



Our Lady & St Bede
Catholic Academy

READING MATTERS



Hello!



Welcome to the June edition of our school library newsletter! This month, we celebrated the values of diversity, inclusion, and human dignity.

We observed Refugee Week from June 17th to June 23rd. This is a time to honour the courage, resilience, and contributions of refugees around the world. It reminds us of the importance of empathy and understanding as we support those who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict, persecution, or natural disasters.

Our library featured a selection of powerful stories and educational resources that highlight the journeys and experiences of refugees.

Join us in the library to explore these materials and participate in activities that foster awareness and solidarity.

We also worked on activities to promote a culture of inclusion and respect. As we navigate these important observances, let's remember that our library is a safe space for everyone, where diverse perspectives are celebrated, and every individual's story is valued.

We hope you find inspiration in this month's offerings and take the opportunity to learn, grow, and stand in solidarity with our global and local communities.

Happy reading!

Ms. Javid

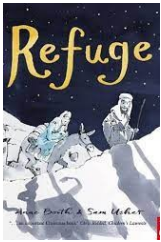


Librarian's Recommendations

Refugee Week takes place from 17 to 23 June. The theme for Refugee Week 2024 is "Our Home"; from the places we gather to share meals to our collective home, planet earth: everyone is invited to celebrate what our 'Our Home' means to them.



Together, this Refugee Week let's practice our solidarity and make Our Home a more welcoming, safe and sustainable place for all. Check out these unique stories, perspectives, and experiences available at the library.



Refuge

By Anne Booth

Refuge is the story of Jesus' birth, and travels to Egypt. Written to highlight his travels as a refugee - this book raised money for the War Child UK which cares for Syrian refugee children in camps and host communities in Jordan and Northern Iraq.

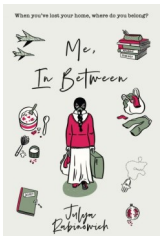


Leila and the Blue Fox

By Kiran Milwood Hargrave

Based on the true story of an Arctic fox who walked from Norway to Canada in seventy-six days, a distance of two thousand miles.

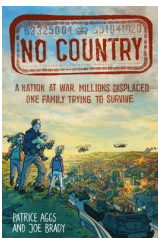
Meanwhile, Leila embarks on a journey of her own - finding her way to the mother who left her.



Me, In Between

By Julia Rabinowich

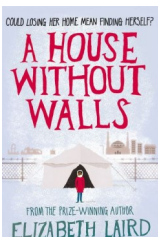
When her family seek asylum in Europe, Madina faces the struggles of displacement and feeling caught between her old and new life.



No Country

By Joe Brady

In a Britain where civil war is raging, a family try to live as normal a life as possible while planning to escape overseas.



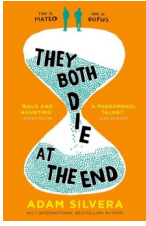
A House without Walls

By Elizabeth Laird

A young Syrian girl tries to find out a family secret hidden from her when her family are driven to find safety in a refugee camp to escape the war in their country.

Student Librarians' Recommendations

In honour of Empathy day, here are some great picks about love and friendship.



They Both Die at the End By Adam Silvera

Two teenage boys find solace in each other when they are informed that they have been selected to die in a day's time.

Heart breaking story, guaranteed to make you cry.- Lauren



The Girl from the Sea By Molly Knox Ostertag

Fifteen-year-old Morgan is rescued by a shape-shifting selkie named Keltie, who appears in human guise to proclaim her love for her.

Bound to leave you wishing for more! - Sophia

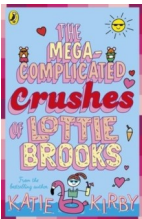


If you'll Have Me By Eunnie

Momo Gardner is the kind of friend who's always ready to lend a helping hand. PG, on the other hand, is a bit of a lone wolf.

An unexpected meet-cute brings the two together.

A warm, at times sad and melancholic story that is overall a super sweet story.- Aryanna



The Mega Complicated Crushes of Lottie Brooks By Katie Kirby

Lottie Brooks goes on holiday and gets her very first boyfriend.

