

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH – MICHAEL MORPURGO

Michael Morpurgo is an English author who is known best for children's books such as 'War Horse', 'Private Peaceful' and 'The Butterfly Lion'. He writes fiction books based on actual events. When he left school he joined the army, but decided it wasn't for him. He then went back to university to train as a primary teacher. Whilst teaching, he started writing his own books before becoming a full-time author. He has now written over 120 books.

Throughout April, the library's focus will be this author's books. Why not pop in for some inspiration?

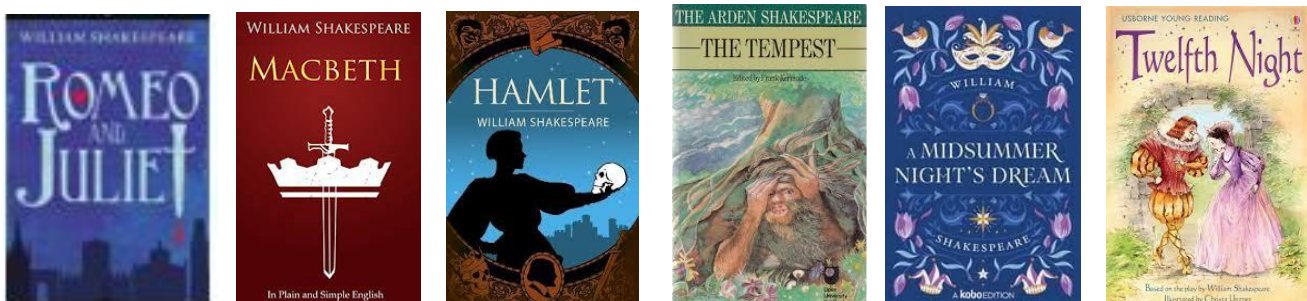


Happy birthday, William Shakespeare!

This is a time to remember the achievements of William Shakespeare. He was born in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, in April 1564. **The exact date of his birth is not recorded, but it is most often celebrated around the world on 23rd April.**

The celebrations are usually focussed in Shakespeare's birthplace of Stratford-on-Avon in Warwickshire, and consist of events and a parade in the town.

Some of his most famous plays include 'Romeo and Juliet', 'Macbeth' and 'Hamlet.' And where would your English lessons be without Shakespeare?



BORROWBOX APP

The Borrowbox free app has now been installed on all pupils iPads. On the app, you can borrow a wide range eBooks, audiobooks, comics and newspapers. The app, which is run by Blackburn with Darwen libraries, works in the same way as an actual library, where books are loaned for 2 weeks. Pupils can renew their books and reserve titles, which are currently on loan to other members of the public.

Pupils will register for the app in English lessons, but we would be grateful to parents if you could promote this app with your children.

If your child is already registered with Blackburn Library, they can log into the app with their membership number and PIN number.



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TOP READERS

Pupils in Years 7-9 Q band are rewarded for passing quizzes on the books they have read. They receive certificates once they have read the number of words below:

Bronze - 10,000

Gold - 50,000

Sapphire - 250,000

Amethyst - 750,000

Silver - 25,000

Ruby - 100,000

Emerald - 500,000

Millionaire - 1,000,000

We have our second 'Word Millionaire' - Alisha from 8Q1

Alisha will choose a book of her choice as a reward.

The following pupils are also close to reaching the amazing 'Millionaire' milestone:

Wania (7Q2) has read over 660,000 words!

Tayyaba (8Q2) has read over 620,000 words!



SPONSORED READATHON

During World Book Day week, (Mon 27th Feb - Fri 3rd March) pupils in Year 7 took part in a sponsored 'Readathon.'

Pupils raised a fantastic £171.50, which will be donated to the local charity 'My Wellbeing'. This charity was established to raise awareness about young people's mental health.

The charity uses the sponsor money to provide key rings that show who to contact for support with mental health; books that encourage young people to open up about their feelings and water bottles, to share the idea of 'not bottling up' feelings.

Thank you to anyone who donated sponsor money!

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

We were delighted to host our 'Scholastic' book fair in the school library on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st March. The book fair, which was open all year groups at break and lunchtimes, was a hive of activity and pupils were excited to browse the shelves of the fair and look at the wonderful titles on offer.

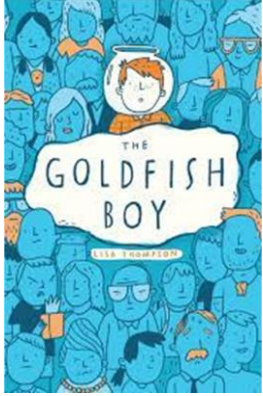
Pupils were then able to purchase books from the online book fair throughout the Easter holidays.



