



Library Newsletter



October 2021

Welcome to the first library newsletter of the academic year. Welcome also to all the students who are new to the Barnwood Park family and our returning students - we hope that you have 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 and challenges. Look out for the results of our latest poetry competition and a new quiz for you to take part in.

INFORMATION/REMINDERS FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS

I ♥ BOOKS

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Is it your birthday?

Come to the library to create your own birthday bookmark or picture to take away!



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!



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Birthday Bookmark

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 and haven't yet created your bookmark, it is not too late to make one!



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

If you think you can, come to the library to take part in the challenge and receive further details. You will be awarded **one house point for each one of our library books that you read**, so what are you waiting for?

Once you have read 25 books, you will receive an achievement badge and certificate, as well as your house points.





INFORMATION AND REMINDERS (CONTINUED)

BOOK SWAP:

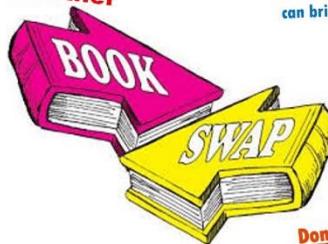
If you have a book at home that you have finished with, you can bring it in to swap with another. Your book must be in good condition so that it can be enjoyed by somebody else and you must also have the permission of a parent or carer – you will need to sign to let us know that you have their permission.

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

INFORMATION AND NEWS FOR ALL

Our Student Librarians

Thank you to all those Y7s (29 students) who put their names forward for the Student Librarian role.

Due to the numbers who wanted to take on the role, we have split the students into three groups, with the first group carrying out their tasks until Christmas. **Please don't worry, therefore, if you have not yet been chosen to take on the role, as you won't be forgotten!** The first 10 students are already wearing their badges with pride, so look out for the following:

Jorja (who has trained other students), Aimee, Luke, Khole, Lucas, Poppy, Michael, Layla, Damien and Zofia

We hope that you enjoy your new role.



YOUR STAFF LIBRARIANS:

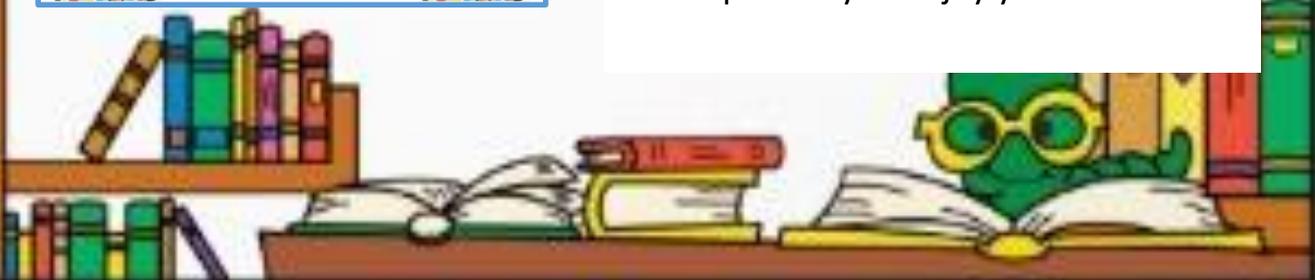
Ms Green - 08:00 to 08:30



Mrs Scanlan - 08:30 to 13:45



Mrs Beale - 12:15 to 15:15



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Student Contributions

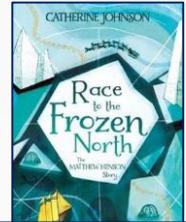
Jonas in Y9 has written a review based on 'Race to the Frozen North' by Catherine Johnson.

Plot and Characters: This follows Matthew Henson's life from childhood. Even though the odds are against him, he is the first person to reach the North Pole.

The main character, Matthew Henson, and all but a few others are incredible.

Opinion: I liked the book and although it's happy and upbeat, parts were short. It was a very quick read.

Recommendation: I recommend it because it is a quick, informational and fun read.

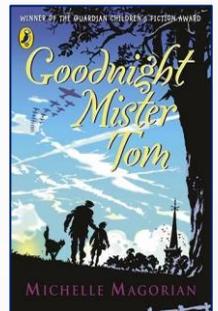


Sreya, also in Y9, has written two reviews based on 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian and 'David Copperfield' by Charles Dickens.

Thank you and well done to both students for their contributions!

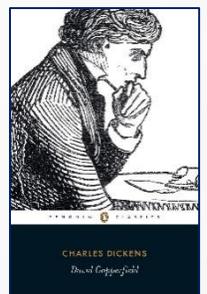
Goodnight Mister Tom:

This book became my favourite when I was in year 5 and it still stands today. It is about a young boy who finds fatherly love in a grumpy yet soft-hearted man. Though the young boy goes through rough times he still manages to stay happy. Along his journey he finds family and friends that make him feel loved and positive. It is a great story to read.



David Copperfield:

David Copperfield is about a young boy who transforms into an adult over the years. He goes through many hardships while young because his dear mother married Mr Murdstone however there is still happiness to be found in these hardships. It also has a fair bit of tragedy in it but that makes the story interesting and at the same time sad. Overall the book is really amazing with a lot of good vocabulary to learn.



