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*Have a great
summer
break!*

READING 2016-17



Accelerated Reader™

The start 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, 9 and 10 read over half a million words!

In Year 8 there were 39 millionaires with 15 pupils reading over 2 million, 5 over 3 million

5 million. The top reader in the year was Victoria Morris of 8W with a magnificent 6,169,220 words.

8W were the class who read the most words, and together with the top scoring 9M and 10J won a day out to Barry's in Portrush! Report on that in our next issue!

In Year 9 there were 17 millionaires, 5 pupils over 2 million, 1 over 3 million, 1 over 4 million and, with an incredible 7,517,928, Izzy Evans was top of the year!

Year 10 had 12 millionaires, 2 pupils over 2 million, and 4 over 3 million. Amy Gibson of 10J read the most number of words with an fantastic 3,619,249.

Top readers from Years 8, 9 & 10 with Mr Peel



A special presentation assembly was held in the Library on June 13th where Mr Peel awarded certificates, badges, book-marks and key-rings. Prizes were also given to those who were the top quiz takers in each class, scoring more than 85% in most tests.

Well done to everyone on their reading progress this year, regardless of how many words read. Keep reading over the holidays—check out some ideas on page 4! Don't forget to let Miss Hopkins know of anything read you'd recommend for the Library!

Readathon—March 2017



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 £1835.91, 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 Amy Lopez Warnock, Izzy Evans and Ollie Butt respectively and the overall highest collector was Izzy Evans 9M who raised an admirable £75. The highest contributing class was 8W with the superb sum of £504! Well done and thank you to all those who took part.

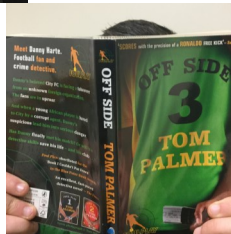


World Book Day was a very successful day in Sullivan Upper with several events taking place. All students received a token for a free book by either *Michael Grant* or *David Almond*.

Two quizzes ran in the library: *Guess the Teacher Behind the Book* and *Where in the World* book places. These challenging puzzles were cracked by Kirstin Gregory 8T and Erica Simms 9A respectively.



Can you guess which teacher this might be?



World Book Day 2nd March 2017

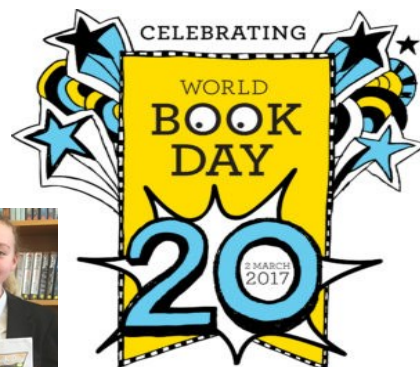


Two other competitions designing bunting to celebrate WBD (won by Emily Black 9M and Cormac Kitchen 9S) and taking a 'Shelfie' picture of your bookcase at home (won by Reuben Connolly 8G) were also held in the run up to the day.

A *Book Swap* took place in the Library at Break 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.

Open Day 2017



Open Day saw many prospective pupils and their parents pass through the Library which was full of fun activities promoting use in school. As well as displays of books and pupil recommendations, there were two quizzes for visitors to try: 'Guess who's coming to dinner?' where, from a series of placemat clues on the dinner table, the guest was deduced; and guess places in well known books. Prospective students also had the opportunity to pose for a selfie with Roald Dahl's Matilda or Greg from the Wimpy Kid series.



Most Borrowed Authors 2016/17

6. J.K. Rowling
4. Robert Muchamore
= Anthony Horowitz
3. Rick Riordan
2. Jeff Kinney
1. Jacqueline Wilson

Eclipse –Reviews



Most pupils are now conversant with using the Eclipse library system. If you can't make it to the Library you can renew books yourselves at home, thus avoiding any unwelcome fines! This can be done twice before the book has to be brought to the Library if you want it renewed a 3rd time.

Really useful are the reviews, as peer recommendations are one of the best ways to select books.

Reviews are anonymous to the reader and don't have to be too lengthy: as long as they give some indication as to the type of book and what it is that makes it enjoyable or not.



"Birds have wings, humans have books"

SULLY Shadowers—Carnegie Award Shadowing Book Group



2017 is the 80th year of the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals. 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 'Sully Shadowers' spent three months reading and meeting every Monday to discuss the 8 short-listed titles before voting for their favourite. From the very start the most popular of the books was Zana Fraillon's *The Bone Sparrow* which tells the story of 8 year old Subhi who has lived almost all his short life in a refugee camp. Pupils found it to be a "memorable story", "fantastically written" whose characters were "amazing" and "believable". While *Railhead* and *The Stars of Oktober Bend* were also thought worthy short-listed titles, it was Fraillon's story that really moved readers: "I love this book. One of the best, if not the best, I have read in a while". Pupils were encouraged to post their reviews on the shadowing website. A live stream of the final event celebrated with chocolate cake and certificates of participation presented.



All books are available to borrow from the Library and quizzes on all can be taken on Accelerated Reader.



The 8 short-listed novels for this year's CILIP Carnegie Medal:



★ And the winner is *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys! ★

* *The Bone Sparrow* won the Amnesty International Award



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 continually replaced we can not afford to buy so many new books.



LOVE
READING



Look out for new reading groups (fiction and non-fiction) and writing competitions coming in the new academic year!

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REMEMBER!

In the Library and SEON Rooms:



Remember to use your local public library! Find out where they are at:
www.librariesni.org.uk



LIBRARY NEWS IN BRIEF

Keep Up-to-date with Current Affairs: *The Week* & *First News* both available in the Library every week.

FirstNews
NEWS TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE TALKING

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

THE WEEK



If you missed the last edition of Library Matters check out the school website under
[Library-AUTUMN2016-Library-Newsletter.pdf](#)



Summer Reading:

Here are some recommendations to check out over the long summer holiday:

KS3 - including new titles by favourite authors:

The World's Worst Children 2 David Walliams

Geek Girl: Sunny Side Up Holly Smale

Cogheart Peter Bunzl

Such Stuff: A Story-Maker's Inspiration Michael Morpurgo

Wave Me Goodbye Jacqueline Wilson

Finding Gobi Dion Leonard

The Dying of the Light Derek Landy

KS 4 & 5 - books recently published:

Carve the Mark Veronica Roth

Once and for All Sarah Dessen

The Scattering Kimberly McCreight

Indigo Donut Patrice Lawrence

Classics: if you haven't read already, try:

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Mark Twain

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole... Sue Townsend

I Capture the Castle Dodie Smith

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn Betty Smith



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usually takes place at the start of October so be prepared for a week of great books to buy.

We also hope to have some author visits in the Autumn term. Watch out for further information!



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, 2017.

