

WORLD BOOK DAY

DECORATE A DOOR COMPETITION

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2 MARCH 2023

Year 7, 8 & 9 tutor groups produced some amazing, creative doors for our annual 'Decorate a Door' competition for World Book Day. Well done to all involved!

This competition involves tutor groups decorating their classroom door to represent a book of their choice.

The winners were:

Year 7

1st - MCR - Murder in Midwinter

2nd - RCA - Tom Gates

3rd - SHM - Charlotte's Web

Year 8

1st - JBA - The Explorer

2nd - GBI - Captain Underpants

3rd - SWR - Sherlock Holmes



Year 9

1st - SMU - The BFG

2nd - AZA - Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

3rd - SRO - Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Special Awards

Most Creative and Iconic - 8MRO - Alice in Wonderland

Outstanding Literary Contribution - SP group - Oliver Twist

Outstanding Staff Contribution - Mrs Patel - The Secret Garden



WORLD BOOK DAY EVENTS

World Book Day was Thursday 2nd March. As part of the celebrations, we had a wide range of activities taking place.

Borrowbox online library app

We were delighted to welcome Angela from Blackburn library into school to talk to the KS3 pupils about the app, Borrowbox. This is a free app where you can borrow books from eBooks, to comics and newspapers. Pupils will sign up to the app in English lessons but we would be grateful to parents if you could promote this app with your children.



Everybody Reads

As part of the World Book Day celebrations, all pupils took part in the 'Everybody Reads' event.

Pupils were treated to a short extract of five amazing KS3 or KS4 texts along with the trailer of the film/TV series of the book throughout the day.

Each lesson, teachers read a different text to their classes and pupils completed book reviews to express their opinions of each book.

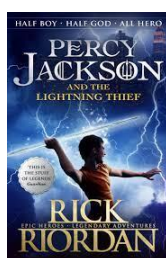
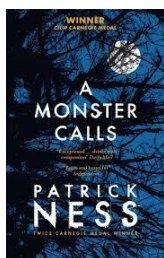
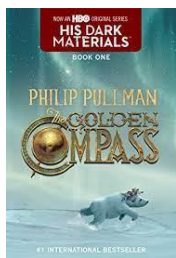
The event was thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and pupils. Discussions about the books even continued into the next day and pupils are now eager to read the rest.

“It was a good experience because I got to read books from different genres” **Maariyah Year 10**

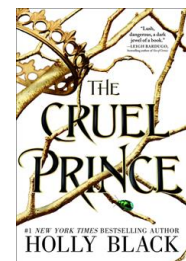
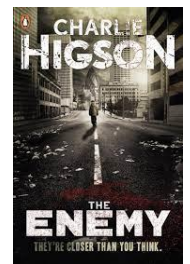
“Pupils really enjoyed it because they got a chance to experience texts that they would not normally come across” **Mr Livesey, PE teacher**

Pupils enjoyed the following books:

Years 7, 8 & 9



Years 10 & 11



LIVE AUTHOR EVENTS

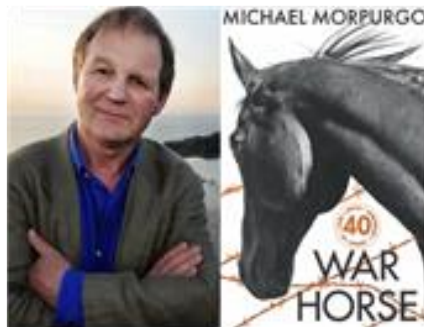
Michael Morpurgo

Year 8 pupils had the opportunity to watch a live reading event with the famous author Michael Morpurgo. This formed part of the many activities we enjoyed for World Book Day.

Celebrating 40 years since the first publication of 'War Horse' in 1982, Michael read extracts from his book and recalled how he was inspired by accounts told directly to him by First World War veterans and by witnessing first-hand the connection between animals and a young boy at his 'Farms for City Children' charity founded by himself and his wife.

'War Horse' is a powerful story of friendship and humanity on both sides of the war, which follows Joey the horse from the fields of Devon to the deadly chaos of the trenches during the First World War.

Ms Kaye, English teacher and Assistant headteacher said "Morpurgo proved just as fascinating an orator as he is a writer. Our pupils were captivated about his tales and inspirations for War Horse."

