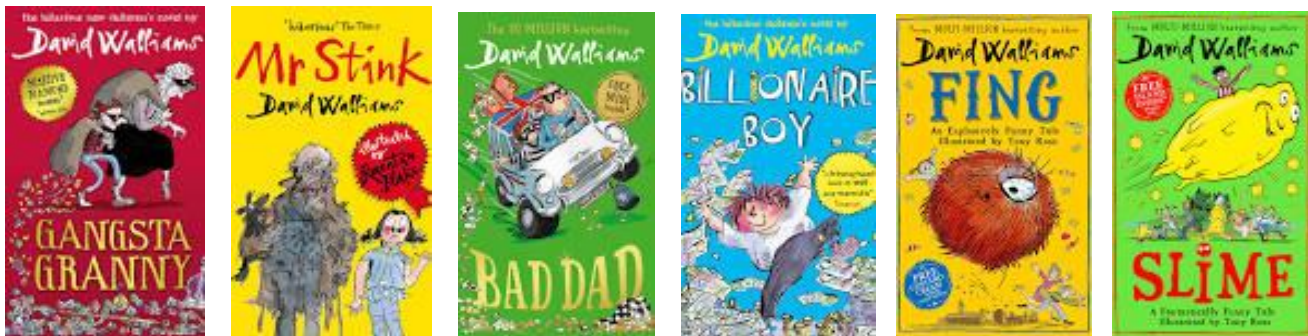




AUTHOR OF THE MONTH – DAVID WALLIAMS

David Walliams is an English writer, comedian, actor and television personality. He began writing children's novels in 2008 after securing a contract with the publisher Harper Collins. His books have been translated into 53 languages, and he has been described as "the fastest-growing children's author in the UK", with a literary style compared to that of Roald Dahl. Some of his books have been adapted into television films, which he has also appeared in, including Mr Stink, Gangsta Granny and Billionaire Boy.

Throughout this month, we will be promoting his books in the library.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

15th - 21st May

The aim of this week is to educate the public about mental health issues and to promote better mental health. This year's theme is 'anxiety and loneliness', during this week we encourage you to build meaningful connections with your friends, family, colleagues and communities.

Throughout this week the library will be focusing on books promoting better Mental Health.





Following our recent Star reading tests a large number of pupils in Years 7-9 Q band have increased their reading age by several months.

A special mention goes to the following pupils:

Fayez 7Q1 - increased by 3yrs 4mths

Tayyaba 8Q2 - increased by 3yrs

Isla 7Q1 - increased by 2yr 8mths

Hadia 8Q2 - increased by 2yrs 8mths

Avais 8Q2 - increased by 2yrs 6mths

Iqra 9Q3 - increased by 2yrs 3mths

Bismah 7Q2 - increased by 2yrs 1mth

Lacey 8Q6 - increased by 2yrs 1mth

Amelia 9Q2 - increased by 2yrs

Ameerah 9Q2 - increased by 2yrs

Imaan 9Q2 - increased by 1yr 11mths

Sameer 7Q1 – increased by 1yr 10mths

Hirah 8Q3 - increased by 1yr 10mths

Muhamad-Danis 9Q2 - increased by 1yr 9mths

Mohammad 9Q1 - increased by 1yr 8mths

Iman 9Q4 - increased by 1yr 8mths

Muhammad 7Q4 - increased by 1yr 7mths

Muskan - increased by 1yr 7mths

Ibraheem 9Q1 - increased by 3yrs 3mths

Aidan 8Q2 - increased by 2yrs 9mths

Hadia 8Q4 - increased by 2yrs 8mths

Yara - increased by 2yrs 6mths

Sanaa 9Q2 - increased by 2yrs 4mths

Bilal 7Q4 - increased by 2yrs 1mth

Mustafa 8Q6 - increased by 2yrs 1mth

Mohammad 9Q3 - increased by 2yrs 1mth

Aamina 8Q3 - increased by 2yrs

Iman 7Q1 - increased by 1yr 11mths

Safaa 7Q2 - increased by 1yr 10mths

Ayesha 8Q1 - increased by 1yr 10mths

Imran 9Q4 - increased by 1yr 10mths

Daud 8Q3 - increased by 1yr 9mths

Fida 8Q4 - increased by 1yr 8mths

Adam 7Q2 - increased by 1yr 7mths

Alayna 9Q3 - increased by 1yr 7mths

Zahra 8Q1 - increased by 1yr 7mths

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

TERM 2 RAFFLE WINNERS

Each term Mrs Hanson runs a raffle for those students who have passed quizzes at 60% or more. Each time a student passes 5 quizzes they are entered into the raffle. The more quizzes they pass, the more times they are entered. Each of the winners will receive an Amazon voucher.

