

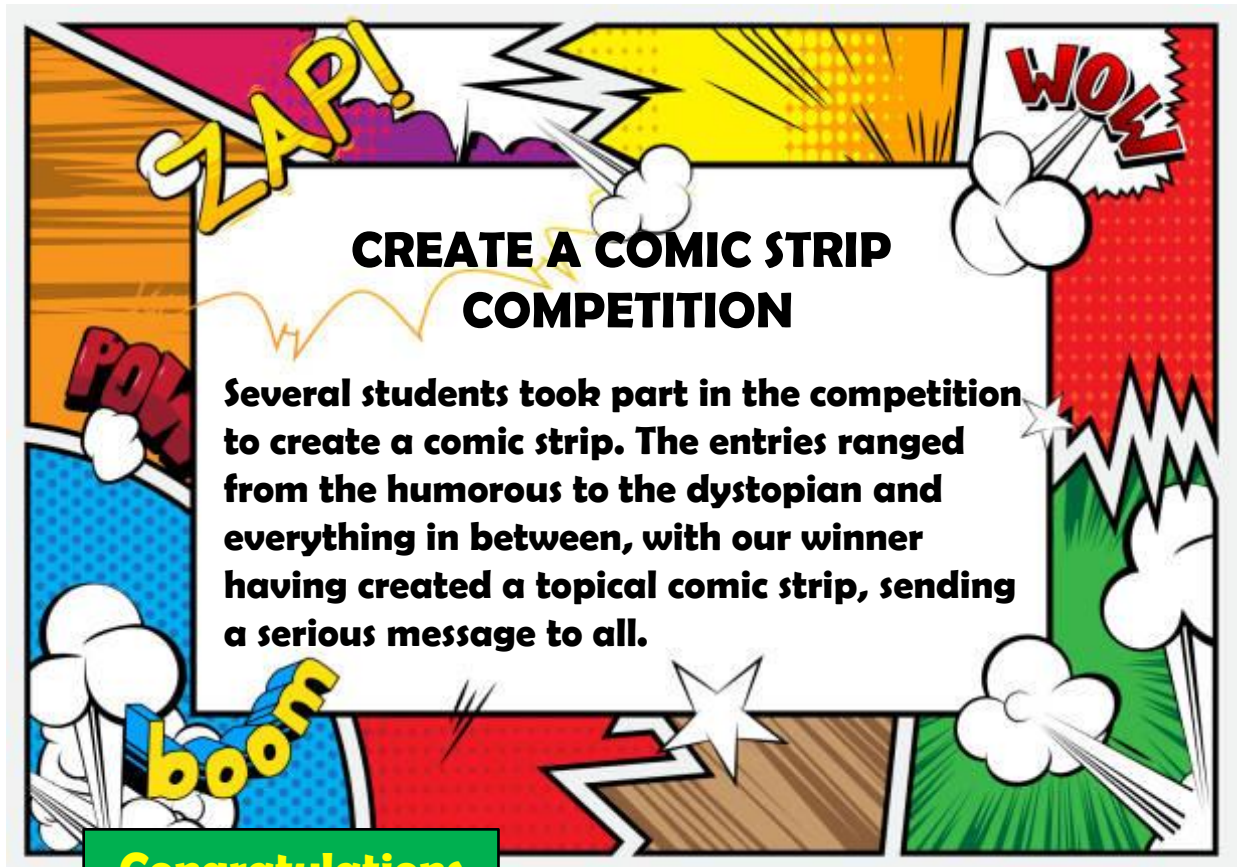


# Library Newsletter



May 2023

It has been a busy few months with competitions, including a chess tournament, Barnwood Book Month, a book fair and an author visit.



**Congratulations  
to our winner –  
Betsy in Y8**







**Well done to our  
runner-up –  
Isaiah in Y7**

## **CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION:**

**These were awarded to the following  
six students who all created fantastic  
and unique comic strips:**

**Vincent Green (7A)  
Ryan Banda (7S)  
Stephanie Shearing (7P)  
Jorja Holpin (8I)  
Alex Anwyl (8E)  
Corryn Hockley (10P)**

## **BARNWOOD BOOK MONTH**

**Barnwood Book month  
was a huge success  
during March with  
individual competitions,  
form group activities and  
a sponsored read (see the  
Term 4 school newsletter  
for further details).**



## **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.

## **FABULOUS LIBRARIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

### **THE BRITISH LIBRARY**

Located in London (with a site also in Yorkshire), the British Library holds one of the largest collections in the world with over 170 million items. It also has in excess of 13 million books and sports a multi-tier book tower. In addition, it houses one of Leonardo da Vinci's notebooks. Access to the library is free.







### Brilliant Box of Books

After a successful application with Read for Good, we have received **two** boxes of brand-new books. Some of these will be used in the library for students to borrow and others will be awarded as prizes for competitions.

#### COMING SOON

Keep a look out for details of a 'Design a Bookmark' competition to win a book or two. Watch this space!



