

# Literacy in Action

Welcome to our second edition of Literacy in Action. Reading is a key focus in our school; we want to share why literacy is so important, provide ideas about how to encourage pupils to read, and recommend books that students, staff, and parents may enjoy. This newsletter will provide you with updates and will summarise some of the brilliant work we have carried out in our first and second term of 2021-2022.

This year we were back into full-swing with World Book Day 2022. Thank you to everyone who took part! Take a look at some of the activities from the day...

Here is a selection of our Tutor Group Door competition entries:



2nd Place



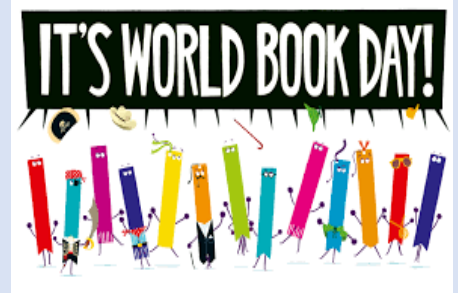
1st Place



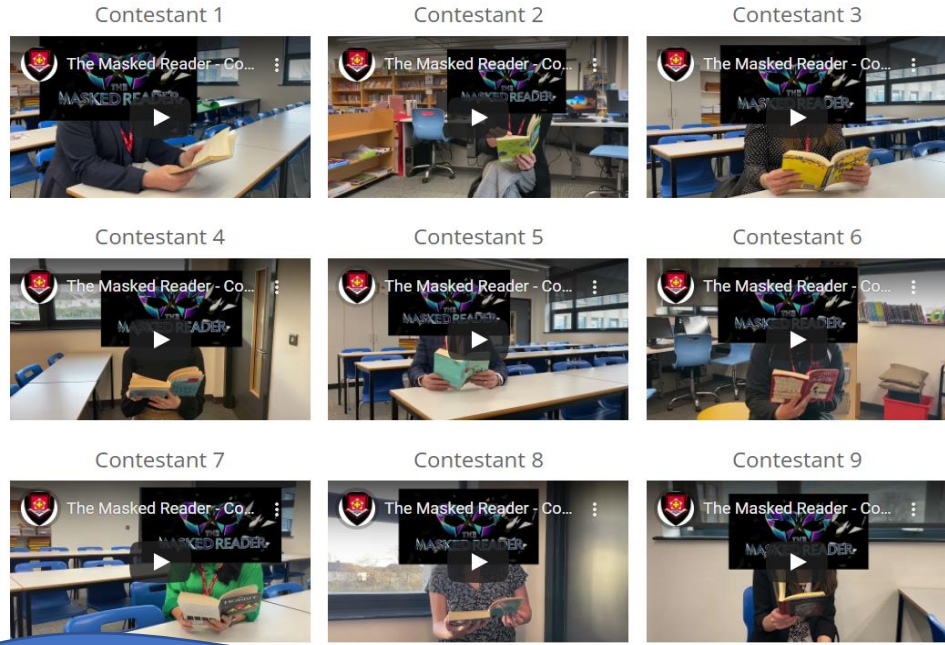
3rd Place

1st Place



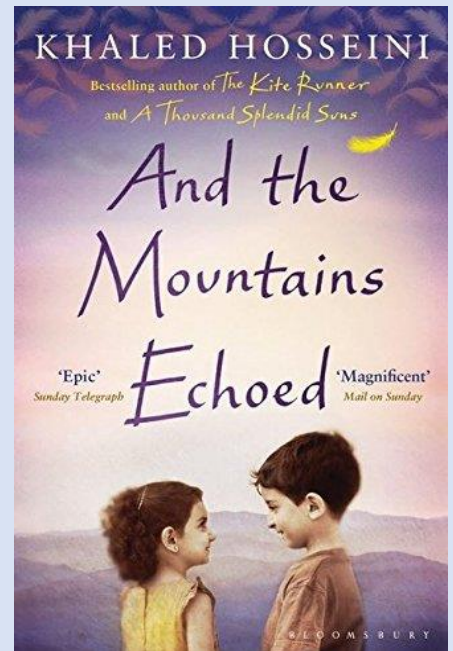


Did you guess who our Masked Readers were? Go to our website to listen to our mystery staff members read from a selection of their favourite books.  
<https://ems.bhcet.org.uk/masked-reader-competition-2022/>



