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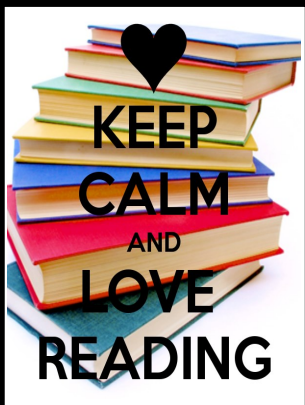
## LIBRARY

### OPENING HOURS

Monday—Friday  
8.30—4.30

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# Accelerated Reader™

Reading  
2020-21



On our return to school in September all Year 8 & 9

classes completed STAR Tests giving them reading ages before getting stuck into Accelerated Reader quizzing. When this concluded in the middle of June a grand total of 212,790,561 words had been read by Years 8 and 9 and 3,800 quizzes passed (85% target). There were 69 word millionaires and 23 multi-millionaires.



In Year 8, 11 pupils read over 2 million words, 3 read over 3 million while Lucas Kwant in 8C read over 5 million. Matthew Lockington 8C was top of the year with just over 6.8 million words. In Year 9, 5 pupils read over 2 million words, and 2 over 3 million, the highest in the year being Matthew Lunn 9C.

Emphasis for all has been achieving 85% in quizzes and each month a draw takes places 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 both year groups managed to achieve this several times over, although two prize books were the limit!

Well done to everyone on their reading progress this year and a big thank you to the Sixth Form Mentors who came along to the Library each week to help.

## AR Awards 2022

The Accelerated Reader Awards took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the Dance Studio, at which Mr Peel presented certificates and star badges to all who had achieved 1 million words or more, and further prizes to those who had read 2 million or more. During the final week of term the top scoring classes 8C and 9C enjoyed a day to the North Coast and Curry's Fun Park.



## Creative Writing

Throughout the year, pupils of all years had regular opportunities to meet and write in the Library after school. In the autumn term we had online visits from award-winning authors Sheena Wilkinson and Louisa Reid who shared writing tips, and we enjoyed games and refreshments at our Christmas meeting. In the Spring term we had an author visit from Nick Cann, who is also a Sullivan parent. He delighted the Club with his anecdotes and information about the writing process and also gifted us copies of his book.

## Readathon

Our *Readathon* was launched on World Book Day, running for the rest of month and involved all pupils from Years 8-10 raising money for sick children in hospital. A magnificent £1,145 was raised with 8C the top scoring class and Matthew Lockington 8C and Benjamin Ellison 9C the top contributors.



## D. E. A. R. Day



On the morning of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, we held

our now annual, *Drop Everything and Read Day*. At the sounding of a bell, everyone was encouraged to put down their work, turn off PCs, and pick up a fiction or non-fiction book, magazine or newspaper and read for the remaining 20 minutes of the period. It was great to see virtually the whole school engaged in reading for pleasure (both pupils and staff) and very encouraging to hear so many speak positively about the experience.

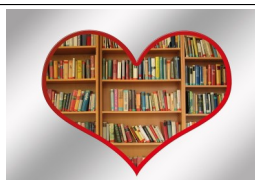
## World Book Day 2022

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DAY

*World Book Day* took place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and was, as usual, a busy and enjoyable day. At lunchtime junior and senior Inter-House Book Quizzes took place which were won by McAlester and Praeger, respectively. All pupils received a £1 book token, and a *Guess the Young Reader* competition in the Library which had a display of staff as young children pictured alongside their favourite books at that age. On this day we also had a visit to our creative writing group of Nick Cann, author and Sullivan parent, and it was also today that our fund-raising Readathon involving Years 8-10 was launched.



## Book Clubs



The first few weeks of term saw the launch of the *Junior Book Club* for pupils of Years 8-10 who met fortnightly at lunchtime throughout the year in the Library to discuss their favourite and current reads, play games and share reading



recommendations. After Christmas Kirstin Gregory (13C) set up a *Senior Book Club* for Years 11-14 which met monthly after school to discuss that month's chosen title, which has proved very popular. All book clubs will commence again in the autumn term and new members are very welcome to join and enjoy some book chat!





