



LIBRARY MATTERS

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LIBRARY

OPENING HOURS

Monday — Friday
8.30 — 4.30

Library and SEON Room will be closed during break-time on Thursdays during the summer term due to staff briefing.



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Book Award 2012 Finale Event

Winner Announced
★ GANGSTA GRANNY WINS 2012 AWARD ★



The 2012 Northern Ireland Book Award has been won by David Walliams's *Gangsta Granny*.
The winner was announced at the grand finale on 28th March.

★ WHAT YOU SAID ★

66 This book had humour and sadness - it had everything! It was amazing and I would recommend it to everyone! 99
— Jade, Holy Trinity College, Cookstown

66 Shíl mé go raibh and leabhar seo ar dóigh agus go raibh sé suimíúil an bealach a dúirt and mameo go raibh sí ina "Jewel Thief" 99
— Caragh, Coláiste Feirste

The Winner!

During the last 5 months, members of the Book Club and students in Years 8 - 10 have been reading their way through the 6 books on this year's NI Book Award shortlist.

Our students posted reviews of the books on the dedicated website and also enjoyed reading what other schools' students thought about the books.

At the end of March students voted for the book they thought should win and the top 3 books were revealed at the Finale event.

The winner was *Gangsta Granny* by David Walliams. In 2nd place was

Ministry Of Pandemonium by Chris Westwood and 3rd place was taken by *Run Rabbit Run* by Barbara Mitchelhill.

A group of Book Club members from Sullivan went to the Finale at Stranmillis College and enjoyed the entertainment on offer including a rib-tickling poetry performance by Craig Bradley (AKA That Poetry Bloke).

See article below!



That Poetry Bloke

Craig Bradley was the guest speaker at the awards event. Rhyme, rhythm and repetition were all explored with exuberance by this colourful performance poet and some brave volunteers even got to try their hands at his tongue twisters (with hilarious results). Anyone who thinks that poetry is boring should check out Craig's website, where there are plenty of examples of his unique poetry style!

www.craigbradley.com Go on, have a look.

World Book Day 2012



Thursday 1st March was a busy day in the library as we (along with the rest of the world) celebrated World Book Day.

All students had received their free WBD book tokens and students and staff also had a

chance to get some free reading materials by coming to the Book Swap held in the library the day before.

There really was (and is still) no excuse not to get reading!

As it was also recently the 200th anniversary of Charles Dickens'

birth, we decided to hold a 'Guess Who's Coming To Dinner' quiz for students coming to the library for library classes.

The table was set for 8 of Dickens' contemporaries, all students had to do (with the help of some clues)



was to guess who was coming to dinner.

As you can see everyone enjoyed working very hard researching the Victorian dinner guests. To find out more about Charles Dickens read the article on page 3.



Olympic Open Day



In January the librarians worked especially hard to ensure that the library was looking it's best for our many visitors on Open Day.

As 2012 is an Olympic year, we thought we would have a display and quiz featuring all things Olympic.

As we have a collection of books about the Olympics we thought these would prove useful research

tools to help answer the questions.

The questions were imprinted on bronze medals, the clues and which books to research were on the silver medals and all our visitors had to do was lift the flap on the gold medal to find out if their research was successful.

In the SEON room our guests could see what library activities our students have been involved in by watching our library powerpoint presentation.

To find out more about the history of the Olympics why not have a look at the books on our special display in the library.

Check out what's happening with the Olympics 2012 on these websites :

www.london2012.com

www.teamgb.com

www.specialolympicsgb.org.uk

Prep classes visit the library for World Book Week

Once again it was a pleasure to welcome Sullivan Prep 5, 6 and 7 classes to the library for a visit and librarian talk during World Book Week.

After looking at our many posters of recent library events and talking about library activities during the last year, the prep students listened to an extract from one of the

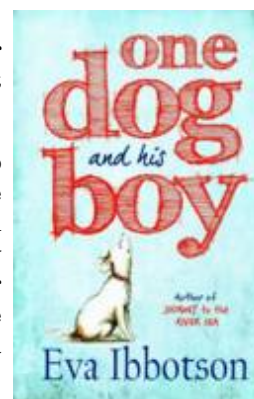
books on the shortlist for the NI Book Awards — One Dog And His Boy by Eva Ibbotson.

We talked also about Eva Ibbotson's previous books, including the well known Journey To The River Sea and a number of prep students had already read some of the author's other books.

Eva Ibbotson died in October 2010

and sadly never saw this last book published.

Do feel free to come to the library and read your way through our extensive collection of Eva Ibbotson's books.



Charles Dickens 200th Anniversary

The year 2012 is officially an international celebration of the life and work of Charles Dickens.

To remember the bicentenary of his birth, which falls on 7 February 2012, institutions and organisations from all over the world are working together to deliver a programme of events and activities throughout the whole of 2012 and to commemorate this very special anniversary.

Although a writer from the Victorian era, Dickens's work transcends his time, language and culture. He remains a massive contemporary influence throughout the world and his writings continue to inspire film, TV, art, literature, artists and academia.

In the library here at Sullivan, we

have already been thinking about the works of this great writer by participating in our Dickens themed World Book Day quiz (see page 2).