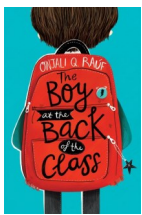
There are 5 books in the series and they are all hilarious! I hate the beach and last summer I spent 3 hours reading the book on the beach while my family was in the sea.-Isabelle



One By Sarah Crossan

Conjoined twins start at a normal school after being previously home-schooled, and one of them develops a chronic heart disease endangering both of their lives.

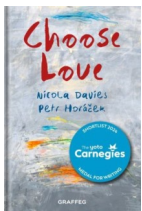
A meaningful and moving story.-Annie



The Boy at the Back of the Class By Onjali Q. Rauf

A boy befriends a refugee who has started in his class at school and helps him settle into his new life in the UK.

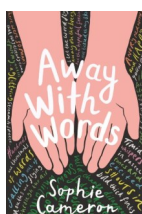
Real life trials told in an amusing way.-Lauretta



Choose Love By Nicola Davies

A boy befriends a refugee who has started in his class at school and helps him settle into his new life in the UK.

An interesting collection of poems to describe how refugees are forced from home.-George



Away with Words by Sophie Cameron

Follows 11-year-old Gala, who has just moved from Spain to Scotland with her dad to live with his boyfriend, and her difficulties with learning English and adapting to her new home.

Really underscores the importance of inclusivity.- Sophie

Library Events



The Yoto Carnegies are the UK's longest running and best-loved children's book awards, recognising outstanding reading experiences created through writing and illustration in books for children and young people. Our reading group has been taking part as 'shadowers' as they 'shadow' the judging process for the Yoto Carnegie Medals; they read, discuss and review the books on each shortlist, engage in reading related activity which they can share online. This month, the Shadowers voted for their favourite books this month to win the Shadower's Choice Medal.



Lauren voted for, "The Door of No Return", shows the accurate but beautifully portrayed reality of what it is like in deprived places. Grace voted for, "The Song Walker" because she enjoyed the character building.



It was a strong tie between The Door of No Return and Away with Words in our reading group.

The winner of the Yoto Carnegie Shadowers' Choice Medal for Writing is Tia Fisher for her powerful debut novel told in verse, Crossing the Line.



Based on a true story about teenagers swept up into county lines, this 'innovative and engaging' story shows the power of poetry to convey difficult truths in a way that engages and excites young minds.

For the first time, the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing is awarded to a Black British author, and the current Children's Laureate – Joseph Coelho – for his "beautifully descriptive" novel in verse The Boy Lost in the Maze illustrated by Kate Milner (Otter-Barry Books). The story portrays a boy's journey into manhood and "cleverly integrates" the ancient legacy of the Minotaur with the contemporary journey of a teenager searching for his biological father.



Library Events

AROUND THE WORLD MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

As the date of the much-anticipated multicultural festival draws near, the library has been buzzing with excitement and activity. Pupils are deeply engaged in preparing for the event by creating crafts and learning traditional dances from various cultures. This immersive experience not only enriches their understanding of different cultures but also fosters a sense of unity and appreciation for diversity.

Pupils eagerly participated in hands-on crafting sessions, creating their own unique pieces to raise money for charity. Nigerian beadwork, hand painted jewellery boxes of Cyprus' design, and Hondurian Marachas are just some of the beautiful items available to purchase.

Cultural dances and performances will also be presented on the day and our pupils have been working hard to perfect their presentations. Each performance has been built to be respectful of the cultural traditions being represented.

Pupils will be donning traditional outfits to fully embody the cultural experience.

Culinary delights from Around the World will be available for purchase throughout the festival!

The festival takes place on 8th July 2024.





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AROUND THE WORLD MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

MONDAY, 8TH JULY

JOIN IN OUR CELEBRATION!

**FOOD • DANCE • MUSIC
CRAFTS • ART • GAMES**

**Sign up with Ms. Jawaid
Meetings in the library,
Monday and Friday
2nd Half of Lunch**



Multi Culture Club

Mondays

in the library

12:55 - 1:10 PM