils over 2 million, 3 over 3 million, and



with a fantastic 4, 787, 437 words, Ralph Woods of 9W was top of the year!

8R was the class who read the most words, and together with the top scoring 9W won a day out to Barry's in Portrush. 8C and 9J were runners up and were awarded with a movie and ice cream in school.

Well done to everyone on their reading progress this year, regardless of how many words read. Many thanks to the Sixth Form Reading Mentors for their help throughout the year. Happy summer reading!

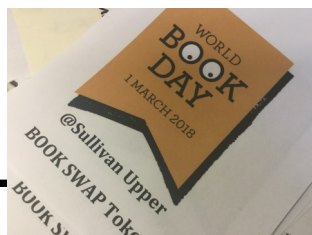


Winners' Trip to Portrush!

On the final Tuesday of term members of 8R and set off on a read red Belfast City Tours bus accompanied by Mrs Graham, Miss Hopkins, Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs McGee, Mrs Morrow and Mrs Saunders to Barry's Amusements in Portrush. After a couple of hours there riding the rollercoaster, the dodgems and playing the slot machines, the group travelled onto Portstewart where they enjoyed lunch and ice-cream on the prom.



World Book Day 2nd March 2018



World Book Day was a very successful day in Sullivan Upper with several events taking place. All students received a token for a free book.

Two quizzes ran in the Library: *Guess the Book Title* from some visual clues and *Guess the Book / Series* from the signposted location



and these were cracked by respectively by Charlie Brown (8C) and Rory Shaw (9C).

At Break a *Book Swap* took place in the Library which generated much new reading material for pupils!

An *Inter-House Book Quiz* took place in the Library at lunchtime and after several rounds with such categories as 'Colours' and 'Harry Potter', Praeger were crowned champions.



New Books

Our stock of books in the library continued to grow and since the last newsletter some of the new titles added include:

- **The Children of Blood and Bone** Tomi Adeyemi
- **Cogheart** Peter Bunzl
- **Rebel of the Sands** Alwyn Hamilton
- **The Light Jar** Lisa Thompson

Let Miss Hopkins know of anything read that you'd recommend for the Library.



Open Day 2017



Open Day saw many prospective pupils and their parents pass through the Library which was full of fun activities promoting reading and its role played in school life. As well as displays of books and pupil recommendations, there were quizzes for visitors to try including guessing places in well known books. Prospective students also had the opportunity to pose for a selfie with Roald Dahl's 'Matilda' or Greg from 'Wimpy Kid'.

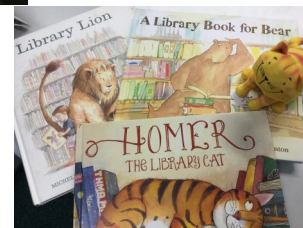


Prep Visit 2018



On Friday 11th May members of Prep 1 and their reading buddies in P7 visited the Library. Following a story-telling session

by Miss Hopkins who read 'The Library Lion' by Michelle Knudsen, pupils did some activities together.

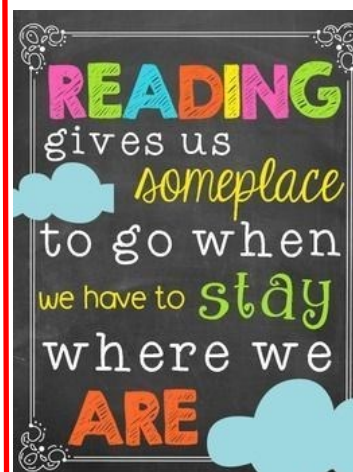


Readathon 2018

March saw our annual Readathon event take place. This sponsored reading event, participated in by Years 8, 9 and 10 raised the tremendous sum of £1520.37, which helps very sick children in hospital, while at the same time is also beneficial in promoting reading in school. The top collectors in Year 8, 9 and 10 were Fay Bradley (8R), Matthew Dempster (9W) and Chris Hale (10A) respectively. The highest contributing class was 9W with the very commendable sum of £388.70! Well done and thank you to all those who took part.



Readathon
Reading to help children in hospital



Carnegie Award Shadowing Group

The Carnegie Medal is awarded to the best children's novel and the Kate Greenaway Medal for the best picture book. A group of Year 8 and 9 pupils, calling themselves the 'Sullivan Shadowers' spent three months reading and meeting on Mondays to discuss the 8 short-listed titles Carnegie Award titles before voting for their favourite. Pupils were encouraged to post their reviews on the shadowing website. A live stream of the final was watched by some members of the group who were somewhat surprised to see the prize won by *Where the World Ends* by Geraldine McCaughren. Reviews available on 'Eclipse'.



Northern Ireland Book Award 2018



Prior to this, many of the same pupils had participated in the local NI Book Award. Reading six books, they met each week to discuss the novels before voting for their favourite which was a close choice between 'The Goldfish Boy' by Lisa Thompson and 'The Hate U Give' by Angie Thomas, before settling on the latter to submit to the award. Pupils accompanied by Mrs Cinnamond attended the finale event in Campbell College where the winner was announced. Pupils enjoyed a visit from local author Kelly McCaughrain who read from her debut novel, 'Flying Tips for Flightless Birds' and we were joint winners of a book quiz! **All books from both shortlists are available to borrow from the Library and quizzes on all can be taken on AR.**

The 6 short listed novels for this year's NI Book Award:



And the winner is*The Hate U Give*
by Angie Thomas !

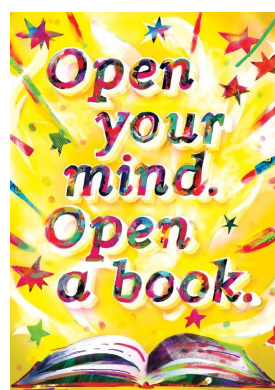


Annual Stock-take

Our annual stock takes place from Monday 19th June until the end of term.

Please continue to look for books at home over the summer.

A lot of 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. If missing 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 long summer holidays! You can borrow up to 9 books. Sign up to ebooks and you can borrow a further 18! Find out information on how and where your local library is located at www.librariesni.org.uk

Please keep the Library and SEON room tidy and remember.....



Summer Competitions!

Don't forget to take a **bingo** card to complete for the Summer Reading Challenge or get a snap taken of you reading for the **Extreme Reading** competition! Return by 5th Sept.



Summer Reading:

The holiday season is upon us (almost!). Even if you're not escaping to exotic destinations you can enjoy an escape into a book! Here are some recommendations to seek out over the long summer holiday:



Noughts & Crosses Malorie Blackman
A Gathering Light Jennifer Donnelly
The Shell House Linda Newbery
I Capture the Castle Dodie Smith
Lucas Kevin Brooks
The Book Thief Markus Zusak

To All the Boys I've Loved Before Jenny Han
(soon to be a major TV series)
The Sky is Everywhere Jandy Nelson
How I Live Now Meg Rosoff
The Explorer Katherine Rundell
The Exiles Hilary McKay



The Autumn term sees the return of the *Scholastic Book*

Fair. This usually takes place at the start of October so be prepared for a week of great books and assorted stationery to buy. Remember that more sales mean more new titles for our Library!



D. E. A. R. Day

Drop Everything And Read! We hope to hold one of these in September. This means that when a signal is sounded all pupils and staff in school stop what they are doing, pick up a book and read!



We'll be looking for Kids' Lit Quiz teams (one from the incoming Year 8 and one from next year's Year 9) for this international competition which takes place in November, 2018. If you love reading a variety of books and would like to be part of the team look out for the notices which will appear in the Library at the end of September!