



Library News: November 2019

We have had a good start to the new school year in the library, with participation in the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize, an author visit, a revitalisation of the Junior Non-Fiction area and the prospect of further library improvements and new furniture. We also welcome the Reception children who began visiting the library after half term.

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

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.

Royal Society Young People's Book Prize

Since June, a group of 8 children have been busy reading the six books on the Royal Society shortlist, reviewing the books and voting on their favourites.

The panel was Ayla, Edward, Lottie and Reuben from Year 6 and Celestine, Ethan, Rufus and Willow from Year 5.

The panel had lots to say about all of the books, with most of the books being the favourite of at least one panel member. Each panel member gave each book a score out of 20, based on ease of reading, interest, look and feel and inspiration. Our winner (and the national winner) will be revealed below.

I hope you enjoy their descriptions of, and comments about, the books.

The Shortlisted Books

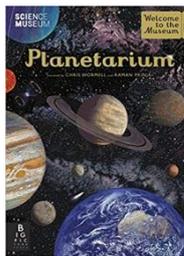
The Element in the Room by Mike Barfield



This book is about all the elements, their symbols and where you might find them, as well as a wealth of other facts. It shows the order of the Periodic Table and has short cartoons on who discovered elements. These "atomic comics" were the most popular part of this book for most panel members.

"It is very interesting and I would definitely recommend it"

Planetarium by Raman Prinja and Chris Wormell

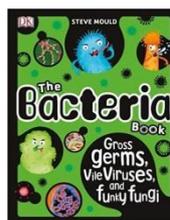


Planetarium is a very interesting book (with very good and big illustrations) about space!

"It is the best book ever! I really enjoyed it."

"Interesting, challenging and very cool pictures."

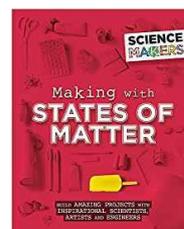
The Bacteria Book by Steve Mould



The Bacteria Book is full of gruesome facts – so gruesome that some members of the panel thought it was disgusting, whilst others really enjoyed it!

"Disgusting, amusing and interesting"

Science Makers: Making with States of Matter by Anna Claybourne



This is a fun book of inventive experiments and fun creations. These amazing inventions go from ice creams and slushies to glue gun art.

"This book is a very creative, inspiring book and very delicious and amusing. It is definitely my favourite book out of the six."

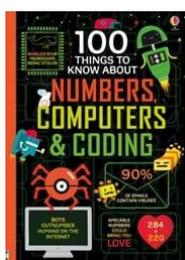
Kid Scientists: True Tales of Childhood from Science Superstars by David Stabler



This book is about well-known scientists all around the world and what they were like as a child and how they grew to become extraordinary scientists.

"I liked it because it was very fascinating and made me curious."

100 Things About Numbers, Computers and Coding (Usborne)



This book is filled with interesting facts about numbers, computers and coding, including the history of numbers.

"I did 100 Things for book of the term and won! I didn't think I'd like this book because, like many of you I'm sure, I didn't think that numbers,

computers and coding were my favourite subject, but this book was filled with fun facts and exciting things so why not try and read new things like this book?"

Who was our winner?

When the votes were added, there were two books with the same number of votes in first place. The panel voted to decide who should be the overall winner...

Our top three books were:

In 3rd place: 100 Things About Numbers, Computers and Coding

In 2nd place: Planetarium

In 1st place: Science Makers: Making with States of Matter

All of the Bathwick votes were sent to the Royal Society to be added in to the national vote.

Year 5 and Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity last week to watch the livestream of the award ceremony, introducing the shortlisted authors and announcing the overall national winner as.....**Planetarium.**



All of the shortlisted books are available to borrow from the school library. If the book your child wishes to read is on loan, it can be reserved using the library system or by asking in the library.

Author visits

We were fortunate enough to organise a visit from Anna James to speak to Year 4 and Year 6 about her Pages & Co series of books. This was a really interesting and inspiring visit. We are, as always, grateful to Mr B's for their help in organising this visit and donating 15% of book sales to the school.

Library improvements

The Bathwick St Mary Trust have generously agreed to finance the purchase of new library furniture, display equipment and more comfy seating so that more children can enjoy reading for pleasure in the school library.

With the help of the parent library helpers, the junior non-fiction section has also recently been refreshed in the library, with older books removed and new books (including all of the Royal Society shortlist) added. More non-fiction will be added over the coming months to ensure that our non-fiction collection remains interesting and appealing to the children.

Many thanks to all of the parent library helpers (Mrs Pearson, Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Carter and Mrs Hawthorn) for all of their continuing help.

Library sessions

The KS1 sessions will begin again from **Monday 25th November**. These 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. Please sign in at the school office before coming to the library.

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 a little too 'well read', 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.

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