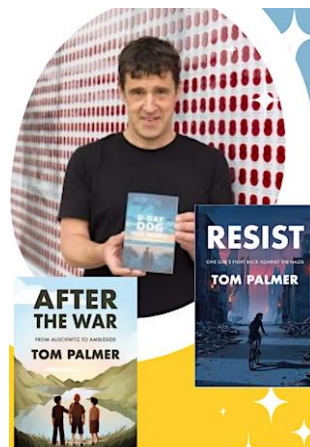


Tom Palmer

The Anne Frank Trust hosted an online event for our Year 7 pupils with the award-winning children's author, Tom Palmer to mark World Book Day.

Tom has written over 57 books about history, spies and sport. His newest book "Resist" looks at how the brutal Second World War stretches on with no end in sight. Life for ordinary Dutch people in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands is fraught with peril and hardship. But what can a teenage girl do and how much risk is she willing to take?

Throughout the event, we explored what resistance is and also looked at writing for resistance as Anne Frank herself did. Tom also treated us to a reading from his book.



YEAR 7 READATHON

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

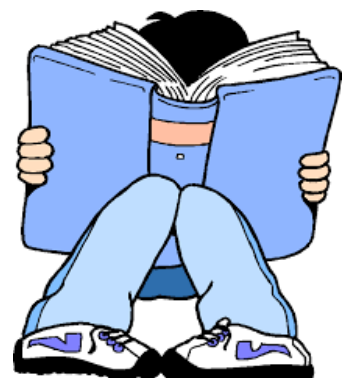
Any money raised will be donated to the local charity 'My Wellbeing', which has been set up to support raising awareness about young people's mental health.

Mental wellbeing is always high on the agenda at Pleckgate, as is reading for pleasure. As part of their ongoing education about mental health, pupils in Year 7 heard the moving story of a local primary headteacher who is raising awareness through her work in the field of adolescent mental wellbeing.

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

To help support this important work, so that it can continue to impact the lives of our young people, pupils were able to choose to read whatever they wanted from fiction to non-fiction books as well as comics, recipe books or magazines – it was all about reading for fun.

Sponsor money can still be paid into school in cash or via ParentPay until Friday 31st March.



YEAR 8 READATHON

During World Book Day week, (Mon 27th Feb - Fri 3rd March) Year 8 pupils took part in a sponsored 'Readathon.'

Any money raised will be donated to the charity 'Read for Good.' The charity provides a regular supply of brand-new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

School will also receive 20% of the money raised to spend on books for our own library.

Pupils chose to whatever they wanted from fiction to non-fiction books as well as comics, recipe books or magazines – it was all about reading for fun.

We are asking family and friends to sponsor pupils. The sponsor money can be paid into school by parents via ParentPay.

The video below explains more.



We hope that you will support our child and help us to raise as much as we can for this fantastic charity!

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SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

We are excited to be holding a 'Scholastic' book fair in the school library. The fair will run take place on the following dates:

- **Thursday 30th**
- **Friday 31st March**
- **Monday 17th**
- **Tuesday 18th April.**

The book fair will be **open to all year groups.**

Buying books in school

Pupils will be able to buy books before and after school from the library, as well as in reading lessons from Thursday 30th March until Tuesday 18th April. Books can only be bought directly from the book fair with cash.

Ordering books from home

The available books in the book fair can be seen by clicking on this link <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/tt>. This link will also be sent home to parents via email along with a letter explaining how the book fair will work.

Online orders can be made on the Scholastic website by clicking on this link <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1259184> and entering the amount you have spent. **The online payment system will open on Friday 17th March and close on Friday 14th April at 12pm.**

You also need to email the list of books that you want to order to Mrs Hanson at dhanson@pleckgate.com **by Monday 17th April** so that this can be matched up with your online payment.

We receive commission for all sales that can be spent on more books for the library, so the more books we sell the better!



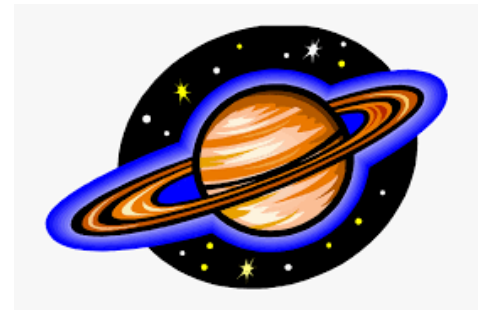
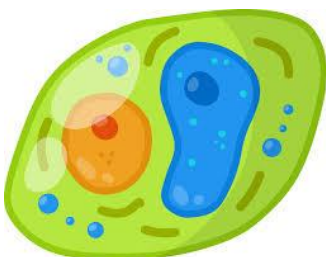
BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

10th – 19th March



British Science Week, run by the British Science Association, is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, featuring entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages.

