



The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College



Literacy Newsletter — Term 3 — July 2024



Reading Rewards!

Students have really enjoyed earning their Reading Rewards this term and being able to use our book vending machine. We have given out 66 books this term to our Key Stage Three top readers!



Our Librarians



Our student librarians have been an amazing help this year. They have helped with everything from organising new books to supporting with author visits with our feeder schools.

Their commitment and dedication is a true testament to the school. Here, they are showing what they plan to be reading over the summer holidays. What will be your summer read this year?



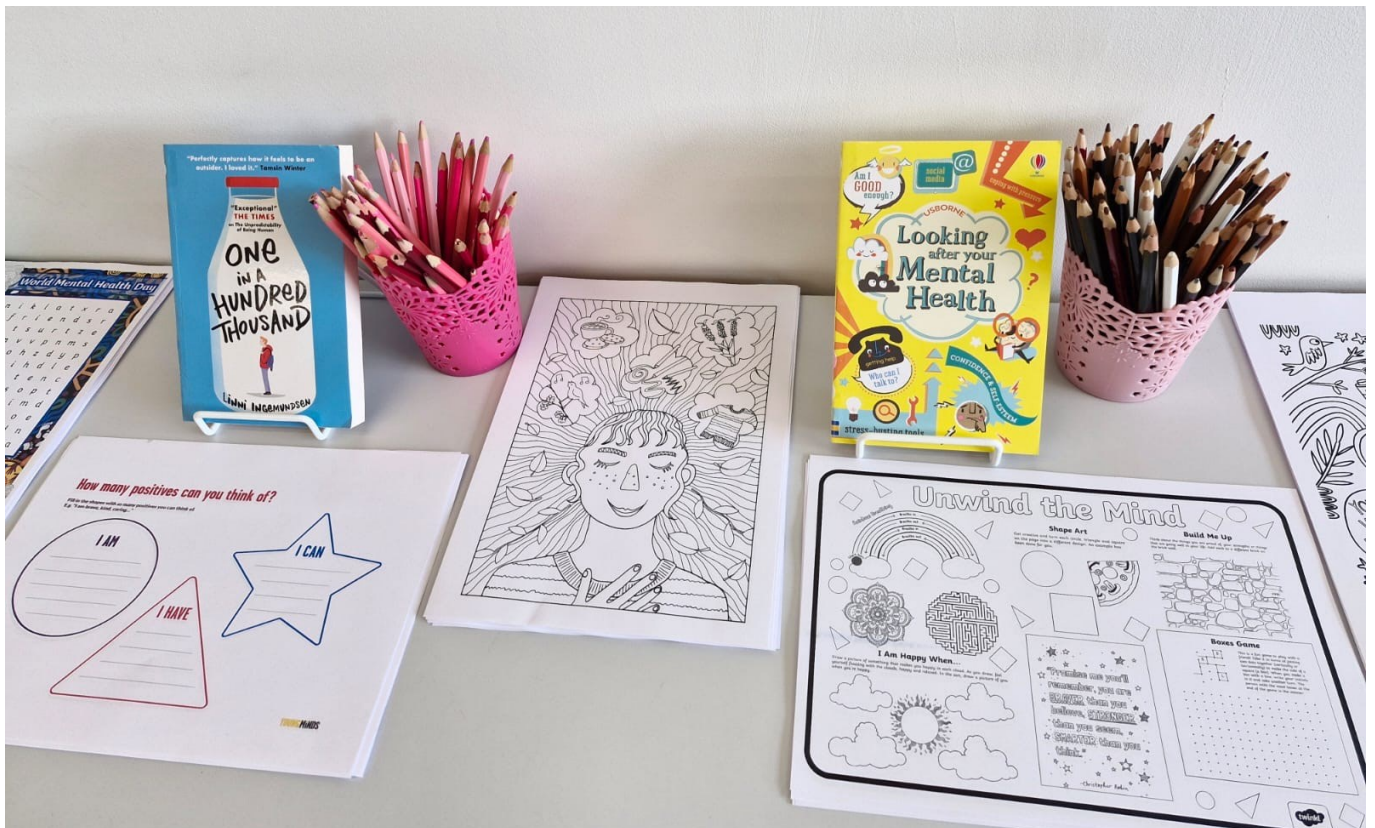
Book Fair

We held our first Scholastic Book Fair this term. It was a real success and earned lots of free books for our library too. We have planned more dates for next term!





