



Library Newsletter



October 2023

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

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, quizzes and challenges. Look out in this newsletter for details of our trip to the Cheltenham Literature Festival earlier on in the month!



INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS AND REMINDERS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

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

Many students are already taking part in the Reading Challenge, but if you aren't and would like to participate, it isn't too late!



This is a personal challenge, and the aim is to read 25 of our library books by the end of the school year, with one house point awarded for each book read.

Once you have read 10 books, you will receive your first 10 house points. When you have read 25 books in total, you will receive an achievement badge and certificate, as well as your remaining house points, so what are you waiting for?



IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY?

Why don't you come to the library to design your own birthday bookmark? If you have already had your birthday since coming to school in September, but haven't yet created your bookmark, you can still make one! We have wooden bookmarks or you can choose scratch art to create your design.

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!



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



YOUR STAFF LIBRARIANS:

Ms Green

Daily 08:00 to 08:30



Mrs Scanlan

Mon-Thurs 08:30 to 14:15



Mrs Beale

Mon-Thurs 12:15 to 15:15
Fri 08:30 to 15:15



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.

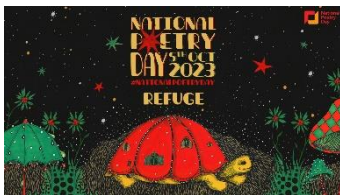


READING QUOTES
SPOTTED AT THE 2023
CHELTENHAM
LITERATURE FESTIVAL

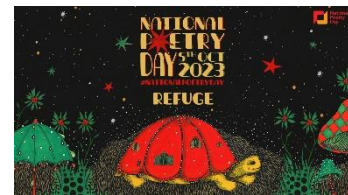
You can't get a
CUP OF TEA
large enough or a
BOOK
long enough to suit me
C.S. Lewis

CHELTENHAM
Literature
Festival

THERE IS NO
FRIEND
AS LOYAL AS A
BOOK
Ernest Hemingway



NATIONAL POETRY DAY



To celebrate National Poetry Day on Thursday 5th October, we launched a competition to write a poem on this year's emotive theme of 'Refuge'. Workshops, led by Mr Mountain, were also held in school for students.

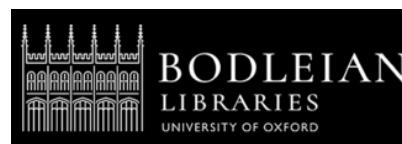
The competition winners (one from KS3 and one from KS4) will be announced in the next newsletter, but it could take some time to decide as we received approaching 70 entries. Well done to all those who took part!

Our Student Librarians

Thank you to all those Y7s who have put their names forward for the Student Librarian role. Most of the Librarians have now been trained but they will also receive on-the-job training. The Librarians will be carrying out one duty per week and this will continue until the end of the academic year.

We hope that you enjoy your new role in the library.

FABULOUS LIBRARIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD: THE BODLEIAN LIBRARIES



The Bodleian Library in Oxford was founded by Sir Thomas Bodley and officially opened in 1602. Since then, the Bodleian Libraries group has grown to be the largest academic library system in the UK. In its reading rooms, generations of famous scholars have studied through the ages, amongst them monarchs, Nobel Prize winners, British Prime Ministers and writers including Oscar Wilde, C S Lewis and J R R Tolkien.



The Bodleian Library is the second-largest library in Britain after the British Library.

Thomas Bodley: 1545-1613

A lecturer at Merton College, Oxford, and a diplomat in Queen Elizabeth I's court

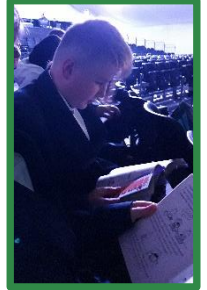




THE CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL



On Thursday 12th October, we (Mrs Scanlan and Mrs Beale) took a group of seven Y7 students to the Cheltenham Literature Festival. The students observed two author events. Firstly, they attended a talk by Carnegie medal-winning author Tanya Landman about gothic traditions, with tips and tools for creating their own gothic stories. They then watched a talk by Julian Sedgwick (author of Tsunami Girl) and his illustrator Chie Kutsuwada, with a live manga art demonstration included.



Marielle and Ruby asked Tanya Landman a question each:

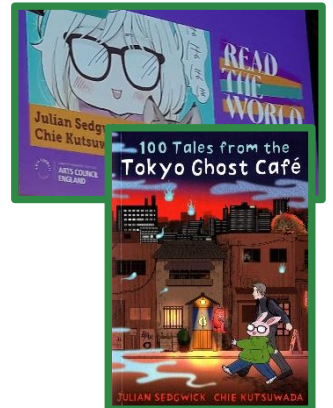
Marielle – “Which is your favourite book that you have written?”



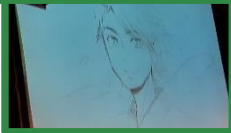
Tanya Landman responded that they are all her favourites, but she tends to like the most recent one she has written.

Ruby – “With Frankenstein, did you alter his ego?”

Tanya Landman replied that she didn’t change his ego.



Tanya spoke a little about Frankenstein and other gothic greats. This book was written when Mary Shelley was 19. Tanya Landman has subsequently rewritten some of the gothic books to include Frankenstein. She removed the long descriptions and adapted the book to make it more accessible to readers under the Barrington Stoke (see next page) umbrella.



After Tanya Landman’s talk, the students experienced a joint presentation from Julian Sedgwick and his illustrator, Chie Kutsuwada, where they introduced their new collaboration, 100 Tales from the Tokyo Ghost Café. The students learnt a little about Japanese culture and ghost stories. Although the latest book hasn’t yet been published, we were lucky enough to each receive a book sample. Look out for the book, which is expected to be published in November 2023!



During the book signing by Julian Sedgwick and Chie Kutsuwada, Marielle asked Julian, “Did you tell ghost stories when you were young?”

He responded that he didn’t as he was scared.





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THE CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL (CONTINUED)



Phenomenal

Fantastic

Booktastic

Everybody enjoyed the trip to the full, as we visited other areas of the festival and several students bought signed books by the authors! We were also entertained by a performer on stilts during lunch, before the students took part in a Twitchers Mystery Trail answering clues to solve the case of the evil egg snatcher.

At the end of the day, the students used several adjectives to describe their experiences. Rio commented, "I don't know how to react to this but...it's brilliant!".

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Fabulous

Brilliant

Barrington Stoke



Every child can be a reader

Barrington Stoke has been publishing super-readable books for 25 years - the books are designed to help dyslexic and reluctant readers, but also have a far wider appeal.

What makes Barrington Stoke books different?

Their Design

- Unique, dyslexia-friendly font to make reading easier.
- Accessible layouts and spacing to stop the page from becoming overcrowded.
- Off-white, heavier paper to help reduce visual stress.

Their Stories

- Unpatronizing content matched to the age of the reader not their reading level.
- Expertly edited to ensure comprehension and accessibility.
- Short books and chapters to help build confidence and stamina.

Their Authors

- Award-winning authors and illustrators ensure fantastic stories across all genres.
- Bestselling names that readers will recognise.
- A perfect stepping stone to other books from the same authors.

BARRINGTON STOKE BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

We hold a range of Barrington Stoke books by numerous authors, including award-winning writers. The books are of various genres and can be enjoyed by everybody, but if you are a reluctant reader or dyslexic, you may particularly want to try one!

Many thanks,

Mrs Scanlan and Mrs Beale