



Library News: May 2018

World Book Day and Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported World Book Day this year whether by dressing up and donating £1, supporting the Book Fair, reading in an unusual place or taking part in 'Drop Everything and Read'

Dressing up competition



We had some fabulous book character costumes so well done to everyone. The results of the dressing up competition were as follows:

Best dressed class : Year 5
Runner-up: Year 2

There was stiff competition for the best dressed member of staff, with **Mrs Cooper and Miss Kane joint winners.**

The individual prizes were as follows:

Year 1: 1st- Barbara, 2nd- Elsa, 3rd- Evelyn
Year 2: 1st- Zara, 2nd- Freya, 3rd- Hugo
Year 3: 1st- Rufus, 2nd- Arlo, 3rd- Eleanor
Year 4: 1st- Kaiden, 2nd- Leo, 3rd- Liberty
Year 5: 1st- Rocky, 2nd- Cormac, 3rd-Joseph T
Year 6: 1st- Isla, 2nd- Roman, 3rd- William R

The Reception class did not take part in the dressing-up competition, but did make some fabulous Gruffalo headbands.

The Book Fair raised over £320 in commission which is fantastic, given that we had to cancel two sale days for the snow. Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair.

Together with the money from World Book Day, this should mean plenty of new books appearing in the library very soon. The children have been busy making suggestions in our suggestions box, but do also feel free to email me with suggestions.

Reading in Unusual Places

There were some amazing entries for this competition organised by Miss Bowman and Mrs Rigby. The winners will be announced shortly.

Drop Everything and Read was a really good chance for the whole school, including staff, to stop what they were doing and read a good book. Thanks to Mrs Rigby for organising this!

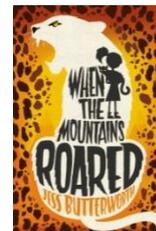
Book Swap

July will see the fourth year of our summer book swap - keep an eye out for more details! This is always a good way to find new summer reading...

Reading challenges

Well done to everyone who has earned library reading certificates so far this year. There is still plenty of time to earn a certificate so keep reading!

Author visits



We have been very fortunate this year to have three fabulous authors visit the school.

Lisa Thompson (author of The Goldfish Boy and the Light Jar) visited Years 5 and 6 in January.

Vashti Hardy (author of Brightstorm) visited Years 3 and 4 in March.

Jess Butterworth (author of Running on the Roof of the World and When the Mountains Roared) visited Years 5 and 6 in April.

All of these visits proved inspiring and interesting for the children, with lots of questions being asked of all three authors. The books have all been extremely popular in the library and we have also been able to raise money through book sales with Mr B's.

I am hoping to organise more author visits for the next school year, particularly for KS1.



Open library sessions – KS1 session change

The Infant Library sessions have been moved to Mondays after school for Term 6. The sessions run from **3.30 – 4pm** and are open to all KS1 children. Children must be accompanied by an adult and can borrow and return books, read books in the library and ask me any questions they may have. There will be no session on Monday 21st May.

The Junior Open Library sessions are continuing to run on Monday lunchtimes. Junior children can come to the library during Monday lunchtimes to read books, borrow and return books, write book reviews and use the library computers.

Would you like to help in the library? More help is needed!

We would not be able to run the library sessions without our amazing volunteers and we do need more help!

Helping in the library is a great opportunity to see what children are reading, to help them to find new books and to help the school.

If you think you could help one day a week from 2.15pm to the end of the school day, please let me know! Full training is provided.

Useful reminders

The library days (when children can return and borrow books and use the library computer) are as follows:

Monday: Years 4 and 6

Tuesday: Year 2

Wednesday: Year 1

Thursday: Years 3 and 5

Friday: Reception

The last library sessions this school year will be the week beginning 2nd July.

You can still return borrowed books after this date, but there is no borrowing.

The loan period for books is **6 weeks** (you will receive a reminder if your child has not returned or renewed their book at the end of this period).

To access Junior Librarian (the library computer system) from home, use

<https://u020976.microlibrarian.net/>

All of this information is also on the library page of the school website.

Any questions?

If you have any questions or would like to be involved with the Library, then please contact me on Librarian@bsm.bwmat.org or leave a note in the School Office. Happy reading!

Clare Turner
Librarian