World Mental Health Week



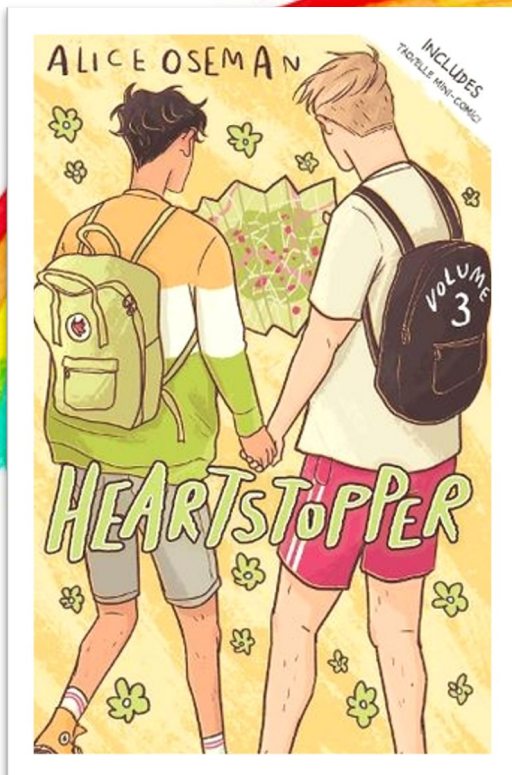
It was World Mental Health Awareness Week on 13th—19th May. We did a 'Wear it Green Day' with lots of mindful colouring and a well being reading section.



Inclusion & Identify



This month, we have explored the themes of Inclusion and Identity. Students have been discussing key topics linked to this, including protected characteristics.



A Recommended Read from one of our Librarians,

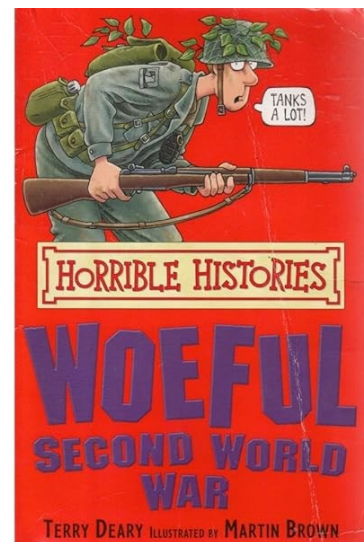
Heartstopper
by Alice Oseman



D-Day 80th

June 6th 2024, marked the 80th anniversary of the start of Operation Overlord, which was launched by the unprecedented D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy. Students engaged with two stories of men from Hartlepool who served in D-Day in their Period 4 reading slot. We also had a display with further reading in the library.

A Recommended Read from one of our Librarians, Harry.
Horrible Histories
Woeful Second World War





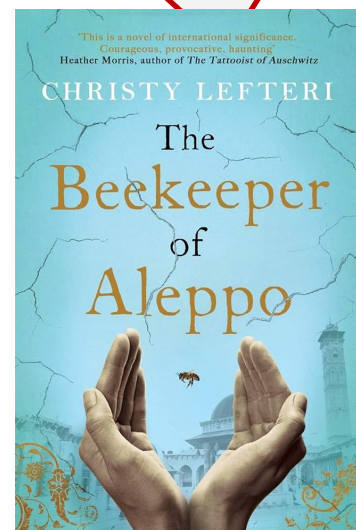
National Refugee Day

We have explored the theme of 'National Refugee Week' and we had lots of exciting reading and activities in both libraries. Students also explored refugee-based poetry in their Period 4 and Form Time reading slots



A Recommended Read from one of our Teachers, Mrs Hannah.