### BOOK FAIR – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May, **Books For Bugs** held a book fair in our library with numerous books for our students to buy, all at **£2.00 each**.



There was an array of different titles and genres, and the students were able to buy brand-new books at a bargain price.



### STAR WARS QUIZ!

**On May 4<sup>th</sup>, a Star Wars quiz was launched, and students were given the opportunity to complete the quiz as individuals or collectively within their form groups.**

**The quiz is still ongoing, but when finished, prizes will be awarded to the winners, who will be announced in the next newsletter.**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> be with you again this year!**





## Author Visit: Julian Sedgwick

On 10<sup>th</sup> May, we hosted an author visit, with Julian Sedgwick coming to our school. Julian was one of the 2022 shortlisted Carnegie authors for his book, 'Tsunami Girl' (see next page) and our Carnegie shadowing group voted for this book as our favourite!

Julian has written several books and is particularly fascinated with East Asia, having set books in both China and Japan. His current talk and workshop focus on his experiences, with a particular emphasis on Japan. The Y7 and Y8 year groups were fortunate to be able to listen to his talk and afterwards, 30 Y8 students participated in the workshop.

### THE WORKSHOP AND TALK





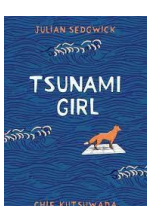
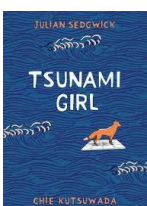
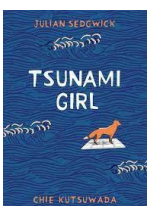
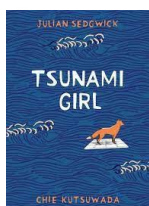
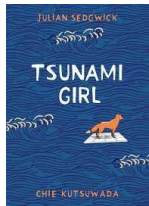


The students were buzzing after the day's events, leading to several of them writing reviews of Julian's visit and the impact that it had on them. Here are two of those reviews:

## Written by Isla Jackson

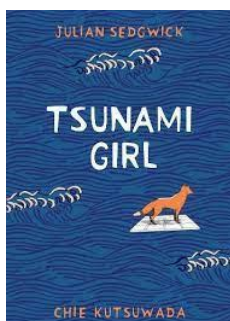
During Julian Sedgwick's talk, he explained the different passions he had at different stages of his life. He went on to tell some ghost stories that he had discovered in Japan. He used ghostly sound effects throughout, creating tension and atmosphere. He also showed some of the books that he had written. Then, he read one of his books called 'Tsunami Girl' which was set in Japan, as he had visited it many times in his life and was inspired by it.

I hadn't known before that Japan was such a spiritual place, so found his talk very interesting. Some people, including me, were fortunate enough to be invited to a workshop with him afterwards, where we were planning ghost stories. With our groups we were able to create a mind map which incorporated all of the ideas that we had come up with.



## Written by Imogen Buckley

I really enjoyed Julian Sedgwick's talk as it was both informative and entertaining. Other than hearing about his book I particularly enjoyed learning about Japan's culture such as how spiritual they are. One thing I really liked about his talk is he told us about people's real stories and experiences from the tsunami. As well as this he also showed clips and photos from when he was in Japan, showing places where the earthquake hit and a comparison of how it looks now. Later on, he did a workshop where he talked a little bit more about the spiritual side to Japan and we then had the opportunity in groups to plan our own ghost stories. I found working in groups, where we could be as creative as we liked, whilst also having a structure, as there was different steps to planning our stories, really helpful and fun. Overall, I really enjoyed his visit because it was both fascinating and engaging.



Part prose, part manga, *Tsunami Girl* is a coming-of-age novel set against the unfolding of an unforeseen crisis of colossal scale. Yūki Hara Jones is a quarter Japanese girl growing up in the UK. Troubled at school she travels to stay with her beloved Japanese grandpa on the Fukushima coast, arriving on the eve of the March 2011 Great Eastern Japan Earthquake, tsunami and radiation disaster.





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## CHESS TOURNAMENT



A chess tournament was held in the library at break over several days. It was split between KS3 and KS4 students and was a straight knockout tournament. Our KS3 winner was Finlay (Y8) with the runner-up, Freddie from Y7. Joshua (Y11) was our KS4 winner with Zac (Y10) coming second. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to our finalists!

Due to the success of the tournament, further competitions are likely to be held in the next academic year, so look out for details.



**OUR KS3  
WINNER**



**OUR KS3  
RUNNER-UP**



**OUR KS4  
FINALISTS  
IN ACTION**



**OUR KS4  
WINNER**



**OUR KS4  
RUNNER-UP**

Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory. Tactics without strategy is the noise before defeat.

- Sun Tzu

Many thanks,

Mrs Scanlan and Mrs Beale

**NAME THE BOOK!**

Answer: The Northern Lights – this is the first book of Philip Pullman's Dark Materials trilogy.