



Library Newsletter

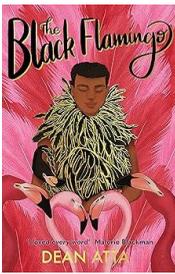


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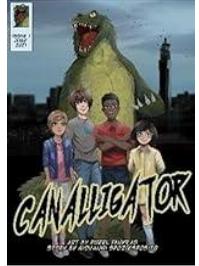
AUTHOR VISITS: MARCH 2024

In March and, as part of Barnwood Book Month, we hosted two author visits. The authors and poets, Dean Atta and Spoz, were received warmly by the students who listened to their talks, took part in workshops and then wrote their own poetry.

Dean worked with the students in Y9 and Y10 talking about topical and personal subjects, while Spoz worked with those in Y7 and Y8. In Dean's presentations, he spoke about his journey to becoming a writer and the inspiration behind his two young adult novels in verse, **The Black Flamingo** and **Only on the Weekends**.

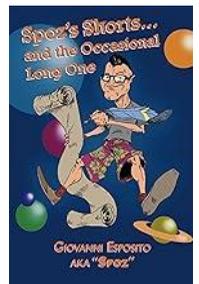


During Spoz's whole year group talk to the Y7 students, he asked if anybody knew of any poets. The students recalled William Shakespeare, William Blake, Michael Rosen, Dean Atta and Mr Mountain to name a few! Dean had visited the previous week and although he worked with the older students, it was clear that his presence had been felt around the school. Mr Mountain is clearly making an impression too!



Several students wrote fantastic raps and poems (see the term 4 whole school newsletter for examples) and the younger students learnt an acronym for RAP (Rhythm and Poetry).

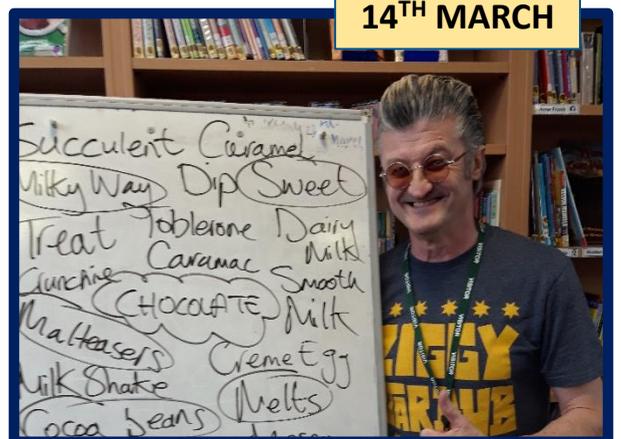
There was a buzz around school during the visits and it was great to see the students engaging with the poets and embracing the tasks.



DEAN ATTA ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH



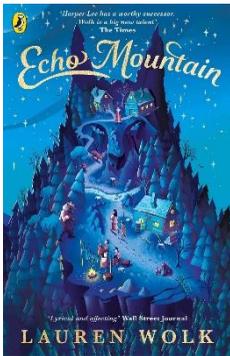
SPOZ ON THURSDAY 14TH MARCH



Succulent Caramel
Milky Way Dip Sweet
Treat Toblerone Dairy
Cunching Caramac Milk
(CHOCOLATE) Smooth
Maltasers Milk
Milk Shake Creme Egg
Cocoa Beans Melts

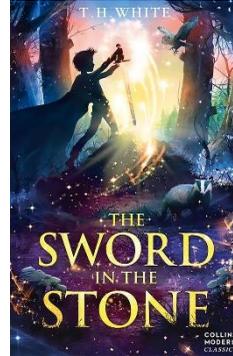
STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS: REVIEWS IN A FEW WORDS

Reviews written in a few words by our book group members. Why don't you come to the library to borrow one of the books?



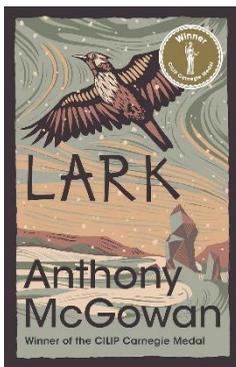
Echo Mountain
by Lauren Wolk

Healing
Adventurous
Mysterious



The Sword in the Stone
by T H White

Long-winded
Detailed
Descriptive
Humorous



Lark
by Anthony McGowan

Emotional
Powerful
Short but sweet
Interesting
Sad



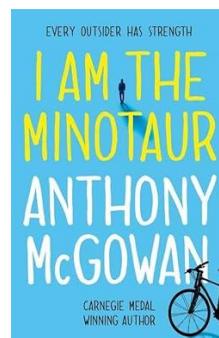
The Eternal Return of Clara Hart
by Louise Finch

Plot twist
Repetitive
Suspense



Freedom
by Catherine Johnson

Educating
Thrilling
Hopeful



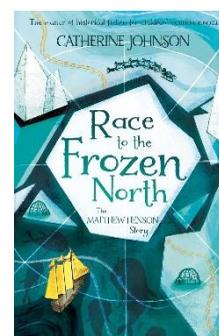
I Am the Minotaur
by Anthony McGowan

Dramatic
Funny
Conflict
Friendship
Wholesome



Punching the Air
by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

Artistic
Topical
Engaging
Racism



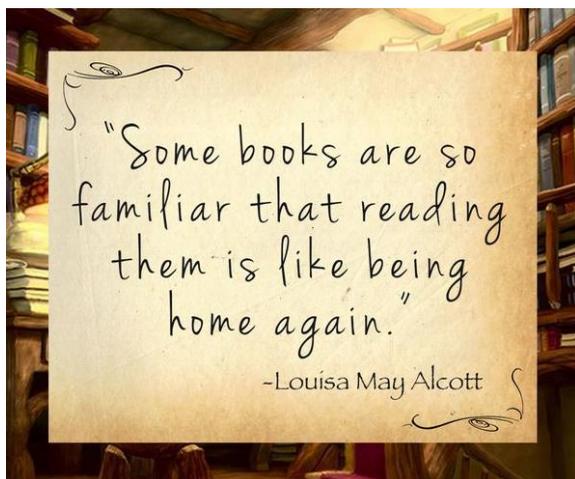
Race to the Frozen North
by Catherine Johnson

Exciting
Adventurous
Tragic

FABULOUS LIBRARIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD: BIBLIOTECA JOANINA/JOANINE LIBRARY

Built in the 18th century, the Joanine Library is located in the Paço das Escolas of the University of Coimbra, next to the Faculty of Law. When it comes to monumental libraries, the Joanine Library is perhaps the most famous. Built by King John V of Portugal, the baroque work is known for the use of gold in its decoration. It houses around 70,000 books, some of which are historical editions. Inside the building there are three rooms interconnected by arches. Gold was the most used decorative metal.

To preserve the works, the library has become home to bats, feeding on insects that would otherwise affect the paper quality of centuries-old books. Another library situated in Portugal, the Mafra Palace Library, is also home to dozens of bats, again serving as pest control.



NAME THE BOOK!

All children, except one, grow up. They soon know that they will grow up, and the way Wendy knew was this.

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

