



Library Newsletter



October 2024

Welcome to the first library newsletter of the academic year. We hope that the students who are new to Barnwood Park have settled in to our school's routines, and wish you and our returning students a fabulous year ahead.

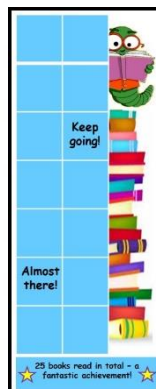
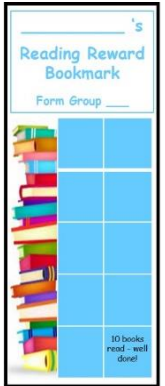
The newsletter will be published at various times throughout the school year and will contain information relating to the library and books/reading, as well as competitions and events.

INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS AND REMINDERS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

Reading Challenge: Can you read 25 books by the end of the school year?

Why don't you take part in our reading challenge to read **25 of our library books**? This is a personal challenge with a book token awarded when ten books have been read and then another once the challenge has been completed.

Once you have read 10 books, you will receive a £5.00 book token. When you have read 25 books in total, you will receive an achievement badge and certificate, as well as another book token, this time to the value of £10.00. A number of students have started the challenge and reached the first milestone, with one student already having read 25 books.



IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY?

When it is your birthday, you can come to the library to design your own birthday bookmark. Don't worry if your birthday falls on a weekend or during a holiday period, as you can still come to the library before or after your special occasion to design your bookmark.

We have wooden bookmarks or you can choose scratch art to create your design.



INFORMATION AND REMINDERS (CONTINUED)

BOOK SWAP:

If you have a book at home that you have finished with, you can bring it in to swap with another.

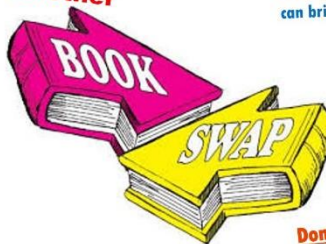
Your book must be in good condition so that it can be enjoyed by somebody else and you must also have the permission of a parent or carer - you will need to sign to let us know that you have their permission.

Book Swap: Lunchtimes

Please bring in your paperback book to be swapped with another

Books can be swapped at lunchtimes, so as soon as you have finished with a book, you can bring it in

Get permission from a parent or carer



Only bring in a book that you no longer need

Books must be in good condition

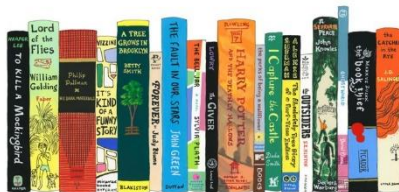
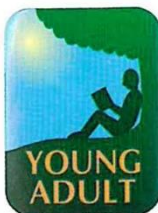
Don't worry if you can't find a book you would like this time, as you will be issued with a token and can look again another day



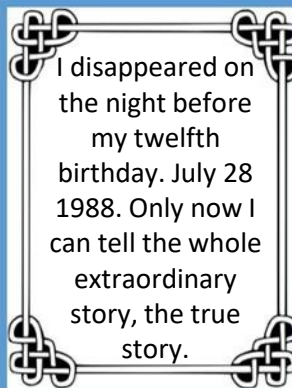
Please note:



Young Adult books will ONLY be issued to those students in **Y9, Y10 or **Y11**.**



If, however, younger students wish to read Young Adult books, parents/carers are able to grant permission - letters are available from the library explaining what constitutes a Young Adult book and for parents/carers to sign



NAME THE BOOK!

These are the first lines of a particular book. Can you name the book and the author? Answer at the end of the newsletter.

How many library books can you take out at any one time?

Years 7 and 8 - 3 books

Year 9 - 5 books

Years 10 and 11 - 7 books

Library books are issued for a period of two weeks, but can be renewed if required.

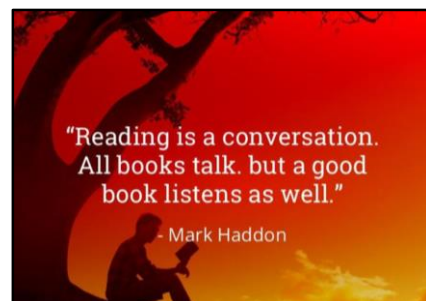
HOMEWORK CLUB



Homework Club runs in the library from 15:15 to 16:00 daily. It is open to those in Y7 through to Y10 and students do not need to sign up beforehand.

"Reading is a conversation. All books talk. but a good book listens as well."

- Mark Haddon





STUDENT LIBRARIANS



Each year, we recruit a number of student librarians to carry out various tasks in the library. Last year was no exception and, after several students put their names down to take on the role, we were eventually left with three dedicated librarians. They always remembered their duty days, doing so with aplomb. **Well done to Aimee, Alfie and Riley in Y7!**

If you would like to become a student librarian, please come to the library to register your interest.

JEWELLERY SALES

Towards the end of term in the summer, we held a jewellery sale (including bookmarks and key rings), raising **£147** for our school charities. It was great to see so many faces at the sale and we also really appreciated the number of students who wanted to help, either during the event or by making items to sell.

Look out for our Christmas sale in the library, where we will be selling old stock at discounted prices as well as new items. Prices will range from 50p to £2.50 and **everything must go!** Again, all proceeds will go to our school charities.

This will be an ideal opportunity to buy presents for family and friends, or you could always treat yourself.

Please remember, any jewellery items bought are not to be worn at school.



