



LIBRARY MATTERS

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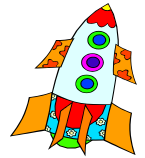
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Welcome to the first issue this school year of our Library Matters newsletter!

A busy new school year began as usual in the library with Library Inductions for new Year 8 students followed by the re-commencement of our popular Book Club.

One of the first events for the Library was the launch of the NI Book Awards 2012-13.

This is the fourth year that local schools in Northern Ireland have participated in the NI Book Award scheme and Sullivan Upper has been involved from the start.

The aims of the scheme are to promote reading, helping to create a community of readers through joint school



X Factor style quiz took place and finally there was a talk by author Joe Craig of

events and a website where participating students can post their book reviews. The 8 nominated books were suggested by students and the winning book will be the one which most students have voted for.

The Launch event was held on Wednesday 24th October at the beautiful library in Inst school Belfast and Mrs Gorringe and Mrs Drennan attended with a group of 7 Book Club members.

The eight nominated books were introduced to us all, then a book related,

the successful Jimmy Coates series of books.

Our students couldn't wait to get their hands on the nominated books and have been reading their way through the shortlist.

Please see below to find out which books made the shortlist. Copies of the books are now in the library ready for borrowing. Also, please do check out the dedicated website to see what students think about the books.

www.nibookaward.org.uk



NI Book Award Nominations

BOOKS

- Twelve Minutes to Midnight
- Small Change For Stuart
- The Case Of The Good Looking Corpse
- Itch
- All Fall Down
- Wonder
- Oliver Twisted
- The Adjusters



AUTHORS

- Christopher Edge
- Lissa Evans
- Caroline Lawrence
- Simon Mayo
- Sally Nicholls
- R.J.Palacio
- J.D. Sharpe (and Charles Dickens)
- Andrew Taylor



Book club



along to share their love of all things book related. The first was Mr Beggs, who was interviewed by Mrs Gorringe about his reading preferences and shared some of his own writing, which was a real treat.

Our second visitor was Mr Kerry Rosney, a script writer, who talked about creative writing and plotting and acting out story scenes, which was an enjoyable inter active session.

Why not come along some time? Look out for our posters to see when our next meeting is.

MONDAY 14TH JANUARY

Book Club has resumed every other Monday in the Library after school for students in Years 8–10.

Book Club members chat about their favourite books and authors and share information about interesting book related websites. Did you know that many books now have promotional trailers to entice readers to read them?

Why not have a look on Youtube for your favourite author's books?

Book Club members also get to preview and pre-reserve any new books before they go on our shelves and are eligible to attend Book Club events outside school, such as the Book Awards launch and Finale events.

This term, two guest speakers have come

Scholastic Book Fair

Once again, the start of October saw the library buzzing, with students all keen to peruse the selection of new books available in the Scholastic Book Fair.

Each library class had the opportunity to look at the books during library period and take part in a library quiz with a chance of winning a book for themselves.

There were also stationery items, posters and the very popular hand pointers on sale.

The Fair was also open before school, break time, lunchtime and after school and by the end of the week the librarians were run off their feet!

After a weekend to recover, the librarians were happy to report that pupils had earned £285 in new books for the school library. This resulted in 60 new books taking their places on our shelves.



 SCHOLASTIC

New Books



Ever wondered where our new books come from?

Every year Library HQ invites us to a stock selection day where the librarians spend time picking new books for our library. This usually happens during November and again in February.

We also receive new books from

Book Fair and again after our Readathon in the Summer Term.

Any other books are purchased throughout the year from our school library budget.

If there is a book you think should be on our library shelves, please enter details on our New Books Requests folder and we will endeavour to acquire it during a stock selection.



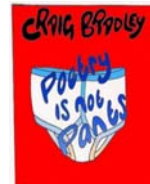
Poet Craig Bradley visits Sullivan

There was much excitement in the Drama Theatre on Tuesday 9th October, when quirky poet Craig Bradley came to entertain the Year 8s with his unique brand of poetry. Craig had already been to our Prep Department where his presentation went down a storm, so we knew we were in for a treat!

Craig performed a selection of his poems and had the Year 8s (and some of the teaching staff) joining in! Audience participation was a feature of Craig's presentation.

Craig has put a blog of his trip to Northern Irish schools onto his website and there is footage of him performing his poem Petrolhead to our audience in the Drama Theatre.

At lunchtime, Mrs Gorringe took Craig for a walk around Hollywood - check out what poetry murals were to be found in our local town. For all this and more go to Craig's website www.craigbradley.com



KIDS LIT QUIZ 2012



3rd place winners!

Well Done-

Ben Holley

Adam Rainey

Adam Hale

Matthew Skilling

A big congratulations to our successful Year 8 team for winning 3rd place in the Northern Ireland heat of the Kids Lit Quiz 2012.

Ben Holley 8P, Adam Hale 8D, Matthew Skilling 8D and Adam Rainey 8C all came top of their Year Group to qualify for a place in the Quiz, which is a worldwide competition hosted by the Book Guru Wayne Mills.

Our team competed alongside 20 other teams from 15 schools drawn from around Northern Ireland to answer 100 challenging questions all about children's books. The team got double points for their best round on Myths and each student got their choice of a book as a reward.

Competition was fierce and only the final round separated the winning three teams, with Methodist College Belfast taking 1st place, Rathmore taking 2nd place and our Sullivan team coming 3rd. For their hard work, each member of our team won £10 in book vouchers and a chocolate shield.

To find out about this worldwide competition go to www.kidslitquiz.com

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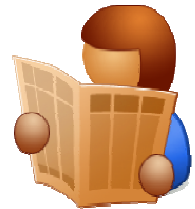


LIBRARY NEWS IN BRIEF

A selection of new drama books can now be found in our non-fiction section—Dewey numbers 792.028. These were won by Amy McAteer 12D in a national Shakespeare competition. Check out our poster in the library to find out more.

Make sure you call into the library in the New Year to check out all our new fiction books which will be on our shelves for you to borrow.

Have you lost your memory stick?
Please ask the librarian to see if it is in our collection of lost property.



POETRY PICNIC 11TH JUNE 2012



And finally. . .

At the end of the last school year, Book Club held an end of term party. This featured a presentation by visitors from the Ulster Scots Poetry Project, who shared and helped us interpret an Ulster Scots poem. All this was washed down by a hearty helping of juice and nibbles, which was a great way to round off our eventful and fun literary year.