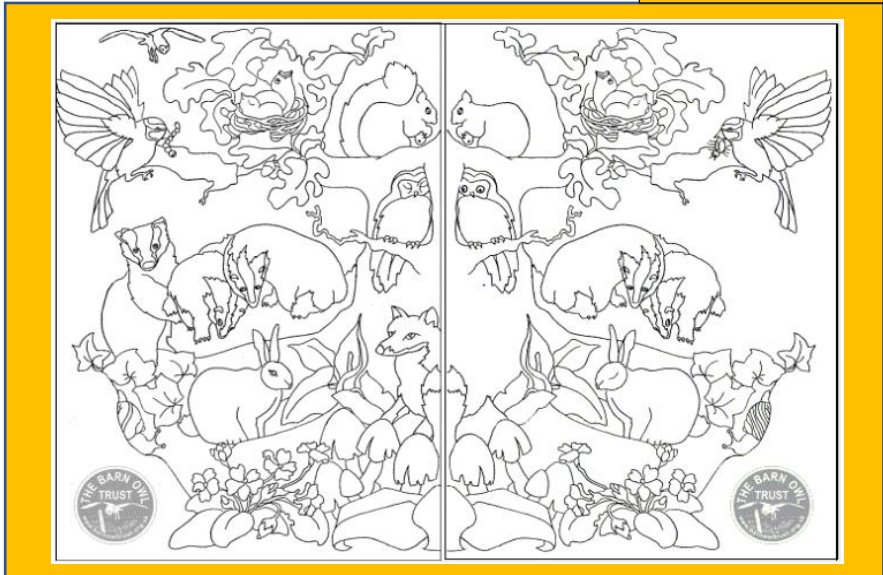


Welcome to our third edition of Green Eggs and ham. We hope you have a hoot reading about what we have been up to in the library over the last few weeks. Do come in to see what the Discovery Centre can offer you and try out some of the featured and new books we have available.

Can you spot 10 differences?



Owl with laughter at these owlers!
 Why do owls never go courting in the rain???
 Because it's too wet to woo!
 What is a Barn Owl's favourite subject at school?
 Owlgebra!
 What type of books do owls like to read?
 Hooo-dunnits!
 What do you call an owl that does boxing?
 Muhammad OWLEE!
 My friend the Tawny Owl told me he had just got engaged.
 I hooted "You twit - to who...?"

Are you feeling really clever? All 9 letters in the word wheel can be used to make a word describing a behaviour that lots of Barn Owls will be doing at this time of year!

(Clue: The behaviour involves the males being extra nice to the females!)

Nine-letter answer: _____

Now see how many other words you can make using these letters. The only rule is that they must all contain the letter P. We found 25! Can you beat that?

'Owl' appears 21 times in this story - can you find them all?

Floating Down the Canal The narrow boat gently floated down the canal, her name proudly painted across her bow - Great Grey Owl. At the tiller Mr Bubo looked across the lowlands where a crowd of birdwatchers were watching a meadowlark - an impossible migrant. He raised his hand in the air to acknowledge them but most were looking the other way. Mr Bubo growled an uncomplimentary comment. Meanwhile, in the tree, the Tawny Owl scowled at the scene. On the other side of the canal a cricket match was underway. The bowler thundered down the pitch and tossed the ball which the batsman slowly raised his bat to - and missed. A yell went up from the fielders which caused all the wildfowl along the canal to take off with a whoosh. Mr Bubo's dog was prowling along the tow path. He did not like the look of the birdwatchers much and made a deep growling noise in his throat although he did not really mean it. When he did not get the attention, he thought he deserved he put his head in the air and let out a long, penetrating howl. The boat slid shadowlike towards the bank, narrowly missing a post before coming to a halt and Mr Bubo jumped carefully off and tied the boat using a bowline. He slowly went back on board and collected a towel to dry the dog before giving it a bowlful of food. The dog promptly got slobber all over his jowls and had to be wiped clean again. Mr Bubo put the bowl away and closed all the shutters on the boat to make it look windowless and then both he and the dog wandered off down the path to find some lunch.



Owl did you manage that?



When Mr Cucu put his camera up the chimney, he saw this staring back at him.

