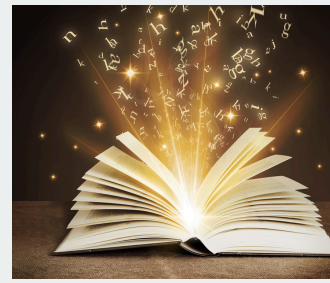




READING NEWS



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If you like

These two amazing murder mystery books are quick reads and will leave you speechless.



...then
you'll love



If you like '**Never Forget You**' or even books which feature the devastation World War II created for both children and teenagers, then '**The Children of Willesden Lane**' is a perfect match for any reader or historian eager to read.

'**Never Forget You**' follows the story of strong female leads and outlines the impact of the war and Nazis on London and Paris. However, '**The Children of Willesden Lane**' concentrates on Lisa, a keen piano player's journey through a devastating Nazi - controlled Austria and the terrors of 'The Blitz'. What's more, these are both based on true stories, fuelling a sense of realism and a stronger ache for each of the characters. I hope this is enough to convince you to pick up '**The Children of Willesden Lane**' from the school libraries shelf, or even 'Never Forget You' if it interested!

by Mia

Upcoming Events

- International Gilbert & Sullivan Day - May 1
- Cinco De Mayo - May 5
- May Day Bank Holiday - May 6
- Eurovision Song Contest - May 7 to May 11
- Women's FA Cup final - May 12
- World Para-Athletics Championships - May 17 to May 25
- Europa League final - May 22
- RHS Chelsea Flower Show - May 21

We asked the Learning Support team for their favourite words.

Iridescent- showing luminous colours that seem to change from different angle

Mrs Trise's favourite word.

The Best Reading person for Year 7 so far is:



Buddy Seymour for being one of few millionaire readers

A quiz based of the book review.

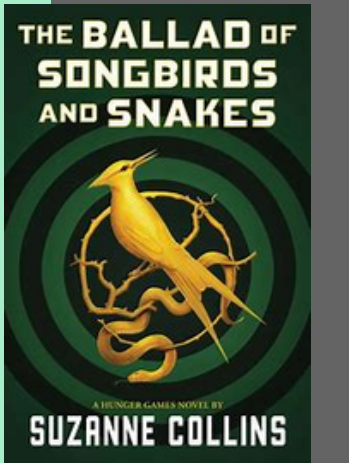
1. What does the book focus on?
2. What is the name of the character who gets selected as a mentor?
3. What is the district they are assigned to?
4. What is the president's name?
5. What is the amount of hunger games prior?



Book Review and Author Spotlight



This issue's book review is by Daisy:



The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes had me hooked in until the very last page. The book focuses on **The Hunger Games** main villain, President Snow and how he became cruel. When Coriolanus Snow is chosen to become a mentor in the tenth Hunger Games and is assigned to the female tribute from District 12—the weakest district. Now Coriolanus has to make the girl into a performer to keep her alive but is faced with an important decision: Glory or love?



Neil Gaiman

Author spotlight

Neil Gaiman (1960-present) is best known for the comic series **The Sandman** and novels **Stardust**, **American Gods**, **The Graveyard Book** and **Coraline**. He has written and published over 70 books, 115 comic books as well as 39 additional comic adaptations of his own and other artists' work. Gaiman has won numerous awards for his work including multiple Hugos. He has also worked with the twelfth doctor before Doctor Who.

by Katherine