



# LIBRARY MATTERS

## LIBRARY STAFF

Mrs Gorringe

Mrs Drennan

## 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 \*

New book just arrived in the library -

### POETRY MATTERS

See Sullivan students' poetry in print. Are you in it?

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## Alex Scarrow Visit



It was with great excitement that the English Department and the Library welcomed the author Alex Scarrow to Sullivan on Wednesday 6th April.

Alex is the author of The Time Rider series of books and he agreed to come and talk about his books to all in Years 9 + 10.

The talk, which was held in the School Hall was fully

inter-active and Alex engaged totally with his audience in bringing the characters alive and sketching the outline of the plot of his first book in the series.

There are 3 books so far — Time Riders, Time Riders Day Of The Predator and Time Riders The Doomsday Code and they all involve adventures in Time Travel through history.

After the talk, Alex invited two teams of 3 students to the front to take part in what turned out to be a nail-biting history quiz with each team being cheered on very vociferously by their supporters.

Alex made a great impression on all who heard him speak and certainly reinforced what we as librarians knew already — that **READING IS SERIOUSLY COOL!**



When everyone had sufficiently calmed down, there was an opportunity to buy signed copies of the books, and the first book sold out in minutes!

Copies of all Alex's books are available now in the library and if you would like to know more about the author go to the dedicated website [www.timeriders.co.uk](http://www.timeriders.co.uk) or [www.scarrow.co.uk](http://www.scarrow.co.uk).

Alex spent some time in the library and was actually writing Book 5 while here!



## SULLIVAN PREP VISITS THE LIBRARY TO CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK DAY

When volunteers were sought to read to pupils from our prep, Mrs Gorringe offered her services and opened the doors to the library for the visitors from Prep 5, 6 and 7. On the Monday and Tuesday before World Book Day, the three classes slotted into Library free periods and heard Mrs Gorringe talk about two of her favourite authors.

The first was Colin Bateman, who was going to be visiting us on World Book Day itself and the second was Chris Bradford.

After talking about the authors and their work, Mrs Gorringe read passages from two books to the pupils to whet their appetites for further reading.

Pupils also enjoyed having a good look around the library.

Mrs Gorringe with a 'Young Samurai' book





## COLIN BATEMAN VISIT - WORLD BOOK DAY 2011



To help Sullivan students celebrate World Book Day this year, we were very fortunate to have a visit from the world renowned local author and screenwriter Colin Bateman on Thursday 3rd March.

Colin came in to talk about his book *Running With The Reservoir Pups*, which has been recently re-published.

Before the day, during library periods, Year 8 had been learning about Colin and his work, so it was with much anticipation that he was welcomed to the Drama Theatre.

Colin's book *Running With The Reservoir Pups* is an adventure story set locally and is a real page turner involving kidnapping, with a main character called Eddie Malone and a Belfast gang called *The Reservoir Pups*.

After talking about his career as an author, Colin read a passage from his book and finished off with a question and answer session from the Year 8 students.

Students then had the opportunity to buy copies of the book, signed personally by Colin.

Why not check out Colin's other books, a selection of which are stocked in the library?



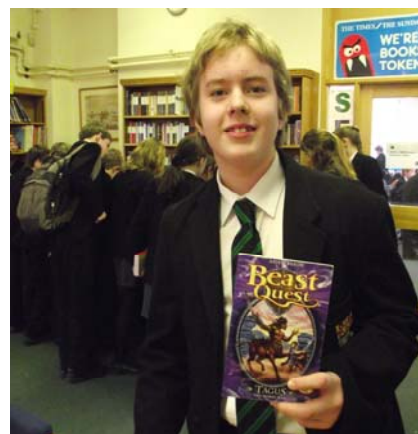
## WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK SWAP

Mrs Millar (Head of the English Department) decided it would be a great idea to hold a Book Swap the day before World Book Day, so that everyone would have something new to read for the big day.

Both students and staff were encouraged to bring in any books that they had enjoyed and were now ready to hand on. Two tables were set up in the library to display the books for swapping and on Wednesday 2nd March at break-time, we opened the doors to our enthusiastic swappers!

As you can see, there was lots of interest and swaps taking place. Many happy students walked away with something new to read and all were delighted to get a new book or two for zero cost!

Perhaps we will make this an annual event?



## WORLD BOOK DAY QUIZ

During World Book Day, the library ran a quiz in celebration of Authors with an Irish Connection.

There were 6 questions about our visiting author Colin Bateman and a further 6 questions featuring local Irish authors. Students had to look at the clues, check the poster for extra clues, research the fiction shelves and look at the books which matched the clues to ensure the correct answers were given.

All worked very diligently as the prize was a £25 Tesco voucher.