LOOK OUT FOR THE CHRISTMAS SALE IN THE LIBRARY IN DECEMBER – DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

CREATIVE COMPETITION

Towards the end of the last academic year, we ran a creative competition for all students. The aim was to complete a book title and then design its front cover. Thank you to all who took part - the designs were really imaginative and eye-catching. **Our KS3 winners were Mathew M (first) and Alfie Q (runner-up), with Nathan G winning the KS4 category.**



SCHOLASTIC

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AND NATIONAL POETRY DAY

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The Scholastic Book Fair ran in the library from 10th to 15th October. Students were able to buy a range of books with a range of prices, including plastic-wrapped books at a price of £1.99 for two. Scholastic stationery was also available to purchase.

Amazingly, our sales amounted to **£317**, enabling us to spend **25% of the total to buy books for our school.** Thank you to the students and staff who supported the fair, thereby enabling this to happen!



In conjunction with the book fair, Mr Mountain held a poetry competition on the National Poetry Day theme of 'counting'.



Well done to all who took part and congratulations to our five winners (**Daiya D (Y8), Isobel H (Y10), Betsy J (Y10), Luke O (Y10) and Dylan R (Y11)**), who all received a **£5.00 Scholastic voucher to spend at the fair.** The standard of the overall poetry was exemplary and it was a real challenge to choose winners. Please come to the library if you would like to see the entries.

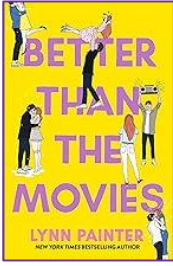


New books for our library!

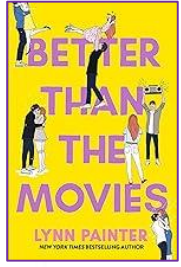
Look out for further competitions – there will be a fun one at Christmas!



Student Contribution: Book Review



Thank you to Daisy M (Y11) who enjoyed reading the following Young Adult book and has provided a recommendation.



Title: Better Than the Movies
Author: Lynn Painter
Genre: Romance

Introduction: Set in America, this book is about Elizabeth Buxbaum (Liz/Lizzy), who has lived next door to Wes, her nemesis, since she could remember. She has always despised him and believed he enjoyed torturing and arguing with her, therefore she constantly avoids him.

SWOONWORTHY

INTRIGUING

Unexpectedly, Liz's long-time crush, Michael Young, shows up and she realises that she will need Wes' help to get Michael's attention, and he may even ask her to the Prom.

ENGAGING

FASCINATING

Favourite part of the book: I love the way each chapter starts by quoting iconic lines from the best romance movies.

FABULOUS LIBRARIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD: THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SWEDEN

The National Library of Sweden in Stockholm is responsible for preserving all Swedish printed and audio-visual material. Since the 1500s, there has been some form of National Library in Sweden. This was made possible, initially through purchases of collections from Swedish monasteries that were later destroyed in the Reformation and, later still, via war spoils from the Thirty Years' War. To supplement its holdings, the library obtained the Library of Würzburg and the Royal Library of Prague during The Thirty Years' War, as well as obtaining a 13th-century copy of **the Devil's Bible**. Today, Sweden's National Library collections hold more than 18 million items.



The Devil's Bible, also known as the Codex Gigas (Giant Book), is famous for two reasons: it is believed to be the world's largest preserved medieval manuscript, and it contains a large, full-page portrait depicting the Devil.



On 8th and 10th October, approximately 40 Y8 students and 40 Y9s respectively attended the 75th anniversary of the Cheltenham Literature Festival. The Y8s took part in a workshop, delivered by poet **Matt Goodfellow**. Matt spoke a little about living with ADHD. He noted that his brain is wired differently and how, at times, he finds it difficult to regulate his emotions. He also spoke about his upbringing, with his parents splitting up when he was young. Before Matt became a poet, he was a teacher. He stated that poetry allows students and teachers to talk about life how they want to. He also reflected that if somebody likes music, they also like poetry. One student, Kai A, asked Matt how many books he has written. He responded that he has written 11.

After the workshop, the Y8s were able to buy Matt's books and have them signed, before participating in other on-site activities.



The Y9s watched a presentation by award-winning poet and Young Adult writer, **Sarah Crossan**, whose novels are written in verse. Sarah gave a very funny talk about poetry and verse which involved some rapping and a lot of audience participation. The group was able to meet her afterwards and have books signed.



Several of Sarah Crossan's books are available to borrow from the library, including her new book, **Where the Heart Should Be**. We also have three of Matt Goodfellow's books. If you enjoy poetry, then why don't you try one of their books?



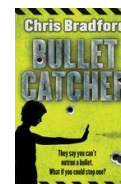
AUTHOR VISITS: NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

We are hosting two author visits in November and December. On 21st November, Chris Bradford is coming to our school and on 5th December, Tanya Landman is visiting.



Chris Bradford will be giving two presentations to the Y7s and Y8s. He will also be available at lunchtime for students from all year groups to buy his books and have them signed.

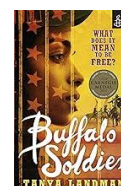
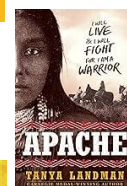
Renowned for his dynamic author events and his 'method writing' technique, Chris is a black belt martial artist, qualified professional bodyguard and former musician. He has written numerous books, including several series.



Tanya Landman will be talking to the Y9 and Y10 year groups, and will also run a workshop for some of these students.

A group of us was lucky enough to see Tanya at the Cheltenham Literature Festival last year.

Tanya has written more than forty books across a wide age range, from picture books for pre-school children to historical thrillers for teens and young adults. Most recently she has created accessible re-telling of classics including Jane Eyre and Frankenstein.



We hold several of the authors' novels in the library, so why don't you familiarise yourselves with their books before they visit our school.

Many thanks,

Mrs Scanlan and Mrs Beale

NAME THE BOOK!

Answer: Kensuke's Kingdom - written by Michael Morpurgo