Here are a few facts from Charles Dickens' Timeline :

- 1812 - Born 7th February
- 1824 - Imprisoned for debt
- 1829 - Becomes a freelance reporter
- 1836 - Marries Catherine Hogarth
- 1838 - Coronation of Queen Victoria
- 1843 - A Christmas Carol published
- 1850 - David Copperfield published
- 1858 - Charles and Catherine separate
- 1861 - Great Expectations published
- 1870 - Dickens dies 9th June



Dickens

To do your own research on Charles Dickens, check out these educational websites :

www.dickens2012.org.uk

www.dickensmuseum.com

www.charlesdickensbirthplace.co.uk

www.dickensworld.co.uk

www.dickensfellowship.org.uk



Suggested Reading

2012 CBI Book of the Year Awards - The Shortlist

Not sure what to read next?

Why not look at one of these books. They are all up for the Children's Books Ireland Award.

Read all about these awards below.....

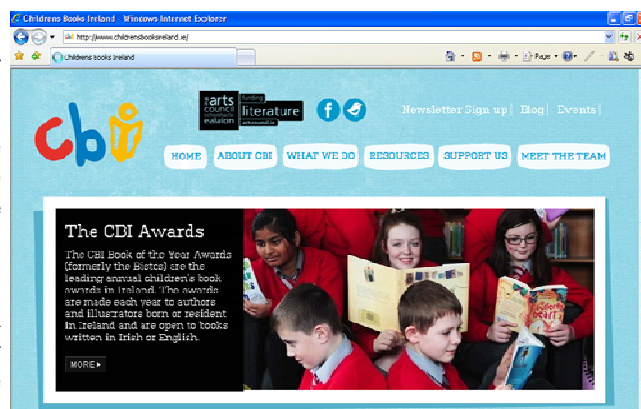
- A Greyhound Of A Girl - Roddy Doyle
- Bruised - Siobhan Parkinson
- Into The Grey - Celine Kiernan
- Maitrioisce - Siobhan Parkinson
- My Dad is Ten Years Old: And It's Pure Weird - Mark O'Sullivan
- Crann - Caitriona Hastings
- Stuck - Oliver Jeffers
- The Butterfly Heart - Paula Leyden
- Will Gallows And The Snake-Bellied Troll - Derek Keilty

CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND

The CBI Book Of The Year Awards, now in their 22nd year, identify, honour and promote excellence in books for young people by Irish authors and illustrators.

Each of the 9 titles will compete for 6 awards, including the Children's Choice Award voted for by 10 junior juries. The winners will be announced at a ceremony to be held on the 28th May.

Two of the books on the shortlist are stocked in our library - they are **A Greyhound Of A Girl** by Roddy Doyle and **Will Gallows And The Snake-Bellied Troll** by Derek Keilty (a local Northern Irish author). Why not check out the website — www.childrensbooksireland.ie



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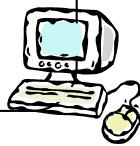
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Best wishes to all

for the

Exam Season



SOME IMPORTANT LIBRARY DATES

Last Day for borrowing books **Friday 25th May**

All books to be returned by **Friday 8th June**

Library closed for stocktake **Monday 18th June**

Once again it will soon be the time of year for our annual stocktake. This is a necessary task to ensure that our library shelves are stocked with relevant books which are in good condition. We also need to know how many books we have and how many books are missing.

Before the stocktake, any books that are worn out or not being read are disposed of to ensure there is plenty of room for new stock. **During the stocktake**, all the books are taken off the shelves, scanned into the computer, shelves and books are cleaned before the books are returned to their correct places. **After the stocktake**, computer reports are run which outline any missing stock and give us an exact figure for the stock held. All of this takes time, therefore during the stocktake Library and SEON 1 will not be open for general use before school, break-time, at lunch-times or after school. **Apologies for any inconvenience.**

LIBRARY CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE

FROM

MONDAY 18TH JUNE

UNTIL THE END OF TERM



NATIONAL LIBRARIES DAY

Saturday February 4th 2012 was a special day in the life of libraries everywhere as it was designated National Libraries Day.

Children's author and libraries campaigner Alan Gibbons announced the launch of the special day, which would be the finale to a week of events celebrating libraries and librarians and highlighting the importance of reading.

At the launch he said *"A child who goes to the library is twice as likely to be a good reader and that child becomes a literate adult, a lifelong reader."*

We see National Libraries Day as a positive day of celebration to promote the whole culture of reading for pleasure, information and engagement whether you read your traditional books on your laptop or e-reader. It is time to make reading a universal culture. We want people to go to their local school or public library and use their School Library Service. Use it. Join it. Love it."

Find out more at :

www.nationallibrariesday.org.uk Here is Julia Donaldson's poem about libraries.

LIBRARY POEM By Julia Donaldson (Children's Laureate)

Everyone is welcome to walk through the door.
It really doesn't matter if you're rich or poor.
There are books in boxes and books on shelves.
They're free for you to borrow, so help yourselves.

Come and meet your heroes, old and new,
From William the Conqueror to Winnie the Pooh.
You can look into the Mirror or read The Times,
Or bring along a toddler to chant some rhymes.

The librarian's a friend who loves to lend,
So see if there's a book that she can recommend.
Read that book, and if you're bitten
You can borrow all the other ones the author's written.

Are you into battles or biography?
Are you keen on gerbils or geography?
Gardening or ghosts? Sharks or science fiction?
There's something here for everyone, whatever your addiction.

There are students revising, deep in concentration,
And school kids doing projects, finding inspiration.
Over in the corner there's a table with seating,
So come along and join in the Book Club meeting.

Yes, come to the library! Browse and borrow,
And help make sure it'll still be here tomorrow.