"They were about three metres (10ft) up in the chimney," Mr Cucu said. "They were a couple of tawny owls and they were staring at my camera when I put it up the chimney. "They were literally staring at it - looking down to me." "You couldn't just grab them... so I had to try to destabilise them to make them fall down the chimney to grab them by hand." He said the birds, which had apparently been stuck in the chimney for two days, seemed "quite well".



A chimney sweep has urged house owners to install bird guards after he was called in to rescue two owls that were stuck in a chimney.

Darrel Cucu went to a house in Corpusty, Norfolk, after the owners heard hooting from their chimney. He had to remove a woodburner before he could take a look, and saw the tawny owls' wide eyes staring back at him. Mr Cucu managed to free both owls and they flew off through a window. He told BBC Radio Norfolk he was no stranger to being called out to pigeons or starlings stuck in chimneys - but tawny owls were a different matter altogether.



Both owls were let out of the window and flew off, apparently unscathed by their time up the chimney. The sweep managed to persuade one owl down, and it flew on to a window sill - and he captured the other in his hand. Asked how they might have ended up in this predicament, Mr Cucu said: "They probably just fell in. That's a common issue and it happens often to birds." He said the best way to avoid a similar mishap was to "fit a bird wire on to your chimney", which, he added, was especially important if the home's chimney was no longer being used and had been plastered over at ground level. "They could be stuck for quite a while and the owner would not even notice that," he said. "This time, though, it was a happy ending."

Booky Stuff!

My advice is, never do tomorrow what you can do today. Procrastination is the thief of time. — Charles Dickens, *David Copperfield*

The longer I live, the more uninformed I feel. Only the young have an explanation for everything. — Isabel Allende, *City of the Beasts*

Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet? — L. M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*



WISE WORDS

It is nothing to die; it is dreadful not to live. — Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*

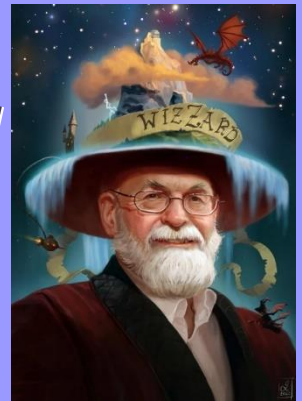
Human beings make life so interesting. Do you know, that in a universe so full of wonders, they have managed to invent boredom? — Terry Pratchett, *The Hogfather*

Life, with its rules, its obligations, and its freedoms, is like a sonnet: You're given the form, but you have to write the sonnet yourself. — Madeleine L'Engle, *A Wrinkle in Time*

Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colours. And the people there see you differently, too. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving. — Terry Pratchett, *The Colour of Magic*

Check these out in the library!

The Magic of Terry Pratchett



Terry Pratchett was born in 1948 and had his first story published when he was just thirteen. After leaving school at seventeen to become a journalist, he continued writing, publishing his first novel, *The Carpet People*, in 1971 and going on to produce the phenomenally successful Discworld series. Terry proved early critics wrong and became one of the UK's most successful authors, seeing many of his books adapted for the screen. Terry won the Carnegie Medal for his children's book, *The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents*. Despite the many other awards, honorary degrees and knighthood that followed, he always said that this was the award he was most proud of. Terry was appointed OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Despite initially suspecting it was an elaborate hoax, he did turn up to accept the award. Terry was later knighted by the Queen for services to literature, although he maintained that his greatest service to literature was to avoid writing any. He sadly died in March 2015 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease but his books are still treasured by adults and children today.

Library Low-down



Best Bits...

- We proudly published our second edition of *Green Eggs and Ham*
- Sonnets were sent for Valentine's day and we raised £11 to spend on books.
- Students took part in St David's Day celebrations with a Welsh flag scavenger hunt and made Welsh Dragons.
- Books were on display to mark Women's History Month.
- As a school we celebrated the biggest day of the school year - World Book Day! Students took part in *Guess the Teacher*, a *Booky Kahoot*, a school scavenger hunt, the World Book Day Veggies competition and sampled the book tasting menu in the library's Book Bistro. Student also received book tokens and came to the book swap to recycle their used books for a new one. It was great fun and lots of teachers dressed up too.
- The WOBOD Booky Cake Sale raised £66.05 to spend on new books.
- Students made and sent Compliment Cards for International Day of Happiness and took part in mindfulness activities.
- Many students collected counters for every good they did during Ramadan.
(We are trying to fill the good deed jar!)

