



OUR LADY & ST. BEDE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

READING
MATTERS



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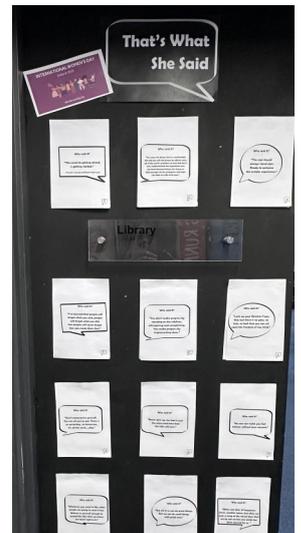
March has been full of many different activities in the library. From World Book Day—offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own to International Women's Day to Len, the forty-day season of journeying, preparing, and fasting between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Lent is an opportunity to focus on our walk with Jesus toward the cross; we also focus on the empty tomb to explore with curiosity and creativity what changes God might be calling us to make in our lives.

While many people associate Lent with fasting from something (like chocolate or caffeine), I tend to think of Lent as 40 days of opportunity to try something new. This something new can look like taking on the discipline of fasting, but it can also look like study, learning, prayer, or a variety of other spiritual practices. In fact, why not use this time to read a book that reflects the spirit of the season whether it is about sacrifice or forgiveness.

However you choose to read whether it be through periodicals such as magazines or newspapers, on social media platforms, or with traditional books, audiobooks, or graphic novels, take time to soak in the story and why you enjoyed it—or didn't.

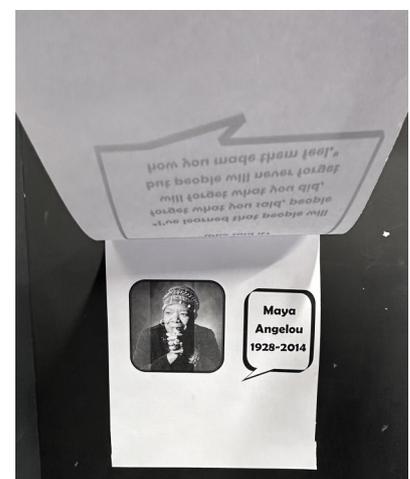
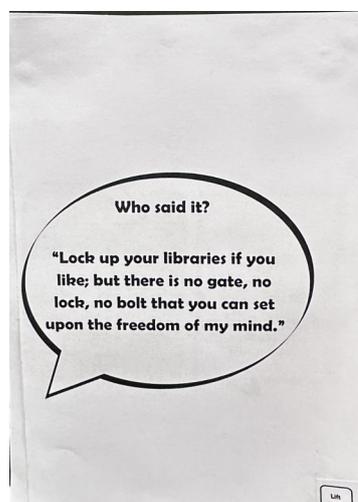
We have a wonderful group of readers in the library who are 'shadowing' the Yoto Carnegie Medal Awards. We meet once a week in the library to 'shadow' the judging process for the Yoto Carnegie Medals; we read, discuss and review the books on each shortlist, engage in reading related activity which we can share online, and vote for our favourites to win the Shadders' Choice Awards. It's not too late to join so if you like to read and have lots of opinions, meet us in the library every Thursday during lunch.

Check out our other Enrichments such as Student Librarians, Pokémon Club, and First Chapter Fridays book club. Drop by the library during break for more information.



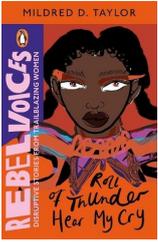
Happy Reading,

Ms. Jawaid



Librarian's Recommendations

Here are some of the newest books in our collection, featuring fantastic female authors and protagonists.

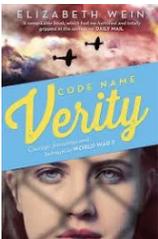


Roll of Thunder Hear my Cry

By Mildred D. Taylor

ZPD 5.7

Warmth, humour and hard times prevail as a black family struggles to maintain dignity and independence in Depression-era Mississippi

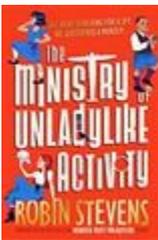


Code Name Verity

By Elizabeth Wein

ZPD 6.5

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

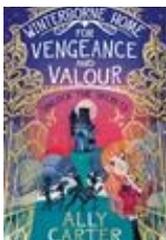


The Ministry of Unladylike Activity

By Robin Stevens

ZPD: 5.1

After being turned away by the Ministry of Unladylike Activity, May and Eric head to Elysium Hall and identify a spy who is passing secrets to Germany and a murderer who is killing the Vereys.



Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valour

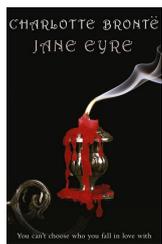
By Ally Carter

ZPD 4.7

After years in foster care, April gets to live in a mansion where she and four other children are caught up in a mystery related to a missing heir and a lost legacy.

Student Librarians' Recommendations

Student Librarians have gathered a few favourites that feature strong female leads.



Jane Eyre

By Charlotte Brontë

ZPD: 7.9

In this stormy, intense, introspective novel of the mid-nineteenth century, Jane Eyre is a plain, yet spirited, governess whose virtuous integrity, keen intellect, and perseverance break through class barriers to reach the man she loves

Jane is bold and independent!—Vania



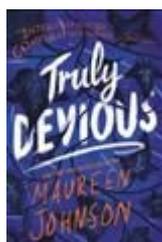
Your Turn to Die

By Sue Wallman

ZPD: 4.8

Leah can't wait to get to Roeshot House for her annual family holiday. This year the traditions are derailed by new girl Tatum and some disturbing news: the body of a girl was discovered in the garden - a secret kept for 60 years.

