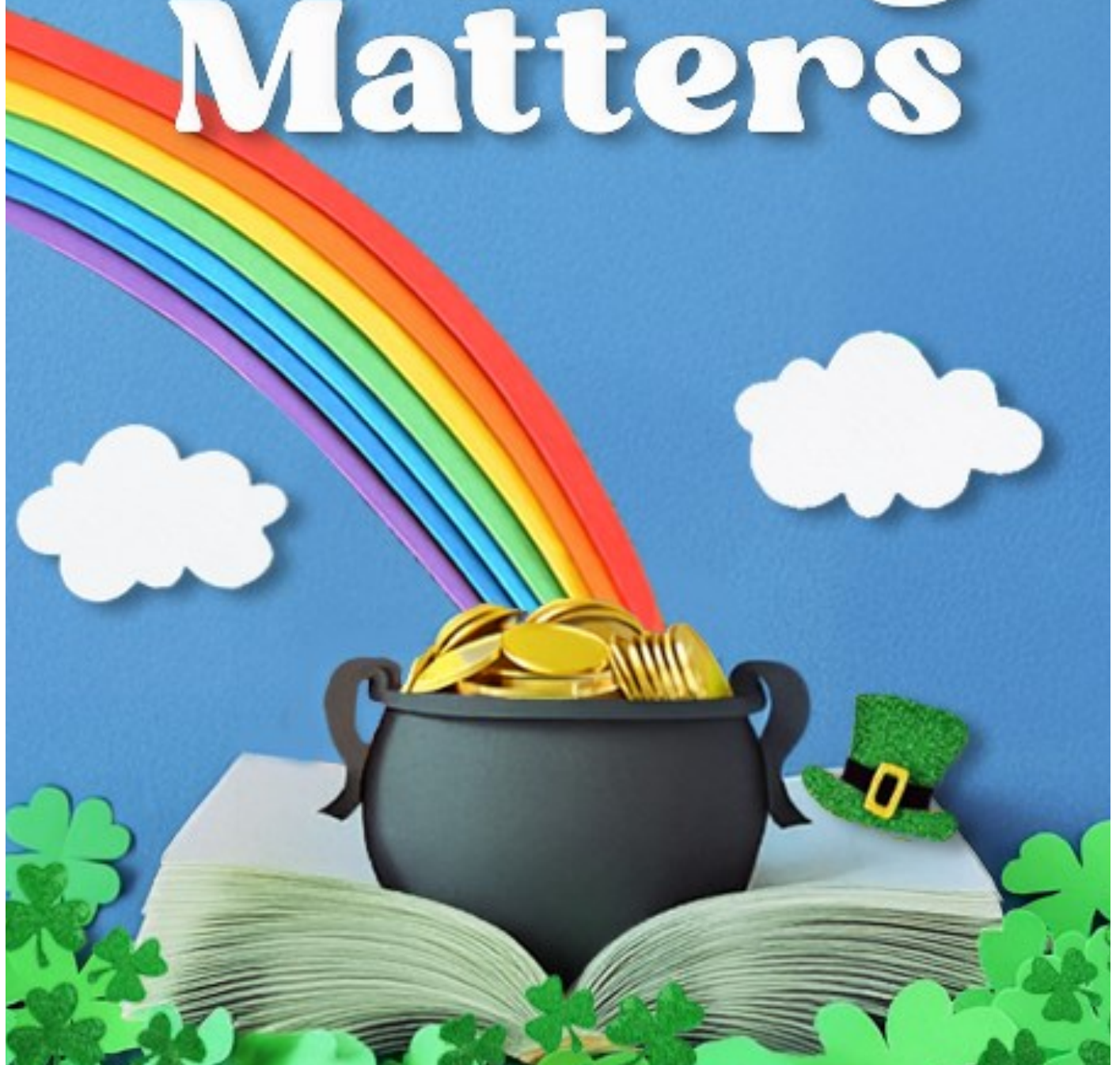




Our Lady & St Bede
Catholic Academy

Reading Matters



Hello



Welcome to our March edition of the Library Newsletter!

