



Library Newsletter



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AUTHOR VISITS: MARCH 2024

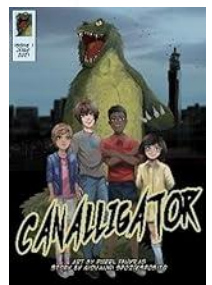
As part of Barnwood Book Month, we are hosting two author visits in March. Both authors will be delivering whole year group talks and also workshops for smaller numbers of students.

**DEAN ATTA ON
TUESDAY 5TH
MARCH**



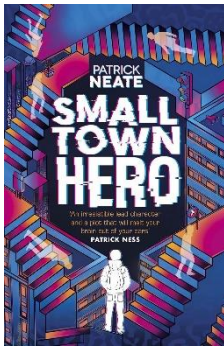
Dean Atta is an award-winning author and poet of Greek Cypriot and Jamaican heritage. His debut young-adult novel in verse, *The Black Flamingo*, was written about a black gay teen finding his voice through poetry and drag performance. The book was shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal for Writing and Dean subsequently won the CILIP Carnegie Shadows' Choice Award. His new novel, *Only on the Weekends*, is set in Glasgow and is about a long-distance relationship. Dean will be delivering talks and workshops to the Y9 and Y10 students. A group of us has already been lucky enough to see Dean at the Cheltenham Literature Festival.

**SPOZ ON
THURSDAY 14TH
MARCH**



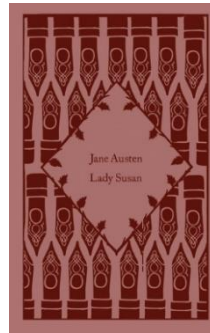
Giovanni Esposito, otherwise known as Spoz, has been running poetry and poetry slam projects since 2005. He has performed at many festivals, including the Cheltenham Literature Festival, and has facilitated poetry workshops at hundreds of schools, both in the UK and abroad. He has also been commissioned by the BBC on several occasions and has appeared on television as well as being heard on several radio stations. Spoz is an award-winning performance poet, singer/songwriter, film maker and playwright. He was crowned Birmingham's eleventh poet laureate in October 2006. Spoz will be delivering talks and workshops to our students in Y7 and Y8.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS: QUICK BOOK REVIEWS



**Small Town Hero
by Patrick Neate**

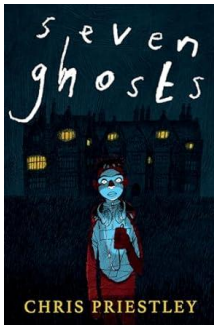
Stanislaw Cook in Y7 wrote:
A good book if you like a mystery with a plot twist.



**Lady Susan
by Jane Austen**

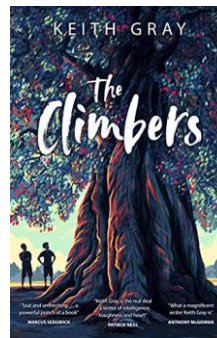
Marielle Del Valle in Y7 wrote:
This book is amazing - it is really enjoyable.
Once you get to the fifteenth letter, it gets really juicy.

I recommend it.



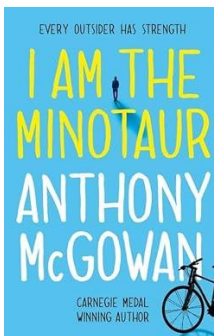
**Seven Ghosts
by Chris Priestley**

Jorja Holpin in Y9 wrote:
An excellent and terrifying read with a shocking twist. Priestley never disappoints with his haunting twists.



**The Climbers
by Keith Gray**

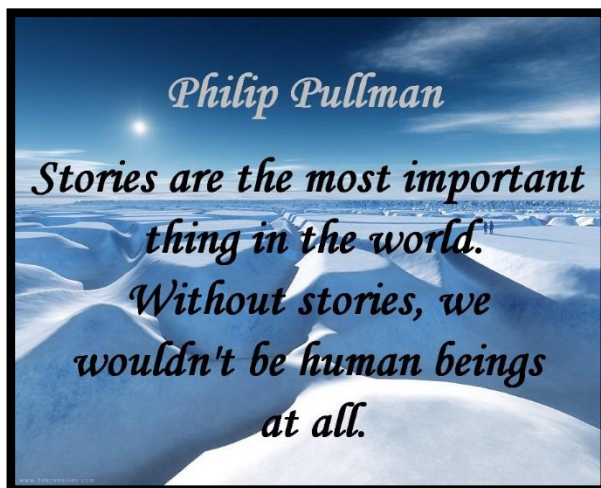
Danielle Holesinska Da Silva in Y9 wrote:
It's an interesting book but doesn't have a proper ending. I would like to know more about Nottingham's life after the accident, and more information about each character.



**I Am the Minotaur
by Anthony McGowan**

Jonas Knight in Y11 wrote:
I enjoyed the plot along with its representation of bullying.

**Look out for further reviews
in the next newsletter!**



NAME THE BOOK!

“Where’s Papa going with that axe?” said Fern to her mother as they were setting the table for breakfast.

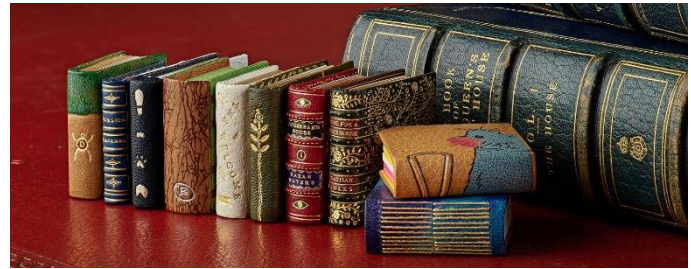
These are the first lines of a particular book. Can you name the book and the author?
Answer at the end of the newsletter.

There are approximately 40 public libraries under the Gloucestershire County Council. The closest one to our school is Hucclecote. The libraries offer a range of services and, as well as borrowing books, customers can work on PCs, carry out printing, scanning, photocopying etc. E-books and audiobooks are also available and some of the libraries run clubs. See the link for the library closest to you and what it offers:



<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/>

FABULOUS LIBRARIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD: THE LIBRARY IN QUEEN MARY'S DOLLS' HOUSE – WINDSOR CASTLE



Windsor Castle is home to the largest and most famous dolls' house in the world. The dolls' house was built between 1921 and 1924 as a gift from the nation to Queen Mary.

One of the most remarkable rooms of the dolls' house is its library. Like the rest of the rooms in the house, its contents are real, but small. Of the nearly 600 books on its shelves, over 170 are manuscripts handwritten by the most notable authors of the 1920s.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, A.A. Milne, Thomas Hardy and Vita Sackville-West are among many of the literary figures who squeezed poems, stories, plays and essays into pages around only **4 cm high**. Their books were bound in some of the most prominent binderies of the time.

In celebration of the centenary, a selection of modern-day writers and binders have contributed handwritten and hand-bound books to a new collection. The new books include a miniature version of **The Gruffalo** by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, and **A Tiny Ghost Story** by Anthony Horowitz.



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BOOK TITLES WORD SEARCH

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Can you find book titles of some of the most popular books in Barnwood Park library? There are 10 to find:

Seven Ghosts

The Fourth Closet

Dog Days

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Shadow and Bone

Billionaire Boy

Secret Weapon

Horrid Henry

Harry Potter

One of Us is Lying

Send your completed word searches to Mrs Beale at:
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Many thanks,

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NAME THE BOOK!

Answer: Charlotte's Web
- written by E B White