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



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*. The group of six Year 9 and 10 pupils enjoyed reading and reviewing the 6 shortlisted titles and selected as their winner *I Am a Book, I Am a Portal to the Universe*, by Stefanie Posavec and Miriam Quick, which was, in fact, chosen as the actual winner.

## CILIP Carnegie Award 21-22 Shadowing



In the Spring Term the *Sullivan Shadowers* group was formed which would shadow the prestigious *Carnegie Book Award*. Once again split lunchtimes meant we did not come together until the Awards ceremony in June when we able to watch proceedings live online and enjoy some refreshments; up until then a group of 7 junior and one of 6 senior pupils met to discuss the 8 shortlisted titles and discuss their winning choices.

## Library Team



In September we saw the new cohort of Pupil Librarians selected



and inducted to the Library team. This team, which has now increased to 23 from all year groups, assisted throughout the year with the day-to-day running of the Library and were a tremendous help in keeping the it tidy and smooth-running. Duties included returning books and keeping shelves organized and tidy, sorting borrower loans and returns, adding new books to *Eclipse* plus preparing promotional displays, updating book records and writing book reviews. Split breaktimes meant that we did not meet together until just before Christmas and then not until our final end-of-year party where certificates for First, Bronze & Silver Awards were presented and sweet treats enjoyed. Abbie Robertson (11E) was named *Pupil Librarian of the Year* for her exceptional work and commitment to the Library during the year. Any pupil interested in becoming a librarian should ask for an application form next term.



### New Books just arrived which will be ready to borrow in September

<i>Boy, Everywhere</i> A. M. Dassu,	<i>The Soup Movement</i> Ben Davis
<i>Truth Be Told</i> Sue Divin	<i>The Agathas</i> Kathleen Glasgow
<i>The Insiders</i> Cath Howe	<i>Floodland</i> Tom Huddleston,
<i>We Were Liars</i> E. Lockhart	<i>Brock</i> Anthony McGowan
<i>Nightfall</i> Shannon Messenger	<i>Orphans of the tide</i> Struan Murray
<i>The Loop</i> Ben Oliver	<i>Ali Cross</i> James Patterson
<i>Kerb-Stain Boys</i> Alex Wheatle	<i>Alexandra Sheppard</i> Oh My Gods
<i>Pride &amp; Prejudice</i> Laura Wood	<i>The Secret Detectives</i> Ella Risbridger

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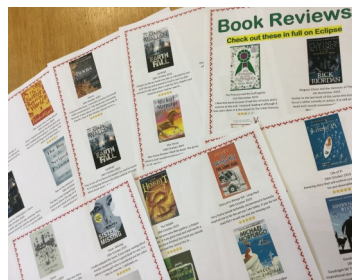
## Library Stock

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.

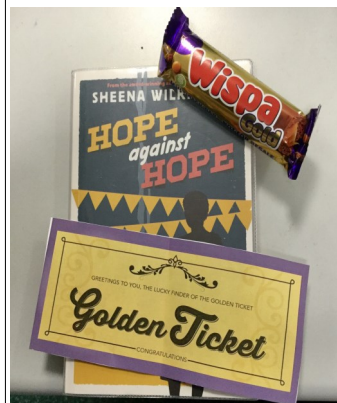


Remember to use your local public library over the summer holidays and beyond! Up to 9 books can be borrowed and all the latest titles are available. Sign up to eBooks and you can borrow 18 titles including audiobooks. You can also borrow magazines and newspapers. Find out information on how and where your local library is located at [www.librariesni.org.uk](http://www.librariesni.org.uk)

**Book Reviews** Hundreds of new book reviews were added this term. Don't forget to check these out on 'Eclipse' as well as submitting your own. This is a really useful way to help choose your next great read from your school library! **Don't forget, Book Reviewer of the Month prizes given.**



LOOK OUT FOR THESE GOLDEN TICKETS



HIDDEN IN SOME OF OUR GREAT FICTION TITLES. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS READ THE BOOK AND LET MISS HOPKINS KNOW TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE! 5 TO BE FOUND....

The Library looks forward to welcoming everyone back again and, in particular, all new entrants to Sullivan. Although you can once more browse in person, 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! Eclipse is an app accessed through 'My School'.



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