Leah is both selfless and fearless.—Lauren



Truly Devious

By Maureen Johnson

ZPD: 4.9

New at Ellingham Academy, Stevie Bell tries to solve both a murder at campus and the cold case of a double kidnapping.

Stevie is a brilliant detective, extremely intelligent, and resilient.—Aryanna



Good Girls

Die First

By Kathryn Foxfield

ZPD 4.6

Blackmail lures 16-year-old Ava to a derelict carnival on the pier. She is one of ten teenagers with secrets they intend to protect whatever the cost. When cut off from the mainland, the group turn on each other.

Ava is very brave.—Aryanna



It Only Happens

in the Movies

By Holly Bourne

ZPD 4.6

When Audrey meets Harry, it's the start of a truly cinematic romance - or is it? Audrey knows that Harry is every movie cliché rolled into one. But she still chooses to let him into her heart...

Audrey becomes stronger throughout the story.—Phoebe

Student Librarians

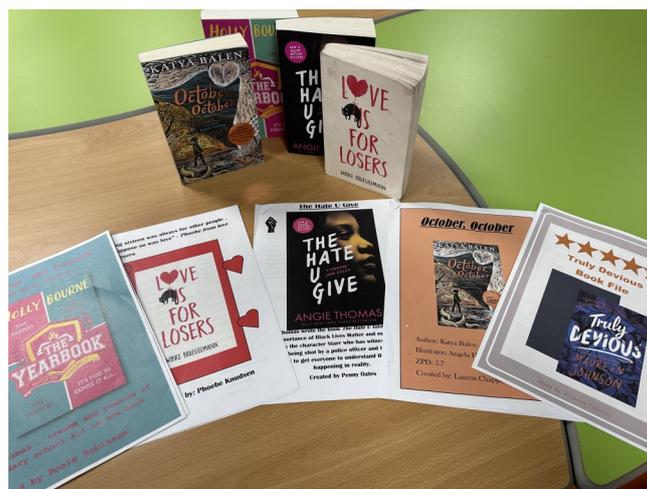
Much of our focus this month has been reading through a book selection and discussing our views from general observations like, "I didn't like it, nothing happens." to more insightful thoughts about the writing, "The writing is so engaging, I kept reading because I like the author's style."

This is a great way to gain experience in seeing how the library catalogue is selected and built up. They also looked at where we can increase our selection, and their next goal is to look at weeding through the books that are no longer relevant to our collection.

Student Librarians have also completed their first big project for their portfolios. They each chose a book, researched the author as well as the book to produce excellent bookfiles to promote their chosen novel.



Planning, research, and writing skills were used to stretch their creativity and I am incredibly impressed with the quality of their work. These bookfiles are now a promotional tool for the library catalogue and can be perused during social times in the library.



Library Events

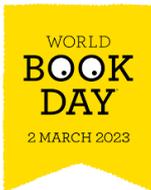


Our Pokémon Club has been a massive hit. Meetings are on Wednesdays during the second half of lunch. Space is limited, being on time is encouraged to avoid disappointment. Join the club to meet other Pokémon fanatics and have the opportunity to show off your cards, trade cards, play Pokémon and battle!



In honour of International Women's Day, pupils from all year groups learned about the evolution of women's rights. The theme this year was to 'Embrace Equity' and we looked at the accomplishments of women in all walks of life.

We have highlighted female authors in recognition of their achievements.



Library Events



The library sponsored a Form Time Book Quiz. Miss Marcotullio's form, 7th St Cuthbert won with an amazing 100%. They enjoyed fresh baked cookies from our wonderful dining hall—special thanks to Mrs Hannah!

Pupils loved our display of Staff's Favourite Reads, from graphic novels to historical fiction, the staff at Our Lady and St Bede love to read.

We hid six books around the school for pupils to find and keep for themselves. Some books were re-hidden when pupils were done reading.

Aryanna C. and Isabel H. both won the library scavenger hunt by finding the clues to decode the secret message: 'Reading is magic.'



Gotta catch 'em all!™

POKÉMON CLUB



EVERY WEDNESDAY

DURING LUNCH in the Library

12:55-1:20 pm

Please see Ms. Jawaid for more information.

First Chapter Friday Library Book Club

Join us as we read the first chapter of a new book each week, and discover your next great read!

**Fridays in the library,
During lunch**

12:55—1:20 pm



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1 Choose a book within your ZPD 

2 Read your book 

3 Search for the quiz 

4 Take the quiz 

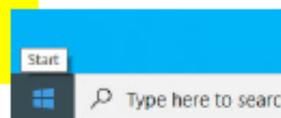
5 Write your score down in your Reading Record

Reading Books Are Compulsory Equipment
If you need a reading book, please see your English teacher or the librarian, Ms Jawaid.

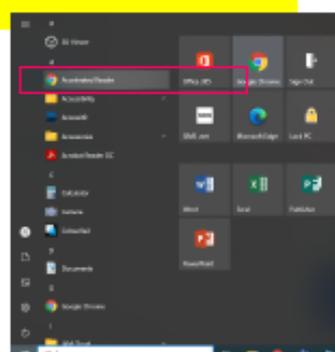
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