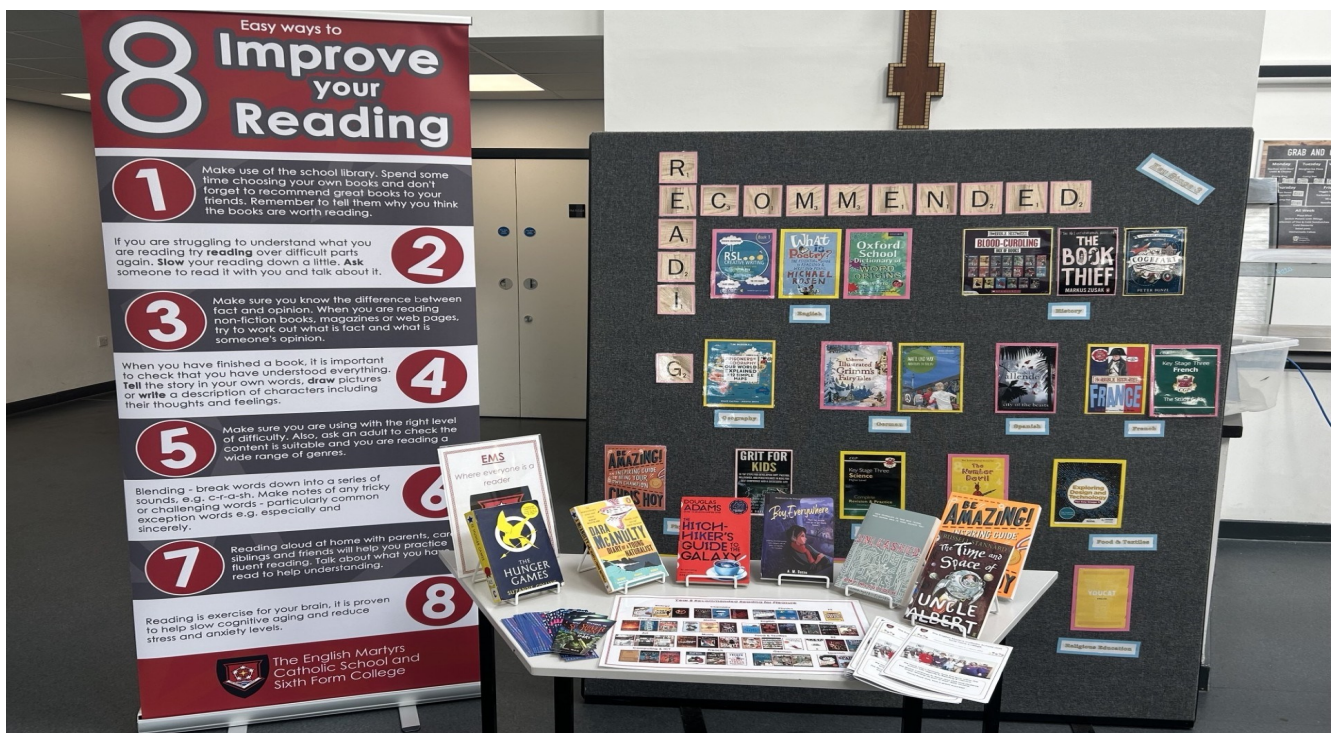
'The Beekeeper of Aleppo' by Christy Lefteri





Recommended Reading

All departments have identified key books for each year group. These are mapped out across the curriculum. Disciplinary reading boards are visible at all parent's evenings, open evenings and information evening. They are also available for parents to view on the website. Library Borrowing for Recommended Reads per subject this half term: KS3—328 KS4—247.





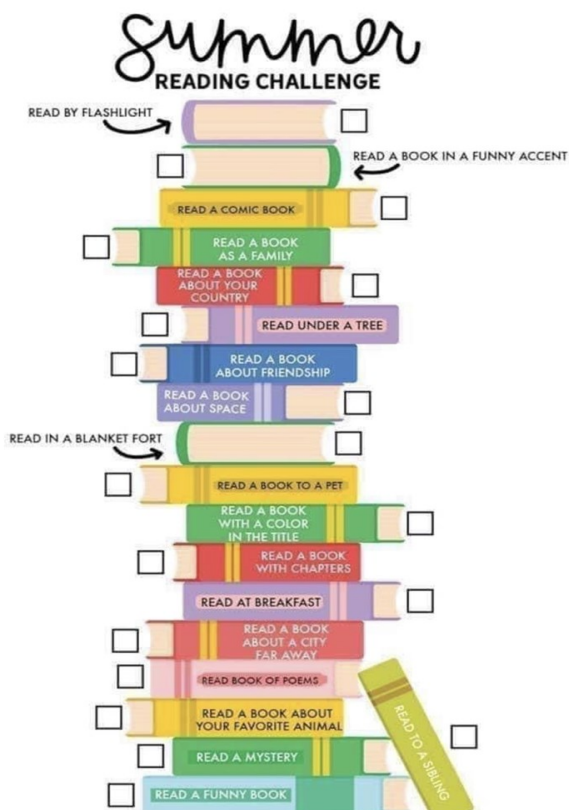
Summer Reading

We are launching a summer reading challenge for all students!

