

READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

September 2022

What's on at Birdledge First School?

Welcome to our first reading newsletter.

Every month we will publish a newsletter with a focus on reading, events happening in school for parents and children and information regarding authors and up and coming competitions.

This month we are paying attention to the well-known writer and author **Michael Morpurgo**.

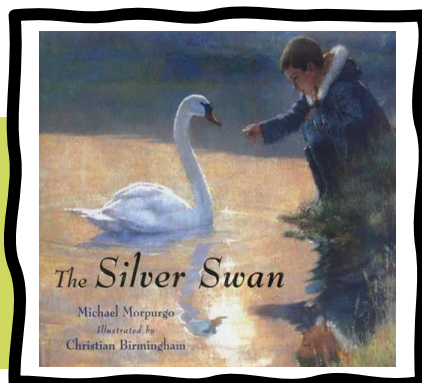
Let's hear from Michael.....

I was born a really long time ago. 5th October 1943. In St Alban's in Hertfordshire. My mother was there too, strangely enough, but my father was away at the war, in Baghdad. I had one older brother, Pieter. We both were evacuated to Northumberland when we were little, away from the bombs. Find out more about Michael at <https://www.michaelmorpurgo.com/about-michael-morpurgo/>.

Mrs Stinson is a huge fan of Morpurgo, her favourite being 'The Silver Swan'. Mrs Stinson likes Scotland and this book is about a loch set in the Scottish Highlands with a focus on a family of Swans and their young and their natural predators; a fox and her starving cubs. Not for the faint hearted, this book reminds us of how the natural food chain is sometimes difficult to accept.



'There once was a Queen' is Morpurgo's latest release..... See all of his books on his website.



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Summer Reading Challenge 2022

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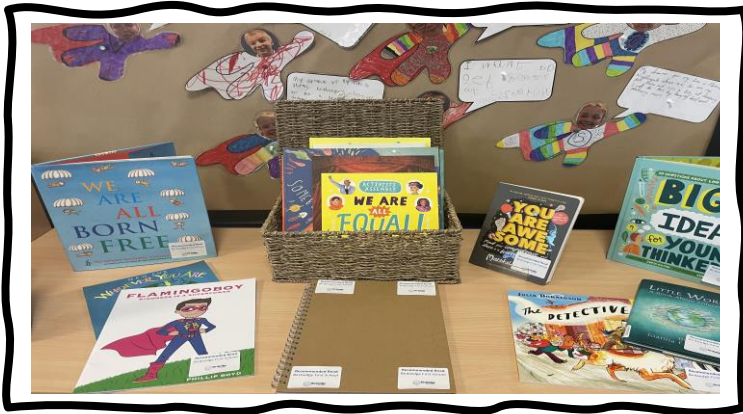
Have you participated in the 'Summer Reading Challenge?' hosted by your local library? If so, please allow us to celebrate with you...bring your certificate into school and have us applaud your reading efforts during celebration assembly!

Please do this on a Friday, this is when we host celebration assembly. You may also want to prepare a few sentences regarding your favourite read/author and why.

What's new?

Recommended Reads

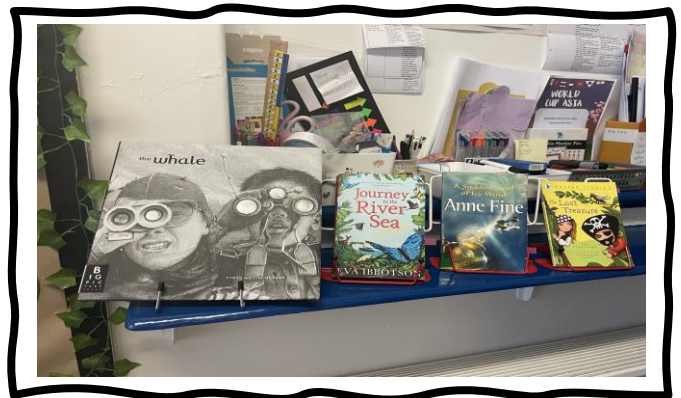
Share one of our school favourites as a family...these books have been read to the children in school or are a response to their pupil voice. We would like the children to develop empathy for others through stories and also learn about the world around them, plus current issues. Can we please stress that an adult has helped your child choose an age-appropriate book from the basket but please browse through it first to prepare yourself for any questions or make a decision on which part of the book you will read to your child, particularly if it's a novel or detailed. We would live the children to respond to this experience with you in any way they wish. When they bring the chosen book home you will also receive some guidance as to how they can do this. Thank you for your support and being amazing as always.....



The staff are driving out a new English writing system where they are using superb vehicle texts as their starting point. They will be exposing children to authors and similar alternatives in their reading corners plus making sure that their reading areas focus on the children's reading interests! They have worked very hard to do this! Thank you teachers!



Families, we massively appreciate your support for school and also empathise with other commitments and demands of every day life we are all juggling with currently. We also know how important it is for you to share quality time with your child and enjoy a story together. Therefore, we are opening our doors! Every Thursday, please come into school earlier than expected at 3.10pm and enjoy story time with your child's class teacher. We are a team and we need to support each other through challenging times.....



RIP Queen Elizabeth

8th September 2022

Passed away at the age of 96.

What's new?