The lucky winner, David Cooley 8C was presented with his reward during Assembly by Mr Peel. Well done to all who took part.

# NI Book Award 2010 - 2011

**Winner Announced**  
 \* CHRIS BRADFORD WINS 2011 AWARD \*  
 WITH THE RING OF EARTH



The 2011 Northern Ireland Book Award has been won by Chris Bradford's *The Ring of Earth*. The winner was announced at the grand finale on 6th April.



Chris Bradford pictured at the launch of this year's Award last October

The Winning Book

**Runners Up**  
 \* TIME RIDERS AND WIMPY VAMPIRE \*  
 TAKE SECOND AND THIRD PLACES



The runner-up was Alex Scarrow's *Time Riders*. In third place was Tim Collins's *Diary of a Wimpy Vampire*.



On Wednesday 6th April, a small group of Year 8 Book Club Members had the pleasure of accompanying Mrs Gorringe, Mrs Drennan **and** our visiting author Alex Scarrow to the NI Book Award Finale event at Aquinas Grammar School in Belfast.

Students from schools all over Northern Ireland had been reading the 8 nominated books since the Award was launched last October. Students posted book reviews on the website and finally voted online for their favourite book in March.

As you can see, one of our favourite authors Chris Bradford (who visited Sullivan last October) was voted as the winner with his book *The Ring Of Earth*. Second place was taken by the author Alex Scarrow (who had spoken to our Years 9 + 10 earlier in the day) with his book *Time Riders*. All at Sullivan Library were delighted to congratulate Chris (via Facebook) and Alex in person.

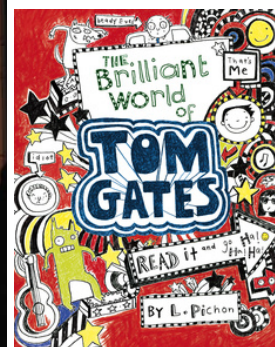
Also at the event, the author Liz Pichon (pictured below) gave an interesting illustrated talk about her book and career as both an author and illustrator.

All the nominated books are available now in the library, as is Liz's book *The Brilliant World Of Tom Gates*.

## Book Club Members At The Finale



Author Liz Pichon



## Hello Again Hello!



We are delighted to welcome our new Assistant Librarian Mrs Pauline Drennan to Sullivan Upper Library. Mrs Drennan took over the role in January 2011 and has already settled in well to what has been a very busy term.

Mrs Drennan was librarian for many years at Donaghadee High School and so comes to the school with a great deal of school library experience. She will be a real asset in the development of our future plans for the library, which we are always striving to improve in order to best facilitate the needs of both students and staff.

Mrs Drennan works in the library on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays.

Pop in and say hello to her if you haven't met her already.

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*Best wishes  
to all  
for the exam season*



### **SOME IMPORTANT LIBRARY DATES**

Last day for borrowing books **Fri 20th May**

All books to be returned by **Fri 3rd June**

Library Periods finish **Fri 3rd June**

**LIBRARY CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE**

**FROM**

**MONDAY 13TH JUNE**

**UNTIL THE END OF TERM**



A major stocktake and re-organisation will be undertaken by library staff during June.

During the stocktake there will be **no admittance** to the library.

From **Mon 13th June**, the SEON Room will be available for use by classes **only** during the normal 11 period day, but **will not be open** for general use before school, break-time, at lunch-times or after school.

**Sorry for the disruption while this essential work is carried out!**

## **When Alex came to Sullivan School**

When Alex Scarrow came to Sullivan School

Everyone thought "This author looks real cool"

He sat on the stage and surveyed the crowd

As the Hall filled up, the noise grew loud

Very soon after welcomes Alex started to speak

Of his time travel stories we caught a peek

The characters are plucked from the moment of doom

Their travel through history saves them from the tomb

Liam, Maddy and Sal led by Foster – the Chief

Oh....and Bob (the clone) to protect them - his brief

To stop others messing with history's their job

On assignments they try to blend in with the mob

If you could go back and give Hitler advice

Would you tell him "Invade Russia and you'll pay the price"?

What period of history would you travel to?

Would you tell them what happens, would you give them a clue?

When you think about how things could have been

If the past turned out different – it would change the scene

The Timeriders make sure it turns out how it should

But it takes its toll on the body – well I'm sure it would

To see what history taught us, Alex gave us a quiz

Two teams fought it out, it was serious biz

Competition was fierce and the crowd cheered and cheered

It was neck and neck, wrong answers were jeered

The winners got T-shirts which Alex signed

The others got badges, they didn't mind

All too soon it was over, time had passed too fast

Alex Scarrow, we loved you and we had a blast

J Gorringe