Can you tick off all the reading tasks on your bookmark over the 6 weeks holidays?

To win a prize:

1. Send in a picture of yourself completing one/some of the tasks. Literacy@ems.bhcet.org.uk
2. Bring back a completed bookmark to the Library in September.



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. 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.

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Summer Reading

Year 6 Transition

Book Title: Furthermoor

Author: Darren Simpson

Synopsis: A Monster Calls meets Coraline, in this spellbinding story about the power of the imagination. The real world is a hostile place for twelve-year-old Bren, his schooldays stalked by vicious bully, Shaun, and his family life fractured at home. Ever since his sister Evie died in an accident, Bren's only safe space is Furthermoor, an imagined world of mechanised trees and clockwork animals, where Evie is still alive. In Furthermoor, no one can hurt Bren...until the mysterious Featherly arrives. Now Bren is forced to confront his deepest fears and decide if his place in the real world is worth fighting for. Enter a world as vast and dark as your imagination, in this unforgettable coming-of-age story about courage, friendship and finding your voice.

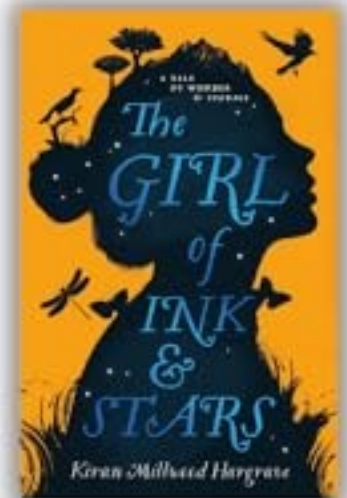


KS3

Book Title: The Girl of Ink and Stars

Author: Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Synopsis: The Girl of Ink and Stars is a story of myth, magic and the power of friendship. Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her father once mapped. When a girl from the village disappears into the island's Forgotten Territories, Isabella and her lifelong friend Pablo go in search of her.





Summer Reading

KS4

Book Title: The Kissing Booth

Author: Beth Reekles

Synopsis: Meet Rochelle Evans: pretty, popular--and never been kissed. Meet Noah Flynn: badass, volatile--and a total player. And also Elle's best friend's older brother... When Elle decides to run a kissing booth for the school's Spring Carnival, she locks lips with Noah and her life is turned upside down. Her head says to keep away, but her heart wants to draw closer--this romance seems far from fairy tale and headed for heartbreak. But will Elle get her happily ever after?

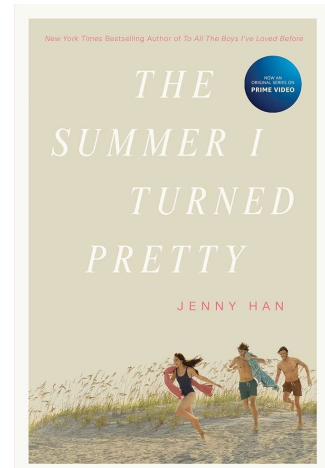


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Book Title: The Summer I Turned Pretty

Author: Jenny Han

Synopsis: Belly measures her life in summers. Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August. Winters are simply a time to count the weeks until the next summer, a place away from the beach house, away from Susannah, and most importantly, away from Jeremiah and Conrad. They are the boys that Belly has known since her very first summer--they have been her brother figures, her crushes, and everything in between. But one summer, one wonderful and terrible summer, the more everything changes, the more it all ends up just the way it should have been all along.



Staff

Book Title: Beach Read

Author: Emily Henry

Synopsis: January is a hopeless romantic who narrates her life like she's the lead in a blockbuster movie. Gus is a serious literary type who thinks true love is a fairy-tale. But January and Gus have more in common than you'd think: They're both broke. They've got crippling writer's block. And they need to write bestsellers before summer ends. The result? A bet to swap genres and see who gets published first. The risk? In telling each other's stories, their worlds might be changed entirely...