### Five Part Story

Throughout World Book Day, pupils listened to the first chapter of **And The Mountains Echoed** by Khaled Hosseini. The chapter served as a complete story that focused on the adventures of Baba Ayub and the daring rescue of his son, Qais from the clutches of an evil monster. Pupils listened to the story in five parts at the start of each lesson. The story concluded at the end of the day in period 5. **And The Mountains Echoed** is available to borrow from the school library.



Molly McNeany Yr 13



Mr. Meynell



Charlotte McClelland – yr10



Alicia Smith – yr10

The Art Department produced a brilliant forced perspective photography project in celebration of World Book Day. Here is a selection of our students' work from Key Stages 4 and 5.



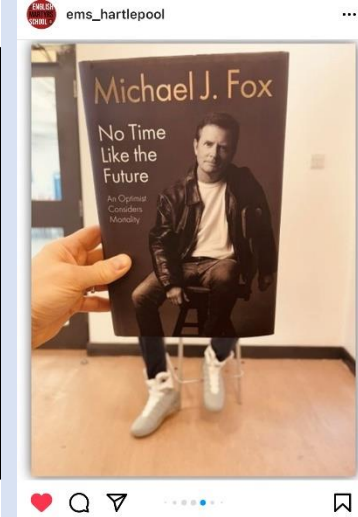
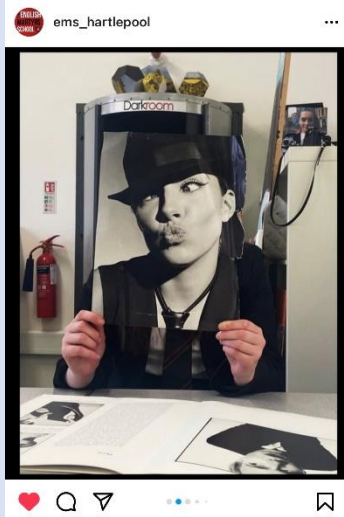
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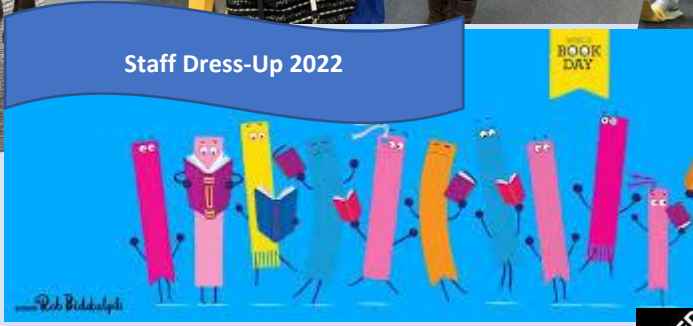


# Bookface

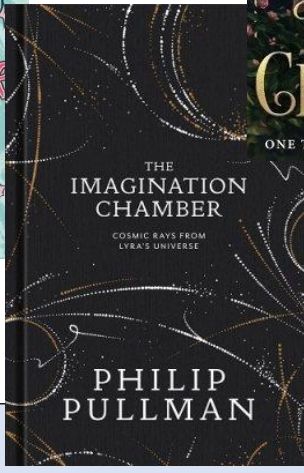
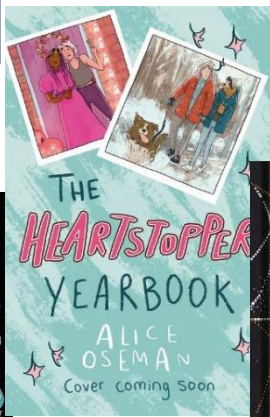
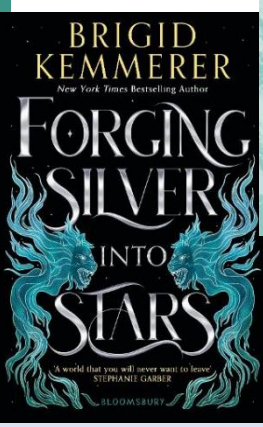
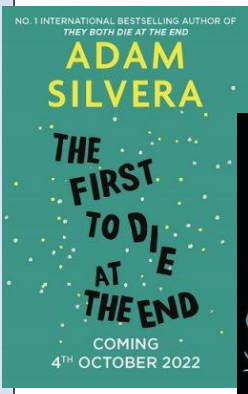