Last term's winners are:

Stefan 7Q2

Syed 8Q1

Mohammed 9Q1

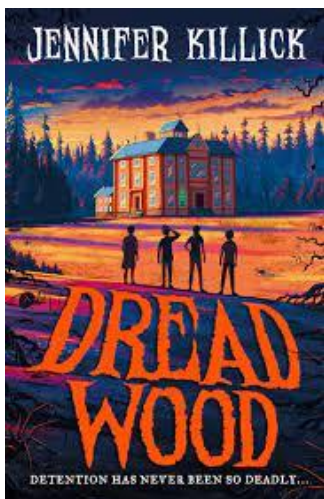
BOLTON BOOK AWARDS

Back in October 2022 we were delighted to announce that several pupils in Year 7P band were taking part in the Bolton Book Awards, which are organised by Bolton School.

12 of these pupils read the required 3 of the 6 shortlisted books and voted for their favourites at the beginning of May.



As a group, pupils decided that 'Dreadwood' by Jennifer Killick should be our school's winning book.



It's basically the worst school detention ever. When classmates (but not mate-mates) Hallie, Angelo, Gustav and Naira are forced to come to school on a SATURDAY, they think things can't get much worse. But they're wrong. Things are about to get seriously scary.

What has dragged their teacher underground? Why do the creepy caretakers keep humming the tune to Itsy Bitsy Spider? And what horrors lurk in the shadows, getting stronger and meaner every minute . . .? Cut off from help and in danger each time they touch the ground, the gang's only hope is to work together. But it's no coincidence that they're all there on detention. Someone has been watching and plotting and is out for revenge . . .

"Jennifer Killick's talent for horror and humour is blended brilliantly here as the spiky dialogue, unstoppable pace and genuinely menacing atmosphere build to a tremendous climax"– Daily Mail

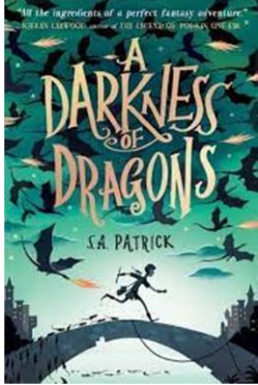
Our votes will be collated with those from numerous other schools taking part and an overall winner will be announced. We will attend the awards ceremony at Bolton School in July, where students will have the opportunity to meet the winning author.

How exciting is that?

KS3 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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

YEAR 7



A Darkness of Dragons by S.A Patrick

Patch Brightwater is a boy in disgrace. Thrown in jail for playing a forbidden spell, he is no one's idea of a hero. But then he discovers a deadly truth - the evil Piper of Hamelyn is on the loose. With the help of Wren, a girl cursed to live as a rat, and Barver, a fire-breathing dracogriff, Patch must stop the Piper sparking the biggest battle of them all.

The trilogy also includes:

- A Vanishing of Griffins
- A Thunder of Monsters

YEAR 8



Oh My Gods by Alexandra Sheppard

Life as a half-mortal teenager should be epic.

But, for Helen Thomas, it's tragic.

She's just moved in with her dorky dad and self-absorbed older siblings - who just happen to be Greek gods, living incognito in London! It's hard not to feel inferior when your older sister is Aphrodite, queen of beauty and massive star of social media. Not to mention introducing a boy to your dad when he's really Zeus.

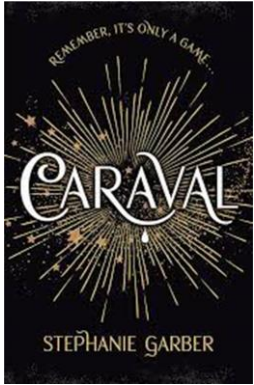
Between keeping her family's true identities secret, trying to impress her new friends, and meeting Marco, an actually cute boy, Helen's stress levels are higher than Mount Olympus.

Especially as it seems like someone is determined to expose the family secret and have them banished from the mortal world.

KS4 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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

YEAR 9



Caraval by Stephanie Garber

Scarlett has never left the tiny isle of Trisda, pining from afar for the wonder of Caraval, a once-a-year week-long performance where the audience participates in the show. Caraval is Magic. Mystery. Adventure. And for Scarlett and her beloved sister Tella it represents freedom and an escape from their ruthless, abusive father. When the sisters' long-awaited invitations to Caraval finally arrive, it seems their dreams have come true. But no sooner have they arrived than Tella vanishes, kidnapped by the show's mastermind organiser, Legend.

The trilogy also includes:

- **Legendary**
- **Finale**

YEAR 10

AND 11



Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

From award-winning, bestselling author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam of the Exonerated Five comes a powerful YA novel in verse about a boy who is wrongfully incarcerated. Perfect for fans of the Noughts & Crosses series and The Hate U Give.

One fateful night, an altercation in a gentrifying neighbourhood escalates into tragedy. 'Boys just being boys' turns out to be true only when those boys are white.

Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal Shahid's bright future is upended: he is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. This never should have been his story. But can he change it?

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 Spring term 2 (January – March).

Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Total Books borrowed Term 2	Apr 2023
528	219	363	1110	118
230	92	170	492	34
132	68	102	302	23
39	20	33	92	12
18	3	24	45	5
947	402	692	2041	192

Super work Year 7!

However, with all this use, it means we often have to chase overdue books! We currently have 846 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.