



LIBRARY MATTERS

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LIBRARY

OPENING HOURS

Mon : 8.30 - 4.30

Tue : 8.30 - 4.30

Wed : 8.30 - 4.30

Thur : 8.30 - 4.30

Fri : 8.30 - 4.30

* LATEST *

Library is OPEN for

OPEN DAY

Saturday

9th January

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Kids' Lit Quiz Winners 2015



from around Northern Ireland at Wellington College for a challenging literary afternoon. Our Year 8 team made steady progress from the start, but it was really

This year has been our busiest ever Autumn term in the library. Just before the Summer break we went live with our new web-based Library Management System. It was out with the old ALICE system and in with the new ECLIPSE (read all about it overleaf). As soon as we had completed library inductions, we prepared for the annual Kids' Lit Quiz by testing all our Year 8s literary knowledge skills in order to pick a team. Once again, high scores made it easy to select a strong team. On Wednesday 4th November, we joined with 16 other schools

when we played our joker that we shot ahead into the lead. All of the Sullivan contingent were delighted when the final scores revealed our 1st place victory. Read about the team's trip to Oxford for the UK Final on page 4. Wayne Mills (quizmaster) and David Gatward (author) pictured with team.



Well done also to our Year 9 and Prep teams who finished well up the leader board too.

YEAR 8 Emily Black, Ellie Skilling, John Bailie, Louis McCartney YEAR 9 Sophie Gallagher, Ella Andrews, Jack Rann, Peter Ritchie

Accelerated Reader Update



**AcceleratedTM
Reader**

Accelerated Reader is now in operation for the 3rd year and has been rolled out to all Years 8, 9 and 10 library classes.

Competition to be AR stars gathered even more momentum, with our charts in the library showing both weekly progress between the classes and numbers of Word Millionaires (of which there were many!)

In June 2014 two lucky classes won the coveted prize of a day trip to the North Coast (featuring a visit to Barry's) They did this by reading the most books and accurately passing the most AR quizzes by achieving 85% or higher. The victorious classes were 8K and 9S

We also held 2 special achievement

assemblies to celebrate our reading success, where word millionaires were awarded certificates and prizes by Mr Peel.

In Year 8, 26 students were word millionaires or multi millionaires and Ollie Butt broke all records with an incredible 6 million words read tally!!!

In Year 9, 26 students also gained millionaire and multi millionaire status, with 5 students reading more than 2 million words.

As this is the first year that we have had all 3 junior school year groups participating, it has been a challenge to ensure we have a plentiful supply of reading materials in the library. More books at the higher AR levels have been purchased and a new library feature 'Reach For The Stars' lists our more challenging reads.

WE READ THEREFORE WE SUCCEED

HOW TO SUCCEED WITH ACCELERATED READER

1. Pick a book with the correct color dot on the spine for your reading level
2. Read your book within 2 to 4 weeks
3. Take an Accelerated Reader Quiz in the SEON Room as soon as possible after finishing your book
4. Get a result of 85% or more to stay on target
5. and repeat.....and repeat.....and repeat.....
6. To find out which books have quizzes on Accelerated Reader go to

www.arbookfind.co.uk



All that reading paid off !



**6th Form library
mentors 2014 - 15
much valued members
← of our team**



**Will your
class be on
the bus
this year?**

Northern Ireland Book Awards 2015

This year the Northern Ireland Book Award Scheme ran from March to June, during which time participants tried to read all of the 6 nominated books. Students from schools throughout Northern Ireland posted reviews of the books on the dedicated website and then voted for their favourite book, which was revealed at the Finale event in June at Strathearn School. The nominees were :



Eleven students from Sullivan's Year 8 and 9 classes volunteered to take up the challenge and got the opportunity to attend the Launch event at Aquinas School, the Drama Workshop at the Lyric Theatre (featured above) and the Finale event at Strathearn.



The popular author Dan Freedman was the special guest at the Finale and he gave an interesting talk about his writing and the world of sports journalism.

The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel and *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan were neck and neck in the competition's photo finish, whilst at the final hurdle Carter Roy's title took the lead - so the NI Children's book of the year 2015 was announced as *The Blood Guard* by Carter Roy.

Why not read the reviews of all the books at www.nibookaward.org.uk/2014-15/books.php

Meeting of school librarians at Sullivan

On January 26th 2015 (during an Exceptional Closure day) Sullivan Library hosted a meeting of 29 school librarians from the Belfast and South Eastern area for a very informative training session on Fronter (online learning platform), followed by the librarians' regular once a term meeting.

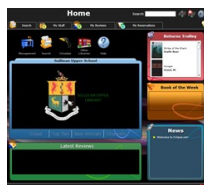
We were delighted to welcome our library colleagues and ensured no-one went hungry by providing tea, coffee, cake and scones (kindly provided by the Silver Robin restaurant).



New Library Management System ECLIPSE

It was with great anticipation that we finally logged in to our new Library Management System ECLIPSE, which replaces the old ALICE system. The new system can :

- * Create an engaging online library for students, staff and parents
- * Track reading progress and trends across the whole school
- * Make reading cooler with an integrated [eBook library](#)
- * Raise the profile of our library through engaging ICT
- * Provide access anywhere, anytime with the fantastic free [imls app](#)
- * Manage text books and other school resources
- * Link with other school systems for a more integrated learning experience
- * Link our library and resources to our school website or VLE
- * Enable students to renew their loans 24/7, helping them to manage their account
- * Provide automatic next book recommendations with [Who Next](#)



If you are a student or a member of staff why not check out your access to ECLIPSE by going to

MY SCHOOL - VIEW ALL -
CLICK ONLINE LEARNING
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Let us know what you think.

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**Sullivan Library
welcomes all P6
and P7 visitors on our
Open Day Saturday
9th January**

*Best wishes
to all
for 2016*



**A new year is like a blank
book. The pen is in your
hands. It is your chance
to write a beautiful story
for yourself.**

**Mrs Hutchinson and the team (Emily,
Ellie, Louis and John) in Oxford.**



Scholastic Book Fair October 2015



Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was held during the first week of October. Sales of books and accessories were brisk as usual, and during Library periods students in Years 8—10 took part in our Library prize quiz. Three students won gift vouchers for their correct quiz entries and received their prizes during Assembly. Jamie Carson 8S, Lucy Hall 9M and Lily Thompson 10P were the lucky recipients.

Sales totalling £613 ensured that the library received a collection of free books as commission. This, along with free Scholastic books earned with the English Department's Readathon have ensured our students will not be short of something to read in our school library.

Many thanks to all who supported Readathon and our Book Fair.

Kids' Lit Quiz UK Final Oxford 4th Dec 2015



Our Year 8 team represented Northern Ireland at the UK Final in Oxford in December. They did well in the competition and had a most enjoyable day. The author assigned to process into the hall with our team was Marie Louise Jensen (above) while Frank Cotterell Boyce was another of the well known authors in attendance.