Year 7 were invited to the Library where they made World Book Day bunting and book marks. Special thanks go to our Sixth Form Reading Mentors who facilitated the activities.

A selection of staff dressed up as their favourite literary characters.



## Recommended Reads



















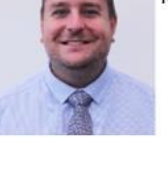



## New Sixth Form Library Opening

Her Majesty’s Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowdon, visited English Martyrs Sixth Form College to open our newly re-furbished sixth form study area. The study area of the sixth form building has been re-designed to give students a dedicated space to work in their time between lessons.



**Reading Books Are Compulsory Equipment**  
All Key Stage 3 students should have a reading book with them every day. This book should be linked to their ZPD.  
*Books should be placed on students’ desks in all lessons.*

 Mrs. Hasan Art	 Mrs. Walsh Health & Social Care	 Mrs. Downing Music	 Mr. Brown Science
 Mrs. Hughes Business Studies	 Mrs. Phenix-Norman History	 Mrs. Spears Nurture & SEND	 Mrs. York Spanish
 Miss Sanderson Food and Textiles	 Mr. Oxberry ICT	 Mr. Glynn PE	 Mrs. Fox English
 Mrs. Evans French and German	 Mrs. Morton Law	 Mrs. Rackstraw Psychology	Each department link is responsible for ensuring that reading, writing, speaking and listening is consistent across the school. Our links helped to create our departmental reading lists that are available on our website.
 Mr. Spoors Geography	 Mr. Murray Maths	 Mrs. Blaylock RE	

### Meet our Departmental Literacy Links



### Reading Buddies: our year 11, 12 and 13 Reading Mentors are doing a tremendous job!

We have had a number of volunteers eager to support our younger students with their reading. Students have been paired up and meet weekly to read together in the Learning Resource Centre. More Key Stage 3 students have joined our mentee cohort this term – welcome to you all!



If you feel your child would benefit from additional support with their reading, they are invited to attend reading intervention after school on Monday or Wednesdays in 1.13 with Mrs Fox from 3:10pm to 3:45pm.

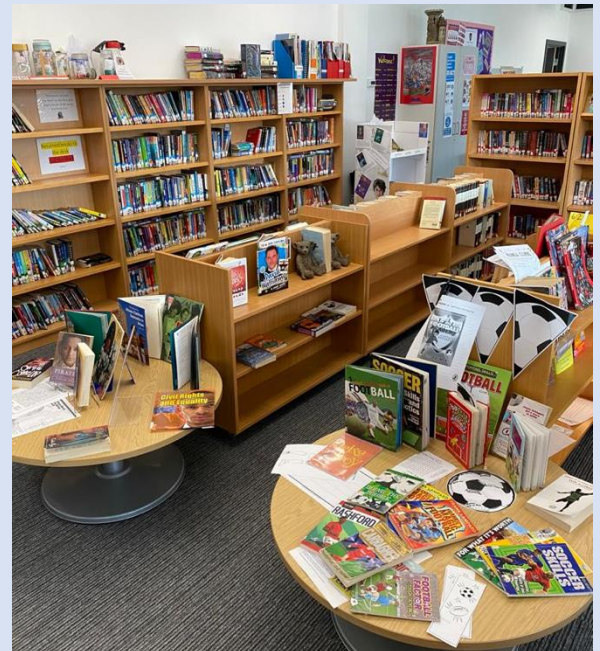
The **Learning Resource Centre** is open to ALL students across ALL Key Stages.

