



OUR LADY & ST. BEDE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

READING MATTERS





Merry Christmas!

FROM THE STUDENT LIBRARIANS AT OLSB

'Tis the season to be reading, and our pupils have certainly been festive this month.

Over 300 books were issued in the past 30 days! Pupils also enjoyed quiet reading breaks and quizzing on their AR books, watching the World Cup kick-off match, and Christmas Story Time with hot chocolate and cookies.

Pupils are welcome to borrow more books to make sure they have something good to read during the holiday period. And the loan period for items can be extended - just ask one of our friendly library staff. Items can also be returned in the afterhours library return box while the library is closed.

I would like to wish you a blessed holiday season full of family, fun, good food, and great books!

As always, happy reading,

Ms. Jawaid



Librarian's Recommendations

As the holidays rapidly approach, it's hard not to be swept up in the cheerful spirit of it all! Snow on the ground, sipping hot cocoa while wrapped in cosy blankets, and celebrating holidays with loved ones all come to mind—no wonder many truly find this to be the best time of the year.

If you adore these seasonal feelings as much as we do, then you'll certainly melt over these books that are set on or around the holidays.



Let It Snow

By John Green, Maureen Johnson, and Lauren Myracle

ZPD 4.7

Three interconnected holiday stories of love, romance, and kisses in a small town.

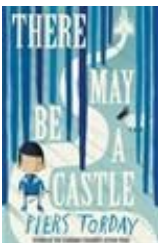


Refuge

By Anne Booth

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A timely and timeless retelling of the Christmas story, inspired by refugee children everywhere.

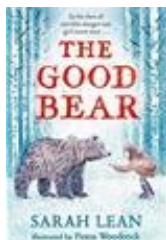


There May be a Castle

By Piers Torday

ZPD: 5.8

On a frozen Christmas Eve, Mouse Mallory and his family set off to visit his grandparents - but they never arrive. When the car crashes, Mouse is thrown from it and finds himself in a magical landscape in which he begins his quest to find a castle.



Ghost Boys

By Sarah Lean

ZPD 5.7

It's the Christmas holidays and Thea is looking forward to spending them with her father in Norway. But when she arrives, her father is distant. Then she discovers a bear in danger who desperately needs her help.

Student Librarians' Recommendations

Season's readings from our Student Librarian's to get you into the spirit of Christmas!



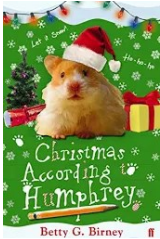
Joyous story perfect for bedtime. - Aryanna

The Night Before the Night Before Christmas

By Kes Gray

ZPD: 3.1

Santa and his elves are rushed off their feet preparing for Christmas Eve. There are presents to make, reindeer to wake and a sleigh to polish. But what has Santa forgotten to do?



Funny and cute, perfect for the season. - Phoebe

Christmas According to Humphrey

By Betty G Birney

ZPD: 4.2

Everyone in Room 26 is excited about the forthcoming Christmas show - especially Humphrey the class hamster!



Inspirational, family-favourite, classic Christmas tale. - Rosie

A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens

ZPD: 6.7

In this classic story, Ebenezer Scrooge learns the true meaning of Christmas after being visited by three ghosts.



An emotional and funny family drama during Christmas. - Lauren

This Winter

By Alice Oseman

ZPD 4.9

Winter has been tough for Tori and her brothers Charlie and Oliver. They are trying to get through Christmas day with minimal drama.



Cosy and warm Christmas story. - Isabel

Hetty Feather's Christmas

By Jacqueline Wilson

ZPD 5.4

An unexpected gift leads to trouble for Hetty on Christmas Day. The dreaded Matron Bottomly is delighted to have an excuse to exclude her from the festive celebrations.



Intriguing cosy mystery - Penny

Mistletoe and Murder

By Robin Stevens

ZPD 5.0

Daisy and Hazel are spending Christmas in snowy Cambridge when a brutal 'accident' takes place. The Detective Society must use all their cunning to find the murderer in time.

Student Librarians

The Student Librarians have been as busy as Santa's elves this month. Each Student Librarian adopted a shelf to turn the library into a Christmas Wonderland. Their individual themes were incredibly creative and made the library look incredibly festive.

Student Librarians worked hard on their Training Scheme and took time to relax with holiday themed mindful activities. They also curated a fantastic Christmas display! Be sure to check out their amazing recommendations perfect to curl up with by your Christmas tree,



Library Events

The library was pleased to screen the England football match to kick off the world cup—pupils gathered around to watch while being wonderfully respectful of their peers who chose to continue with their reading and research.



The library hosted our Christmas Storytime which was attended by pupils from Y7-Y11.

Pupils listened to *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Keats. This celebrated classic captures the adventure and wonder of the first snowfall of the season. Pupils enjoyed the beautiful illustrations as they sipped hot chocolate and snacked on cupcakes and popcorn. It was a perfect celebration of a great term in the library.



We look forward to holding more events in 2023.





YEAR IN REVIEW 2022

Before greeting 2023, let's look back at the moments that got us here. To recap 2022, here are some of the events that have most affected the world in 2022.

January: Guatemala's FUEGO VOLCANO erupts. It explodes up to 13 times an hour in January. Ash plumes climb nearly three miles into the air.

February: Ukrainian military vehicles move through the capital city of Kyiv. They are rushing to defend the country as Russia's INVASION OF UKRAINE begins. The war is ongoing.

March: The Hubble Space Telescope observes the most distant single star ever. The star, named Earendel by astronomers, is 28 billion light-years away.

April: The first known dinosaur fossil linked to the very day of the Chicxulub impact is reported by palaeontologists at the Tanis site in North Dakota, US.

May: Eurovision Song Contest 2022—The UK entry performed by Sam Ryder finishes in second place with 466 points, and wins the jury vote.

June: Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her PLATINUM JUBILEE. It marks 70 years of her being the queen of Great Britain.

July: NASA releases an image of the dust and stars forming the Carina Nebula. It's one of the first shots shown from the JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE.

August: Two-thirds of Australia's Great Barrier Reef showed the largest amount of coral cover in 36 years.

September: Queen Elizabeth II passes away at the age of 96. She is succeeded by her son, King Charles III.

October: Rishi Sunak becomes the first British Asian Prime Minister.

November: NASA's ARTEMIS ROCKET is launched at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Its un-crewed mission to the moon and back will last 26 days.

December: Argentina wins the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. More than a million fans gathered in Buenos Aires to celebrate the victory - its first in the World Cup since 1986.



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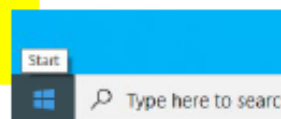
5 Write your score down in your Reading Record

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

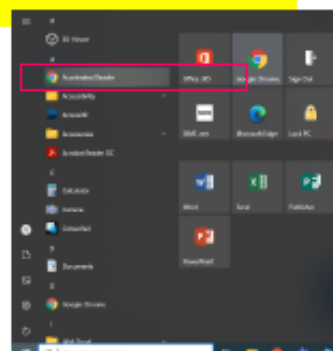
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