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Catholic Academy

READING MATTERS



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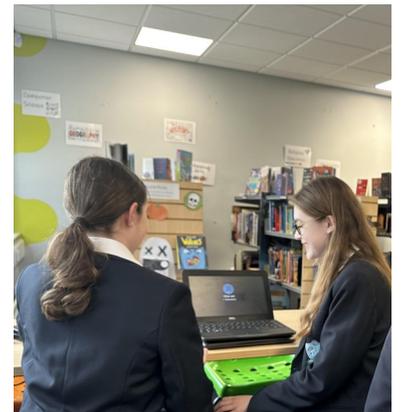
Welcome to the October Edition of the Library Newsletter!

Hello, dear readers!

As the crisp autumn air settles in, we're excited to share our October filled with events, celebrations, and plenty of learning opportunities. This month, we combined the spookiness of Halloween with the inspiration of Black History Month, offering activities for all ages to enjoy!



To celebrate Black History Month we held special events to showcase Black history and culture, followed by discussions and book talks. We also combined National Poetry Day by focusing on Black poets. We analysed eye-opening poems that highlighted the history of segregation and its effects on communities today.



We also curated selections for Halloween and Black History Month, showcasing spooky tales, classic horror, and notable works by Black authors.

As this first half-term comes to a close, I hope your library books keep you entertained over the break!

Happy Reading,

Ms. Javid



Library FAQs

A reading book is an essential part of your school equipment, make sure you are prepared by dropping to check out a book from your library.

Opening Hours:

The Library is **open** at the following times:

Before school from 8.00am to 8.15am

At break time from 10:05am to 10:20am

At lunch time 12:20pm to 1:20 pm

After school from 3:20pm to 4pm (except Fridays, **closes** at 3:30)

Our school library provides students with an opportunity to celebrate reading in a relaxing environment. Here, you can take out books, read, complete independent study, or enjoy one of our many exciting enrichment opportunities:

Monday: Multicultural Club

Tuesdays: Dungeons and Dragons Club

Wednesday lunch (second half): Pokémon Club

Thursday lunch (second half): Student Librarians

Friday lunch (second half): First Chapter Fridays

Borrowing Rules:

Book Limit: 2 books at one time.

Loan period: 2 weeks.

Need more time? To renew any materials, books must be shown to the librarian.

Current issues of magazines and research material may be issued with special permission.

Books should be kept in good condition.

Late book? Lost book? Damaged book (accidents happen!)?

Please speak to Ms. Jawaaid.



Librarian's Recommendations

BOOKS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH & EVERY MONTH



Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

After a sixteen-year-old American boy is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison, he struggles to find a way to keep true to himself.

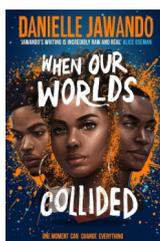
Powerful, lyrical tale of systemic racism and the redemptive quality of art.



Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah

A young Jamaican boy arriving in Britain with his parents in the late 1940's tries to make the best of things despite of the racism he encounters.

A timely novel which encapsulates the tragedy of the WR generation.



When Our Worlds Collided by Danielle Jawando

Three teenagers are brought together when they witness a fatal attack on a 14-year-old boy and have to contend with institutional racism in the aftermath.

Individual stories of the three compelling central characters weave together & reflect on big issues of race, prejudice, class & friendship. Thought provoking & sobering read



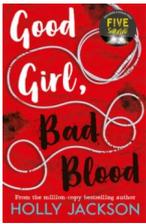
You Think You Know Me by Ayaan Mohamud

Drawing on her own experiences of Islamophobia, Ayaan shines a light on the lives behind the headlines, in a story of how a racist attack leads one girl to speak up.

A compelling exploration of many issues in an authentic and vivid voice, and a welcome spotlight on British-Somali life. Tense and at times raw, there are snatches of humour and fun.

Student Librarians' Recommendations

Our Student Librarians have picked out thrillers and chillers for you to read...if you dare!



Good Girl Bad Blood by Holly Jackson

Pip insists her investigating days are behind her.

But she will have to break that promise when someone she knows goes missing.

Gripping tale, I couldn't put it down! —George



Cinderella is Dead by Kalynn Bayron

A young girl living in a world where the Cinderella story is true and all girls are expected to follow the same life refuses to conform and to deny who she really is.

Not all thrillers have to involve murder! This one is a twisted Cinderella tale! —Annie



Your Turn to Die by Sue Wallman

The uncovering of a dead body in the garden of an old country house starts off a series of terrifying events for the three families that are staying there for New Year.

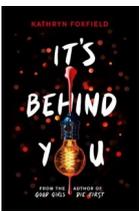
The definition of a page-turner.—Lauren



The Horrors of Dunwick Farm by Dan Smith

Three friends try to uncover the truth when a mysterious plane crash sets off an unsavoury sequence of events.

Short but captivating thriller.—Aryanna



It's Behind You by Kathryn Foxfield

Contestants in a TV reality show find themselves at the mercy of a killer in the caves where the show's being made.

Bone chilling story perfect for Halloween with a deadly game show! - Isabelle



Asylum by Madeline Roux

A teen is wrongfully committed to the Brookline psychiatric hospital and must escape before he becomes a victim of the evil warden's experiments.