#### What can the LRC (Learning Resource Centre) offer?

- Fiction and non-fiction books for all Key Stages
- A place to read
- 8 computers available for use before school, after school, break times and lunch times
- Quizzes and puzzles
- Newspapers and magazines
- Access to MyON and Accelerated Reader online
- Subject specific reading
- Recommended reading lists

#### When is the LRC open for use?

This half term, the LRC is open from Wednesday morning until Friday after school.



Did you know that all Key Stage 3 students have access to our free online digital library, **MyON**? There are over five thousand different books to choose from. Books are all linked to ZPDs and STAR reading. There are multiple genres and subject areas available to all. Next time you have a chance, log on to MyON on our school computers or at home. Logins and passwords are available on Teams and were handed out by tutors in

September. Just go to [www.myon.co.uk/login](http://www.myon.co.uk/login)

**Student logins are the same ones used to login to the school computers.**

**Student passwords were handed out in tutor group in September and recorded in planners.**

**If students have forgotten their logins they should ask their tutor, or email Mrs Fox at [efox@ems.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:efox@ems.bhcet.org.uk)**



Stories of Women in the 1960s: Fighting for...

Reading level Year 8



Add to Favourites



Stories of Women in World War II: We Can Do It!

Reading level Year 7



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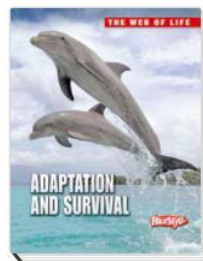


Promoting Health, Preventing Disease

Reading level Year 8



Add to Favourites



Adaptation and Survival

Reading level Year 6



Add to Favourites



Coping With Population Growth

Reading level Year 9



Add to Favourites



Behavior in Living Things

Reading level Year 7



Add to Favourites



All Key Stage 3 students are enrolled onto our Accelerated Reader programme.

At the end of each term, we publish our Accelerated Reader Leader boards. There are three leader boards:

Accuracy, Point Score and Quizzes Passed. The winners receive Amazon gift vouchers. Please congratulate our winners when you see them around school.

Name	Accuracy 2+ Books
1. Annita Oliver	100%
Dean Alicarte	100%
2. Lewis Campbell	98.0%
3. Joe Clark	97.5%
Abigail Hall	97.5%
4. Zoe Hutchinson	95.5%
5. Jia Zhou	93.8%
6. Sarah Cain	93.3%
Ellis Skinner	93.3%
Chase Snowdon	93.3%
7. Zachary Fawcett	92.9%
8. Kidus Enyew	91.1%
9. Jack Ord	90.6%
10. Charlie Llewellyn	90.0%
Scarlett Mason	90.0%
Abisha Pragash	90.0%
Eve Shingles	90.0%

Name	Point score
1. Joe Clark	205.5
2. Jia Zhou	199.1
3. Isaac Arnold-Wright	131.9
4. Zoe Hutchinson	130.6
5. Jack Ord	110.4
6. Sarah Cain	76.2
7. Charlie Llewellyn	57.0
8. Emily Kilburn	54.1
9. Lewis Campbell	51.8
10. Kidus Enyew	44.9

Students received Amazon Gift Vouchers and Achievement Points on ClassCharts.  
Well done to you all!

Name	Books Read & Passed Test
1. Jia Zhou	34
2. Jack Ord	16
Abisha Pragash	16
3. Joe Clark	14
4. Zoe Hutchinson	11
Isaac Arnold-Wright	11
5. Kidus Enyew	9
6. Zachary Fawcett	7
7. Sarah Cain	6
Joshua Ridgeway	6
8. Lewis Campbell	5
Jared Wilkinson	5
Emily Kilburn	5
9. Charlie Llewellyn	4
Jacob Davis	4



[www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk)

Students can use this website to find the ZPD of a book they've brought from home. Look under 'BL' for Book Level.