During this week, students will have the opportunity to borrow our amazing range of books focussing on science, technology, inventions and maths.



Accelerated™
Reader

TOP READERS

Pupils in Years 7-9 Q band are rewarded for passing quizzes on the books they have read and 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

Several pupils have achieved the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Ruby or Sapphire awards in February.

Last month we had our first 'Word Millionaire', Hadia from Year 8.

Who else can reach 1 million before Easter? Our possible contenders are:

Alisha 8Q1 who has read over 885,000 words

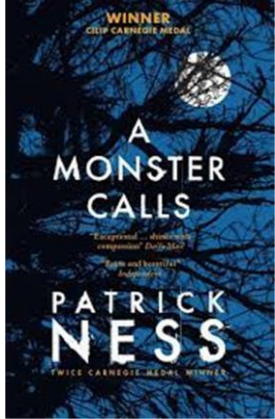
Wania 7Q2 who has read over 625,000 words

Tayyaba 8Q2 who has read over 620,000 words

KS3 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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

YEAR 7

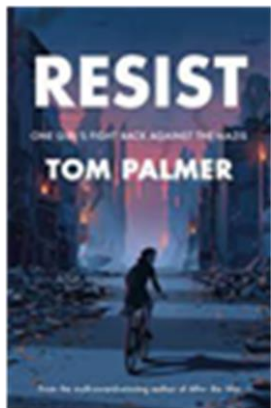


A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

The bestselling novel and major film about love, loss and hope from the twice Carnegie Medal-winning Patrick Ness.

Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth. Patrick Ness takes the final idea of the late, award-winning writer Siobhan Dowd and weaves an extraordinary and heart-breaking tale of mischief, healing and above all, the courage it takes to survive.

YEAR 8



Resist by Tom Palmer

Award-winning author Tom Palmer shines a light on the incredible work of the WWII Dutch resistance, in a story inspired by the childhood of Hollywood legend Audrey Hepburn.

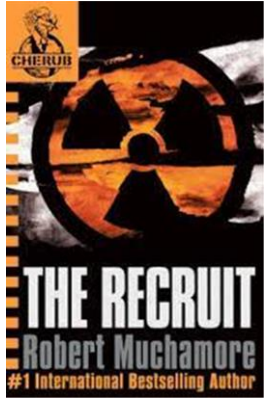
As the brutal Second World War stretches on with no end in sight, life for ordinary Dutch people in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands is fraught with peril and hardship. There is very little to eat and the population lives under the constant threat of arrest and enslavement.

After the murder of her beloved uncle and the capture of her brother by the Germans, Edda is determined to do anything she can to help the resistance fight back against their oppressors. But what can a teenage girl do and how much risk is she willing to take?

KS4 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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

YEAR 9



The Recruit by Robert Muchamore

A terrorist doesn't let strangers in her flat because they might be undercover police or intelligence agents, but her children bring their mates home and they run all over the place. The terrorist doesn't know that one of these kids has bugged every room in her house, made copies of all her computer files and stolen her address book. The kid works for CHERUB.

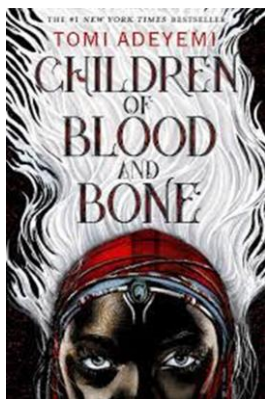
CHERUB agents are aged between ten and seventeen. They live in the real world, slipping under adult radar and getting information that sends criminals and terrorists to jail.

For official purposes, these children do not exist.

This is the first book in the Cherub series

YEAR 10

AND 11



Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

Tomi Adeyemi conjures a stunning world of dark magic and danger in her West African-inspired fantasy debut Children of Blood and Bone. Winner of the Tonight Show Summer Reads with Jimmy Fallon.

They killed my mother.
They took our magic.
They tried to bury us.
Now we rise.

The sequel to this book is Children of Virtue and Vengeance

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

LIBRARY NOTICES

The library is now 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

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	Total Books borrowed Term 2
Year 7	1544	528	219	747
Year 8	605	230	92	322
Year 9	468	132	68	200
Year 10	156	39	20	59
Year 11	93	18	3	21
TOTAL	2539	947	402	1349

Super work Year 7!

However, with all this use, it means we often have to chase overdue books! We currently have 838 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.