This month, we're excited to celebrate two important events: World Book Day and Women's History Month. March is the perfect time to celebrate the power of books and stories while also honouring the incredible contributions of women throughout history.

World Book Day is a global celebration of books, reading, and the joy of stories. We focused on reading throughout the day with lots of activities. Teachers shared a story by reading aloud in every lesson. There were book scavenger hunts and loads of prizes given out.

To mark Women's History Month, we focused on special activities in our Enrichments. From trailblazing leaders and artists to scientists and activists, this Women's History Month, we highlighted the incredible impact that women have had in shaping our world. Our library curated special reading lists and events to celebrate these inspiring women and their legacies.

We hope this newsletter helps inspire you to celebrate the power of books and the women who have shaped our world. Enjoy exploring the many resources we have for you this month!

Happy Reading,

Ms. Jawaid



LIBRARY FAQs

A reading book is an essential part of your school equipment, make sure that 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 1:15 pm

After school from 3:20pm to 4pm (except Fridays, when the library **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 lunch (second half): Multicultural Club

Tuesday lunch (second half): Dungeons and Dragons Club

Wednesday lunch (second half): Pokémon Club

Thursday lunch (second half): Student Librarians' Meeting

Friday lunch (second half): Social Justice Club

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. Jawaid.

Student Librarian Recommendations

Student Librarians present stories featuring strong women and celebrating female voices.



Ink Girls by Marieke Nijkamp

In a vibrant city, two girls from very different walks of life join forces to fight censorship and protect the people they love.

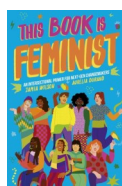
A cute and interesting story, I couldn't put down.—Ellie



Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls by Francesca Cavallo

Presents the biography of 100 inspiring women.

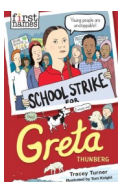
Stories of amazing women from around the world.—Anastasia



This Book is Feminist by Jamia Wilson

A look at feminism as it is now, and it's history, and a springboard for forming one's own views about what feminism means to you

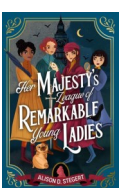
Full of stories of women overcoming struggles.—Isabelle



Greta Thunberg by Tracey Turner

Recounts the life and achievements of Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg.

Inspired me to do more for the environment.—Lauren



Her Majesty's League of Extraordinary Ladies by Alison D. Segert

A promising young inventor finds herself recruited to a secret organisation while searching for her missing father

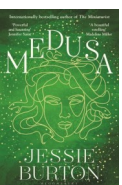
Adventurous, engaging mystery. Accurate to history and celebrates women's empowerment during oppressive times.—Chloe



Women in Art by Rachel Ignotofsky

Brief profiles of a range of female artists from throughout history.

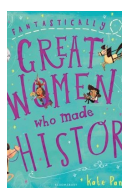
Amplifies the struggles of countless women and celebrates their success. —Sophia



Medusa by Jessie Burton

A twist on the Medusa myth, which tells of the ill-fated love between the cursed Medusa and mysterious Perseus.

Powerful and moving story that perfectly captures the perspective of the Greek mythological creature, Medusa.



Fantastically Great Women who made History by Kate Pankhurst

Celebrates the achievements of women in the fields of literature, science, entertainment, and politics and civil rights throughout history.