KS3 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Why not reserve these books with Mrs Hanson to avoid missing out?

YEAR 7



The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

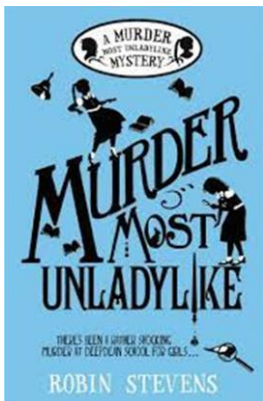
Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business.

Until the day he is the last person to see his next-door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing.

Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance - with the help of a brilliant cast of supporting characters.

Page-turning, heart-breaking, but ultimately life-affirming, this story is perfect for fans of Can You See Me, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time and Wonder.

YEAR 8



Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens

When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't.)

Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She assumes it was a terrible accident – but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place.

Determined to get to the bottom of the crime before the killer strikes again (and before the police can get there first, naturally), Hazel and Daisy must hunt for evidence, spy on their suspects and use all the cunning and intuition they can muster. But will they succeed? And can their friendship stand the test?

There are 9 other books in the series.

You do not need to read them in order but it is recommended that you read this book first to get to know all the characters.

KS4 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Don't allow these books to leave the shelves – Get your reservations in!

YEAR 9



Renegades by Marrisa Meyer

Secret identities. Extraordinary powers.
She wants vengeance. He wants justice.

The Renegades are a syndicate of prodigies—humans with extraordinary abilities – who emerged from the ruins of a crumbled society and established peace and order where chaos reigned. As champions of justice, they remain a symbol of hope and courage to everyone . . . except the villains they once overthrew.

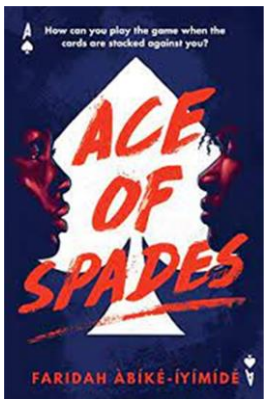
Nova has a reason to hate the Renegades, and she is on a mission for vengeance. As she gets closer to her target, she meets Adrian, a Renegade boy who believes in justice—and in Nova. But Nova's allegiance is to a villain who has the power to end them both.

The trilogy also includes:

- Archenemies
- Supernova

YEAR 10

AND 11



Ace of Spades by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé

Hello, Niveus High. It's me. Who am I? That's not important. All you need to know is...I'm here to divide and conquer. - Aces

Welcome to Niveus Private Academy, where money paves the hallways, and the students are never less than perfect. Until now. Because anonymous texter, Aces, is revealing the darkest secrets of two students.

Talented musician Devon buries himself in rehearsals, but he can't escape the spotlight when his private photos go public.

Head girl Chiamaka isn't afraid to get what she wants, but soon everyone will know the price she has paid for power.

Someone is out to get them both. Someone who holds all the aces. And they're planning much more than a high-school game...

Read a brilliant book recently? Recommend it through Mrs Hanson today

LIBRARY NOTICES

The library is open to all year groups at **breaktimes and lunchtimes each day**. Pupils can use the library for completing homework, quiet reading or to play a range of games. Library books can also be taken out or returned during this time.

Mrs Hanson has purchased a range of new board games which can be played in the library at lunchtimes. These are proving very popular!

HOMEWORK CLUB

Did you know that the library is open after school for pupils to complete homework?

MONDAY 3PM – 4PM

TUESDAY 3PM – 4PM

WEDNESDAY 3PM – 4PM

THURSDAY 3PM – 4PM

FRIDAY 3PM – 3:30PM

LIBRARY BOOKS

The library is being used by pupils from all year groups on a regular basis during English lessons as well as breaktime and lunchtime.

The data below shows the lending rates for each year group in each month this term as well as the total for the Autumn term (September – December).

	Total Books borrowed Term 1	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Total Books borrowed Term 2
Year 7	1544	528	219	331	1078
Year 8	605	230	92	156	478
Year 9	468	132	68	84	284
Year 10	156	39	20	30	89
Year 11	93	18	3	13	34
TOTAL	2539	947	402	614	1963

Super work Year 7!

However, with all this use, it means we often have to chase overdue books! We currently have 977 overdue library books.

Please can you ask your child to bring back any books that you have at home? If your child would like to continue reading their book, they simply need to get it renewed and stamped again.