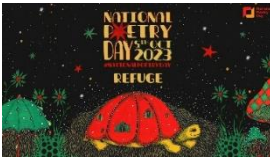


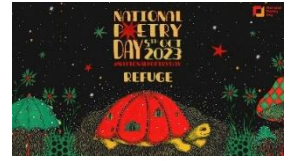


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NATIONAL POETRY DAY: COMPETITION WINNERS

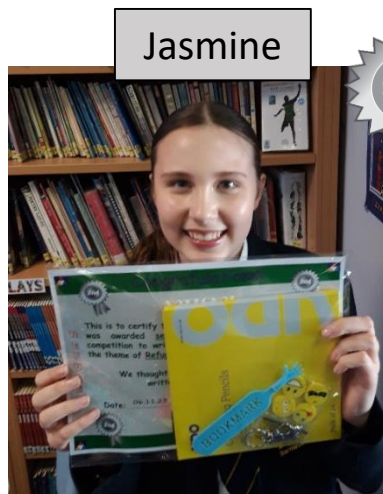


After much deliberation, we (Mr Mountain, Mrs Beale and Mrs Scanlan) chose our winners. The poems were on the emotive theme of **Refuge** and the quality of students' entries was superb. In the end, we chose a first and second place from both KS3 and KS4, as well as handing out several certificates of commendation, and bookmarks for the special mentions.

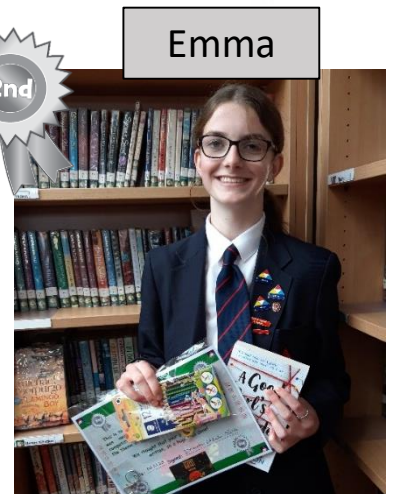
Our **KS4 winner was Summer Fletcher**, with Rowan winning the KS3 competition. Jasmine and Emma came second in the KS3 and KS4 competition respectively. Well done again to all those who took part!



Rowan



Jasmine



Emma



Reading Challenge: Update

A large number of students have taken up this personal challenge and are well on their way to completing the first milestone of reading 10 books. So far, of those students who have started the challenge, 20 have read 10 books, with six having already completed the Reading Challenge to read 25 books in total. Students are going on to take part in the Reading Challenge extension and amazingly, three have already read 35 books. One of our students, **Ruby Davies in Y7**, has completed the extension by reading 50 books in total. What an achievement!





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CHRISTMAS SALE

We ran a Christmas sale over a two-day period at break and lunchtime, with all proceeds going to our school charities. We raised **£242** for the charities, so a huge thank you to all the students and staff who supported the event. It was great to see so many faces at the sale and we also really appreciated the number of students who wanted to help out, either during the event or by making items to sell. Thank you to our helpers in Y8 (Lily and Alannah), and Y10 (Annaliese, Ailidh, Hollie and Daisy).

Well done also to **Nel Stemplewski (71)** who was our raffle winner.

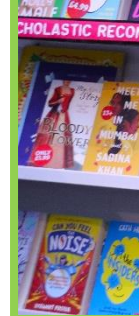


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HALF PRICE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The book fair was held in the library between 12th and 17th December inclusive and gave students the opportunity to buy brand new books at half price.

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CHess CLUB

A Chess Club round robin tournament took place in the library over several weeks. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to our winner, Oliver (right) and our runner up, Jayden. Oliver won every one of his games, with Jayden only losing to Oliver.



FABULOUS LIBRARIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD: THE TIANJIN BINHAI LIBRARY, CHINA

The continuous curved seating and floor-to-ceiling shelves make visiting the [Tianjin Binhai Library](#) feels as though you are travelling through a sea of books. Designed by a Dutch firm, the five-level space has the capacity to fit over a million books, but only holds 200,000 volumes. In fact, the distant and unattainable shelves on the library's interior walls above remain empty with digitally printed images of books. The white spherical auditorium at the centre of the library is nicknamed The Eye of Binhai and can be seen from the park outside through an eye-shaped opening.



To learn to read is to light a fire;
every syllable that is spelled out
is a spark.

~ Victor Hugo



GUESS THE NUMBER OF PAGES!

As a fun Christmas competition, several books were laid flat, stacked on top of each other and then wrapped up in a single package. Students and staff were then invited to guess the total number of pages when all the pages of all the books were added together. We received in excess of 90 student entries and our winner was **Jamie (Y9)** whose guess of **4580** was only a difference of **76** pages - the actual number was **4656** pages. Our staff winner was **Mr Mountain** whose guess of **4357** was a difference of **299** pages. Congratulations to Jamie and Mr Mountain.

Jamie and Mr Mountain receiving their prizes



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

JUST FOR FUN, CAN YOU PUT ALL OF THESE INTO 4 SEPARATE GROUPS, EACH GROUP WILL HAVE A COMMON THEME, ALL CHRISTMAS RELATED
answers to sbeale@barnwood-park.gloucs.sch.uk

tree	sprouts	Elf	Fezziwig
The Grinch	Scrooge	carol	turkey
stocking	Marley	Home Alone	crackers
Cratchit	mince pies	chestnuts	Arthur Christmas

Many thanks,

Mrs Scanlan and Mrs Beale