



School Bulletin



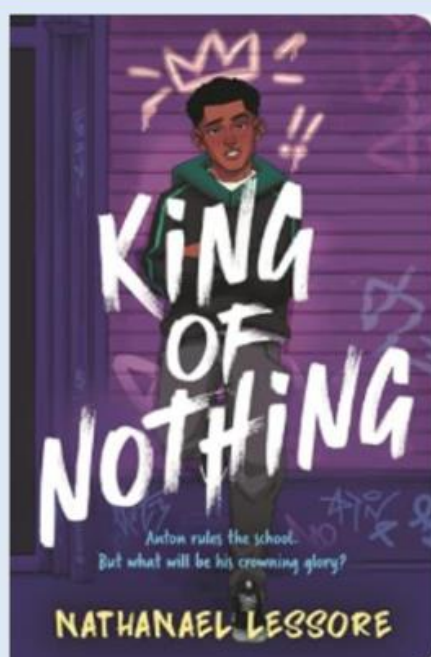
Recommended Reads

Yr6 Recommended Read



From the award-winning poet and author of *The Final Year* comes another moving and memorable verse novel that speaks straight to the hearts of young readers. *The First Year* follows Nate as he begins secondary school, facing the usual nerves and challenges—but also dealing with big changes at home that make everything feel uncertain. Told in Matt Goodfellow's signature free verse style, this is a story full of emotion, friendship, resilience, and hope. Nate's voice is honest and relatable, capturing the rollercoaster of Year 7 with humour and heart. This is the perfect read for anyone who enjoys books that reflect real life with compassion and courage.

Yr7&8 Recommended Read



King of Nothing by Nathanael Lessore is a funny, fast-paced and deeply relatable story about friendship, pride, and figuring out who you really are. When Shay is moved from his inner-city school to a posh private one, he's determined to reinvent himself—but fitting in isn't as easy as it looks. Full of humour, heart, and sharp observations, this is a brilliant read for middle schoolers navigating big changes.

A bold, entertaining novel that shows you don't need to be the loudest to be the real king of something.

Maths Challenges

Pupils from Mrs Mashford’s Year 6 Maths groups entered the UKMT’s first Primary Maths Challenge in March. The questions were challenging and required good reasoning and problem-solving skills; the following pupils scored 16 or more out of 20: William F, Toby R, Reggie A, Freddie G, Zosia G, Eleanor J, Lana S, Katie S, Oliver T, Harry B, Oscar J, Ella M.

We also had 92 pupils taking part in the UKMT’s Junior Maths Challenge earlier this month. Pupils were awarded Bronze, Silver or Gold awards; the following pupils gained the highest scores for each year group:

Year 6 – Toby R (Silver), Zosia G (Silver).

Year 7 - Aurora C (Silver), Polly S (Silver), Noah S (Silver).

Year 8 – Paige B (Gold), Jacob C (Gold), Marc L (Gold). Paige and Marc also qualified for follow-on round - the Junior Kangaroo, which will take place in June.

Certificates will be given out after the half-term holiday. Well done to all pupils who took part.



Big Sing

On 24th April we had the great pleasure of hosting the first Scissett Middle Big Sing. Joined by our friends from St Aidan's CE Academy, Scissett CE Academy, Flockton CE First School and Denby CE First Schools, we sang a number of songs together and also enjoyed some items prepared by each school. A fantastic sound and a lovely morning of music making!



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Quarry Bank Mill

At the beginning of May, our Year 7 pupils travelled over to Manchester to visit an old cotton mill from the Industrial Revolution. The pupils got a real education on what life would have been like if they were 'lucky enough' to work at Quarry Bank Mill.

The pupils were an absolute credit to the school and I hope the experience will bring our next topic after half term to life.



Summer Showcase

On Wednesday 25th June the Performance department will be holding our Summer Showcase. This evening of entertainment will feature a number of exciting music, drama and dance items and further details including how to buy tickets will be shared soon.

We have space in the program for 2 x instrumental solo items and 2 vocal solo/duet items and we will be holding auditions in the first week back after half term. If your child is interested in auditioning for one of these slots then make sure they watch out for details in the morning bulletin for exactly when and where these will be taking place.



Exam Success

Well done to these students who have passed music exams in the past few weeks.

Joseph (Year 7) Grade 2 clarinet with distinction

Chloe (Year 6) - Grade 5 piano

Please make sure Mr Osborne is kept up to date with other exam success so we can share these in future bulletins. If your child is interested in starting instrument lessons. please visit www.musicakirklees.org/

If your child qualifies for free school meals please email mosborne@themast.co.uk to discuss how we can support with the cost of instrument lessons.



This half term we have been reading:

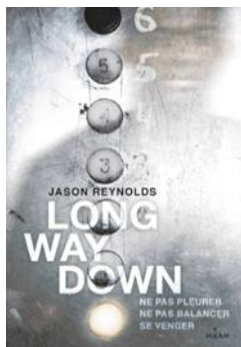


Year 6 are currently reading *The Final Year* by Matt Goodfellow during form time—and it’s already sparked some brilliant conversations. This powerful verse novel follows Nate through his last year of primary school as he faces change, loss, and the pressure of growing up. With honesty, heart and hope, Matt Goodfellow captures what it’s like to be on the edge of something new. A moving, relatable read that’s perfect for this stage of school life.



Told in beautiful, accessible verse, year 7s are reading *Toffee* by Sarah Crossan, is a moving story about identity, memory, and finding kindness in unexpected places. When Allison runs away from home, she ends up hiding out in the house of Marla, an elderly woman with dementia. As their unlikely friendship grows, both characters begin to heal in quiet, powerful ways.

A heartfelt and thought-provoking read that’s perfect for readers who enjoy emotional, character-driven stories.



Year 8 are currently reading *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds - a gripping, thought-provoking novel told entirely in free verse. Set over the course of just 60 seconds, the story follows Will as he rides the lift down from his apartment, gun tucked in his waistband, ready to take revenge. But at each floor, a new ghost from his past steps in, forcing him to question everything he thinks he knows about loyalty, grief, and consequences.

Powerful, fast-paced, and unforgettable—this is a book that gets readers talking.

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Verbal abuse

Online or cyber harassment abuse

Inappropriate language

Bullying, harassment of intimidation

Damage to personal property or premises

Sexual harassment



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Dates For The Diary

Friday 23rd May - Last day of half term

Monday 2nd June - School Closed (Staff Training Day)

Tuesday 3rd June - School re-opens following half term break

Friday 6th June - Year 8 French Trip departs

Monday 9th June - Year 8 French Trip returns