



Library News: June 2019

We have had a busy year in the library, with author visits, a book fair, World Book Day celebrations, reading certificates and a book fair, but there is more to come....

Summer Book Swap on Friday July 12th

This will be the fifth year of our free summer book swap!

We would like children to bring in a book they have read (and which they think others would enjoy). Children can then choose a different book to enjoy over the summer holidays. A great way to find a new favourite author! There will be more details to follow nearer the time, but save the date...

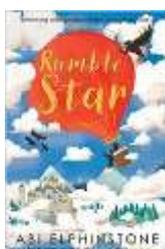
Reading challenges

Well done to everyone who has earned library reading certificates so far this year for reading 5, 10, 15 or 20 library books (or more!). There is still plenty of time to earn a certificate before the end of the school year so keep reading!

Royal Society Young People's Book Prize

I am delighted to announce that we have been selected as an Official Panel for the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2019. This is a very exciting opportunity for a group of children from the school to read and judge the shortlisted non-fiction books. You can find the shortlist on the Royal Society website here <https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/book-prizes/young-peoples-book-prize/>

Author visits



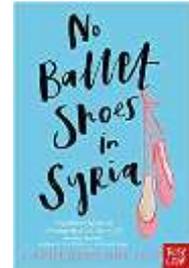
We enjoyed a fabulous visit from Abi Elphinstone on the first day back this term. Abi talked to Years 3, 4 and 5 about her new book Rumblestar (published on May 30th 2019) and about her life as an author.



Stewart Foster will be coming in to school to talk to Years 4, 5 and 6 about his book Check Mates which will be published on June 27th. Stewart's previous books are the Bubble Boy and All the Things That Could Go Wrong.

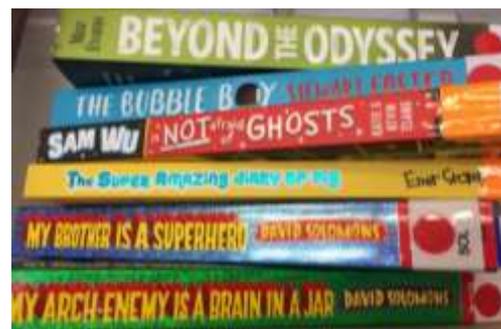
This year, we have welcomed the following authors:

Catherine Bruton to give Year 6 a writing masterclass whilst talking about her new book No Ballet Shoes in Syria; Jasbinder Bilan (Asha and the Spirit Bird); Carina Axelsson (Royal Rebel) and, of course, Fleur Hitchcock on World Book Day who spoke to every year group about The Boy Who Flew and Clifftoppers (her two new books). All of these have been fantastic opportunities for children to meet authors and explore creative writing.



New library books

We raised £229.09 in commission from the Travelling Book Fair this year which, together with the £128.80 raised from the World Book Day dressing up competition, has been used to buy various lovely new books for the library, including non-fiction, comic strip books and picture books.





Library sessions

The final library sessions of the school year will be in the week **Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July**. After this date, we will be collecting in all of the library books. This means that books can be returned to the library, but no new books can be borrowed.

The last KS1 and KS2 open library sessions will be Monday 1st July.

The KS1 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.

The KS2 sessions run during Monday lunchtimes when junior children can come to the library to read books, borrow and return books, write book reviews and use the library computers.

Any spare comics?

Does anyone have any spare comics they would like to donate to the library? We have a lovely collection of comics for children to read whilst in the school library, but they are beginning to look worn out, so if you have any old copies of the Beano, the Phoenix, wildlife comics or similar which you would like to donate, please do contact me.

Useful reminders

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

Monday: Year 4

Tuesday: Years 2 and 6

Wednesday: Year 1

Thursday: Years 3 and 5

Friday: Reception

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.

World Book Day 2019

Thank you to everyone who supported World Book Day this year. We had a fabulous time with a visit from Fleur Hitchcock, amazing dressing up from children and staff and fabulous entries for the most unusual word competition.

Some pictures from recent visits...



Library help on Wednesday afternoons

Sadly, Mrs Galanti is stepping down as a library helper, so if anyone would like to volunteer to help with this session, please get in touch.

Thank you Mrs Galanti for all your work.

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! Mrs Turner