If you think that you too would like to read one of these books, please come to the library!



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NATIONAL POETRY DAY

CHOICE



National Poetry Day took place on Thursday 7th October. In celebration of this, we ran a competition for students to write a poem on this year's theme of 'Choice'. We received a staggering 80 entries, so it made the decision of choosing a winner really difficult. We have, however, made our 'choice' (whoops!). Congratulations to all who entered - the standard of poetry was high and there were some really interesting and emotive entries, as well as light-hearted interpretations of the theme. Five students (Archie, George and Yasmine from Y7, Sakina from Y8 and Anya from Y11) received certificates of commendation for their super poems, but please see below for our winners (all from Y7). Well done again to everyone - your poems were amazing:



Luke



Avabelle

Michael



Niamh

FABULOUS LIBRARIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

Although our own school library is fabulous, there are some hugely spectacular libraries to be found around the world. One of these will feature in the newsletter from now on.

Where is this library? The answer is Switzerland – it is the Abbey Library of Saint Gall, and is one of the oldest and richest in the world. Nearly half of the more than 150,000 **tomes** (see **definition**) date back to the Middle Ages.



Perhaps you could do some research of your own on famous libraries! If you do, then let us know what you find and we can put it in one of the forthcoming newsletters.

Tome – Definition: A book, especially a large, heavy, scholarly one.

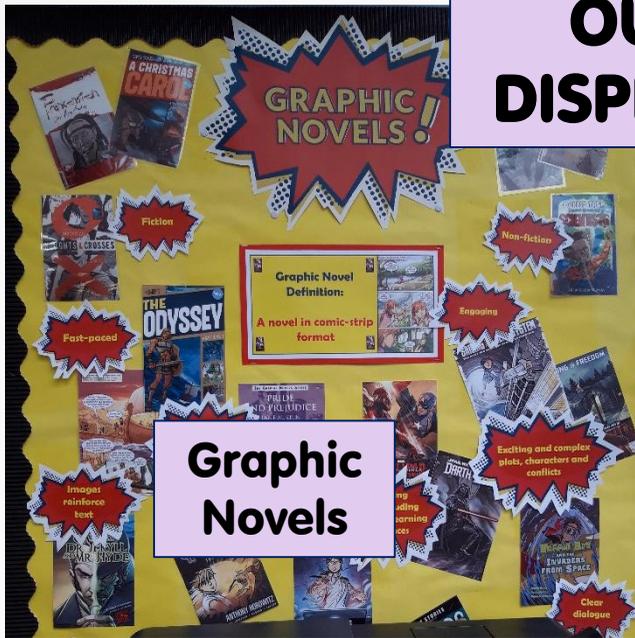




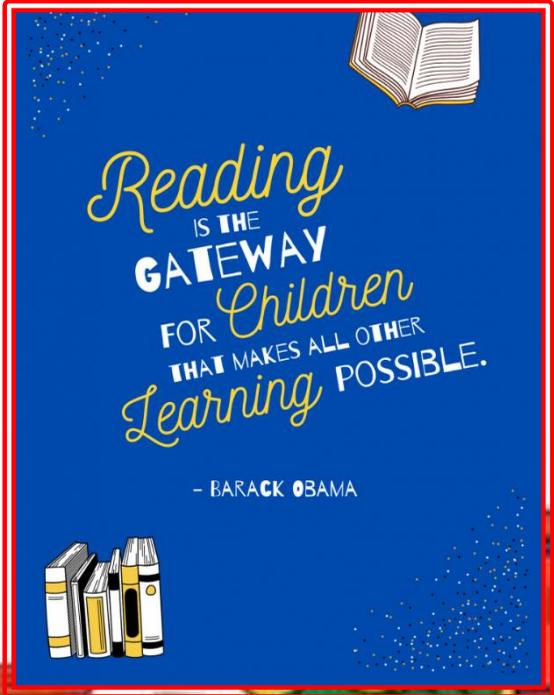
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OUR DISPLAYS:



We have created a number of new displays to include Sports, Graphic Novels and Film and TV - please come and take a look! You may like to borrow a book relating to one of them.



THE CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL

On Friday 15th October, Miss Williams and Mrs Scanlan took our Carnegie book group members (all from Y9 and Y11) to the Cheltenham Literature Festival.

We were able to see events run by Dean Atta (author of *The Black Flamingo*) and a jointly run event by Sally Nicholls and Alex Wheatle. Themes ranged from discovering oneself/identity to racism and other prejudices.

Our students did us proud and took part in the online question and answer sessions, with a majority of their questions being read out.

Everybody enjoyed the experience and we even bought signed books by the authors!



Dean Atta book signing

NEW QUIZ

Can you name the book from the film?

Need some help? Come and see our film and TV display.



Send your answers to:
sbeale@barnwood-park.gloucs.sch.uk

You will be awarded one house point for taking part and two house points for all correct answers. All answers will be in the next newsletter, but you will also be given them when you enter the competition.



Stay safe,



Mrs Scanlan and Mrs Beale

