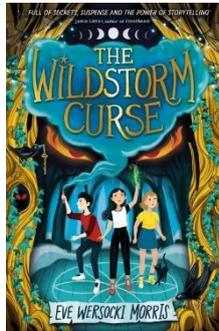




Library News: February 2023

Recent Author visits



Year 5 and 6 have had a fabulous visit this term from author Eve Wersocki Morris, who gave a reading from her new book *The Wildstorm Curse* and spoke about heroes, villains, suspense and how to write

a great story!

Her books are all currently out on loan from the school library, so plenty of children have been able to enjoy them!



Year 3 and 4 were invited to King Edward's Junior School in January for a wonderful author event by Abi Elphinstone (who has visited us before), who talked about her new book *Saving Neverland*, about the power of imagination and how everyday objects can spark amazing magical stories.



We are also looking forward to a visit from Sarah Coyle on Wednesday 8th February for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. She will be talking about her new book, hosting an interactive Pick A Story

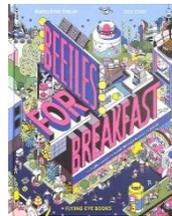
event and signing copies of her book after the event. Her book can be purchased on ParentPay.

Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2022

Since October 2022, Dan, Joe, Lata, Leo, Lottie, and Myrto from Year 5 have been busy reading the six books on the [Royal Society shortlist](#), reviewing the books and voting on their favourites.

The Shortlisted Books

Beetles for Breakfast... And Other Weird and Wonderful Ways To Save The Planet



We all know the effects that climate change and global warming are having on our planet - but what about the strange, and often bizarre ways scientists are working to find practical and

imaginative answers to these big problems?

"This is a book which tells you how you can save the environment - like you can power a car with coffee and eat meat alternatives"
"It's very exciting and it has great illustrations"

Fourteen Wolves: A Rewilding Story



When wolves disappeared from Yellowstone Park in the 1930s, the ecosystem started to collapse. Until in 1995, wolves returned to the park and everything began to change for the better.

This is the story of their homecoming.

"It is a good, interesting book that makes me want to read more books about science"

"There are wonderful illustrations"

"I would recommend it to anyone who loves nature!"

Fantastically Great Women Scientists and Their Stories



We can all make our wildest dreams come true. And the Fantastically Great Women Scientists in this book prove that women can do anything. Be inspired by their epic adventures and life-changing discoveries.

You have the power to change the world too.

"I would really recommend it"

"It is amazing what a lot of women scientists (there are who) have made such amazing discoveries"

"Most people think that boys made all the best discoveries, but what if they didn't... find out by reading this book!"

Microbe Wars



A fascinating and sometimes very funny account of the world of microbes. This is the story of what they are and how humans have tried (sometimes successfully, sometimes less so) to

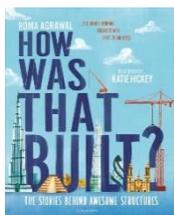
defeat them.

"I really enjoyed learning about most of the viruses.. and I enjoyed how people used to do surgeries in the old times."

"An extremely interesting book that is so exciting"

"I love the pictures most because I found them funny and interesting"

How Was That Built? The Stories Behind Awesome Structures

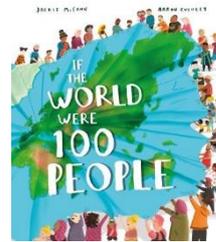


Join engineer Roma Agrawal for an exciting behind-the-scenes look at some of the world's most incredible structures - from soaring skyscrapers reaching beyond the clouds to enormous bridges spanning the widest rivers.

Get ready to see the world like you've never seen it before...

"interesting and fun, but the words are too small"

If the World Were 100 People



There are almost 8 billion humans living on Earth, but it's tricky to picture so many people! So instead, let's imagine the whole planet is a village where 100 people live - each person representing around 80 million people in the real world.

"It is fun to read and easy to follow"

"Interesting and different from the others"

"This was my favourite book"



The whole school were treated to a brilliant presentation by five of the science panel discussing all the shortlisted books, announcing the panel's favourite three books and winner and giving Years 5 and 6 the opportunity to vote for their favourite out of our top three.

Who was our winner?

Each panel member gave each book a score out of 20, based on ease of reading, interest, look and feel and inspiration, then the panel voted for the winning book after reading them all.

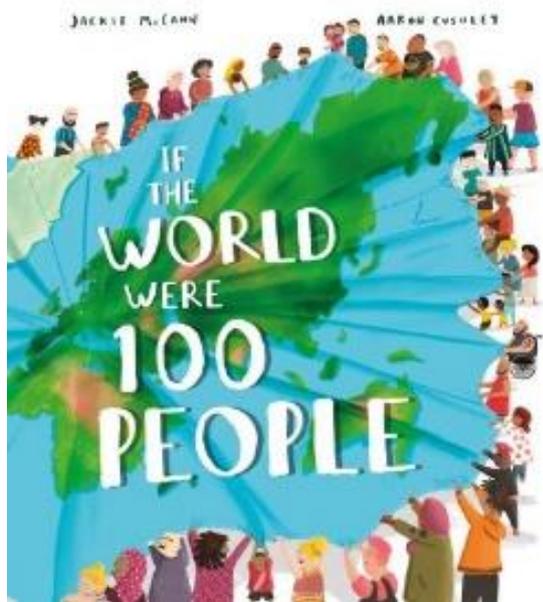
The Bathwick panel votes were sent to the Royal Society to be added to the national vote.

Our top three books were:

In 3rd place: Fourteen Wolves

In 2nd place: Fantastically Great Women Scientists and Their Stories

In 1st place: If the World Were 100 People



The Year 5 class favourite was Fourteen Wolves, whilst the Year 6 class favourite was If the World Were 100 People.

The overall national winner will be announced on 7 March 2023.

The six shortlisted books are available to borrow from the school library and are already proving popular! 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.

World Book Day 2023

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March** this year. There will be more information to come about our World Book Day celebrations.

There will also be a Travelling Book Fair in March, so do look out for more information to come.

Thank you

Thank you very much to those parents who have recently donated lovely books for the school library.

Useful reminders

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

Reception: Friday

Year 1: Wednesday

Year 2: Wednesday

Year 3: Thursday

Year 4: Thursday

Year 5: Monday

Year 6: Monday

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.

Lunchtime library session for Juniors

The lunchtime library drop-in sessions are continuing every Wednesday lunchtime. This is for junior children to read books and comics, change their library books and discover new books.

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.

And finally...most borrowed book this term



The book which has been borrowed most from the library in 2023 has been The Dreamsnatcher by Abi Elphinstone.

Happy reading!