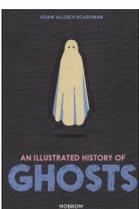
Features illustrations from actual asylums which help build the setting! Perfect for ghost story lovers.—Sophia



Pumpkin Heads by Rainbow Rowell

Two long-term friends make a lasting memory from their last time together at the pumpkin farm where they work each autumn

Not a horror but a Romcom for Halloween!—Lauretta



An Illustrated History of Ghosts by Adam Boardman

Explores the history and culture surrounding ghosts and spirits and our fascination with them

Spirit world non-fiction that is incredibly interesting.—Grace

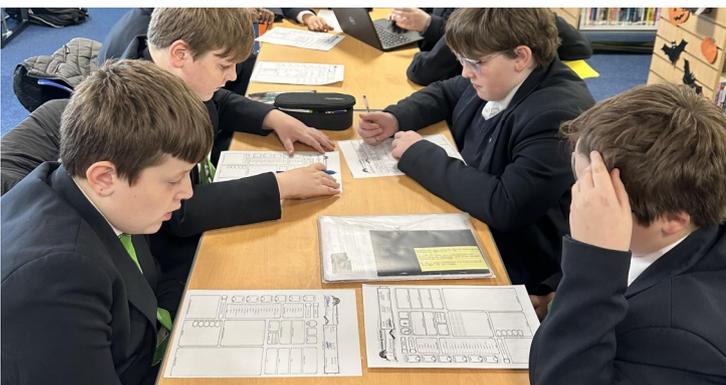
Student Librarians



The library holds special Enrichments every day during the second half of lunch.

We are at capacity and growing every day! Our Dungeons and Dragons club is working on their first campaign, our Pokemon Club is getting ready for their first tournaments, and Social Justice Club is working on exploring how to reach out to law makers to raise awareness for issues we are passionate about. The Multicultural Club is already getting ready for our end-of-year festival by researching and sharing facts about the countries they will represent.

The library is always bustling with pupils working on activities, doing homework, and reading for pleasure. Stop by to check out what have on offer.



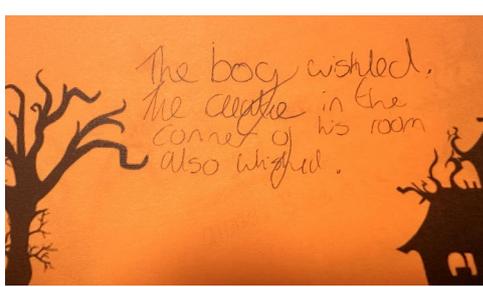
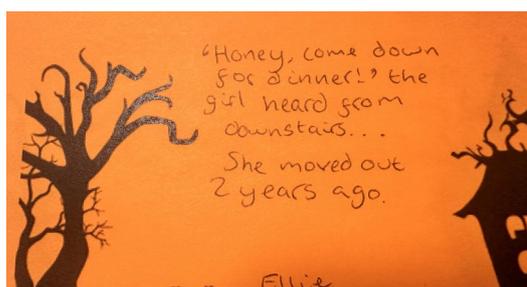
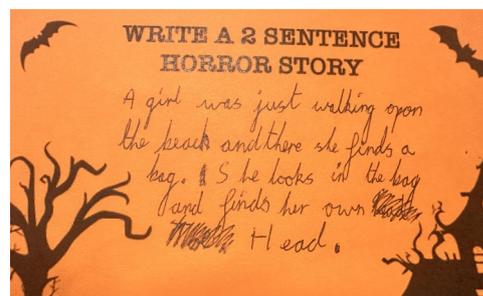
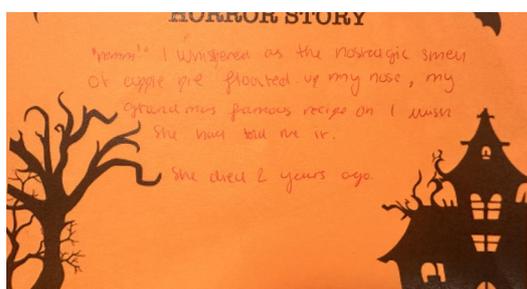
Library Events

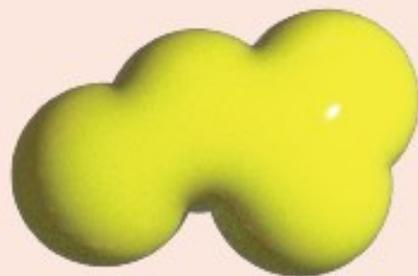
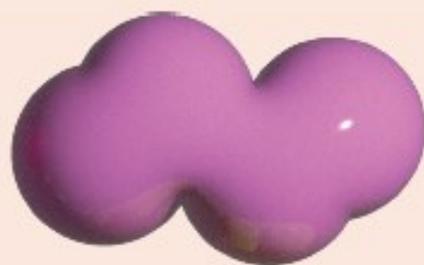


We enjoyed a Not-so-Spooky Story Time, where we dived into eerie tales perfect for the season.

Pupils enjoyed snacks as they listened to tales to encourage them to write a creepy story to send a shiver down our spine in just two sentences!

Pupils then shared their mini horror stories and two lucky winners got a little treat. Check out some of the best entries.





Multicultural Club

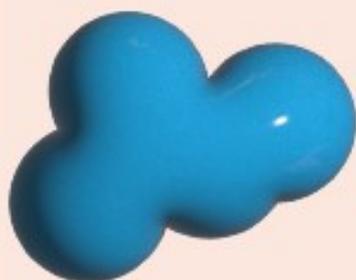
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Mondays



12:55 - 1:15 pm



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS[®] CLUB

**EVERY TUESDAY
IN THE LIBRARY**

SECOND HALF OF LUNCH

SIGN UP REQUIRED.



POKÉMON club



EVERY WEDNESDAY

DURING LUNCH in the Library

12:55-1:20 pm

Please see Ms. Jawaid for more information.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB
FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY
12:55 - 1:15**