Amazing illustrations and empowering stories.—Lauretta

Library Events



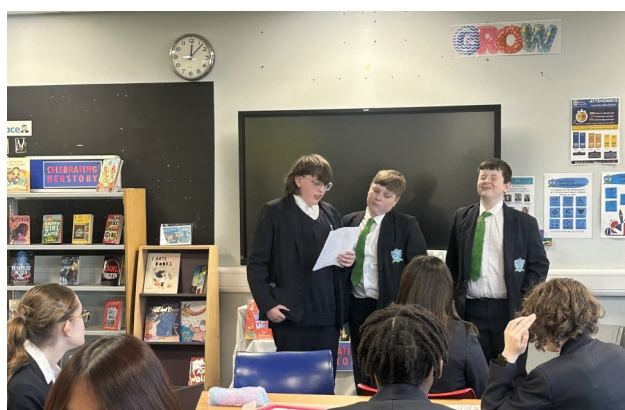
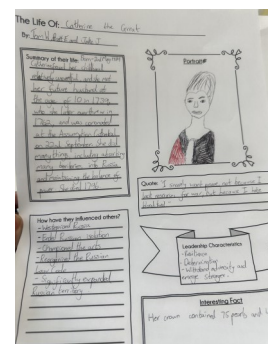
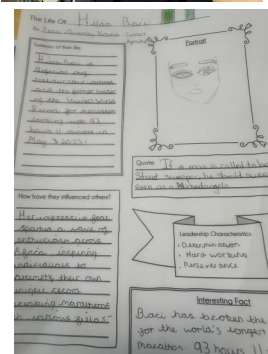
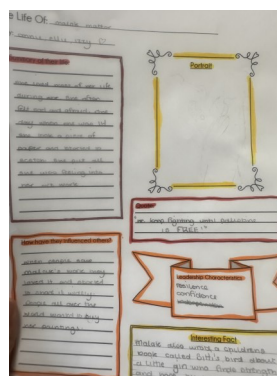
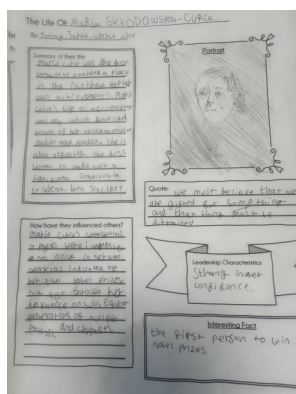
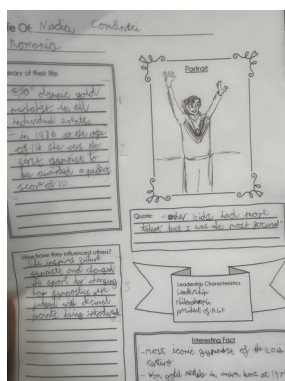
In honour of International Women's Day, pupils took part in activities around the theme, "Accelerate Action",

Pupils engaged in thought-provoking discussions about women's rights, privilege, and empowerment. We also played games based on showcasing and exploring diverse perspectives. We will continue honouring the achievements and contributions of women worldwide in Social Justice Club.

Pupils shared pledge cards about affirming statements.



For Women's History Month, The Multicultural Club researched and presented prominent women from their respective countries. We learned about Catherine the Great and Guinness World Record holder, Hilda Baci. We also discussed how these many women displayed leadership characteristics like perseverance, resilience, and compassion.



World Book Day

This World Book Day our whole school was buzzing with a range of exciting activities!

Our wonderful Student Librarians dressed up in costume to celebrate World Book Day, We brought the character's from A.A. Milne's classic *The Adventures of Winnie the Pooh* to life.



Form rooms became literary gateways, with incredible door displays bringing books to life! Our Student Librarians took on the tough job of judging the best-decorated door, awarding a special prize to the most creative entry.



Pupils tested their book smarts with a Form Time Literacy Trivia Quiz, the winners will receive a special set of books for their class. The library hosted a Booky & Footy Quiz, blending the best of literature and football fun! The winners were Hayden H and Matei T. Odala K, in Y7 won our Read Aloud Challenge.



Staff got into the spirit too, dressing as their favourite book characters. Our Student Librarians also had the honour of selecting their favourite staff costume, with a special prize awarded for the most impressive transformation!

Finders Keepers Book Hunt! Around the school, specially hidden books were waiting to be discovered—and lucky pupils who found them got to keep their literary treasures!



Every pupil who visited the library received a World Book Day token and was awarded a free book, ensuring everyone had something new to read and enjoy.

A huge well done and thank you to all our students and staff for embracing the joy of reading this World Book Day and every day.





Multi Culture Club

Mondays

in the library

12:55 - 1:10 PM