RENAISSANCE® RENAISSANCE Accelerated Reader™

### Taking an Accelerated Reader Quiz

The ultimate steps to achieving amazing Accelerated Reader results.



#### 1 Choose a book within your ZPD

- Check that it is in your ZPD range
- Look at the cover
- Read the blurb
- Look for authors you like
- Read the introduction
- Read the first page



#### 2 Read your book

- Read for 25 minutes everyday
- Record what you're reading in your reading log



#### 3 Search for the quiz

- Go to your Renaissance Place and **select** Accelerated Reader, type in the book's quiz number and click **Search**
- You can find the quiz number on the **AR label**
- **Select** how you read this book
- Click **Start Quiz**



#### 4 Take the quiz

- You will have 3, 5, 10 or 20 questions to answer
- Read the question and all four answers
- Ask a teacher to explain a question you don't understand.
- There are no time limits
- Click on the stars to rate the book
- Check your TOPS result



#### Look at your TOPS Report



##### 100% score

This book was comfortable for you, perhaps try a book higher up in your ZPD range next time

##### 90% score

This book was perfect for you. Perhaps try one or two book levels higher or longer next time.

##### 80% score

This book was a little difficult for you. Perhaps choose one or two book levels lower next time.

##### 70% score

This book was quite challenging for you. Perhaps try a book at the beginning of your ZPD range next time.

##### 60% or below

This book was too challenging. Perhaps try a book at the beginning of your ZPD or speak to your teacher for help.

# NOTHING MORE TO TELL

KAREN M. McMANUS

THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *ONE OF US IS LYING*



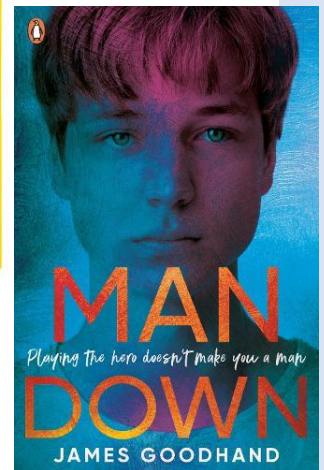
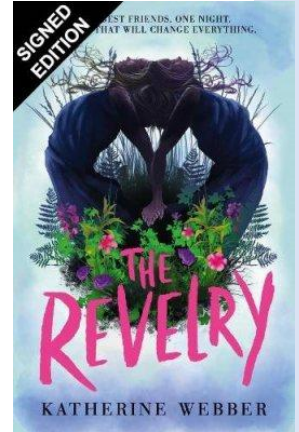
COMING AUTUMN 2022

FRIENDS LIKE THESE

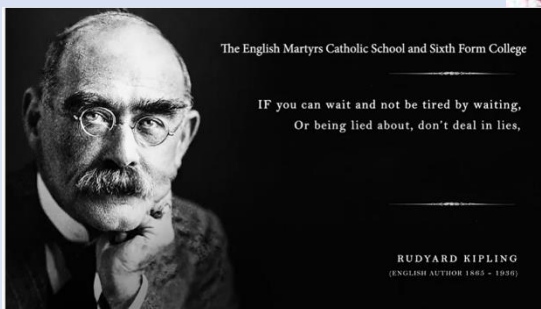
COVER COMING SOON

MEG ROSOFF

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We celebrated **World Poetry Day** on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Students across all Key Stages listened to a selection of poetry throughout the day. Poetry was displayed in the Dining Hall and on our screens.



Thanks to the MFL Department and to our students who volunteered to read 'If' by Rudyard Kipling for our multi-lingual presentation. Listen to the reading online here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68QNr3TNmCo>

If you have any questions relating to anything Literacy related, or if you have queries relating to anything printed in our newsletter, please feel free to contact me via email at [efox@ems.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:efox@ems.bhcet.org.uk). **Emma Fox**, Literacy Co-ordinator and Teacher of English.