

Bury and Whitefield's Reading Newsletter



Introduction

Welcome back to Bury and Whitefield's reading newsletter; your home for all things 'book-ish'. A key reading event in April is 'World Book Night', which is a national celebration of reading held on 23rd April. This year's theme is 'books that make you smile' which I think is a perfect theme for this month's newsletter. Whether they be books with happy endings or humorous books, I hope you find something that makes you smile as wide as the Cheshire Cat. Enjoy!

Thank you to those of you that sent me pictures of your children celebrating World Book Day. I have really enjoyed receiving your pictures and messages in response to the monthly themes and would love this to continue. With this in my mind, feel free to send me pictures of your children enjoying their books or even a message with your favourite joke. Here's Araya enjoying a book in her "secret place".



Reading at BWJPS

At Bury and Whitefield, we understand the importance of reading and aim to develop fluent readers who not only can read but enjoy reading. These wish lists are frequently updated to avoid multiple copies being purchased and to ensure they consistently offer an up-to-date selection. As always, our wish lists can be found on your child's class page (on our school website) or in this newsletter.

EYFS: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/>

Y1: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2PS0FETXIL21C...>

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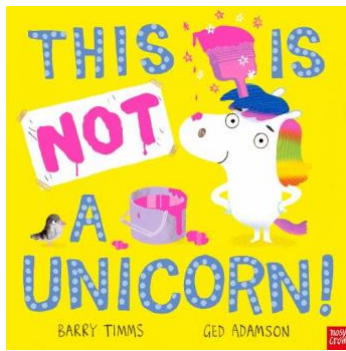
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“I read for pleasure and that’s the moment I learn the most.” –M. Atwood



EYFS Recommendation

This Is Not A Unicorn (Barry Timms)

Personally, I think the cover alone sells this but...

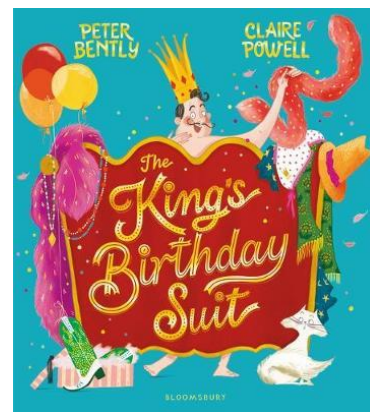
Get ready for a magical and hilarious adventure about the most fantastic unicorn EVER! This unicorn has a horn that can turn into the most incredible things: a magic wand, a helicopter, even a space rocket. With wonderful wordplay and a funny and sweet friendship at its heart, this is NOT a unicorn book to be missed.

Years 1 and 2 Recommendation

The King's Birthday Suit (Peter Bently)

King Albert-Horatio-Otto the Third had so many clothes it was simply absurd...So when two seemingly well-meaning fabric merchants promise to make an outfit of only the very best and most special cloth, King A-H-T the Third simply cannot resist. He MUST have these new clothes! Are these tailors genuine or will the King end up looking red-cheeked?

This hilarious retelling of 'The Emperor's New Clothes' will not only make children laugh, but also encourage them to think and speak up for what they believe.

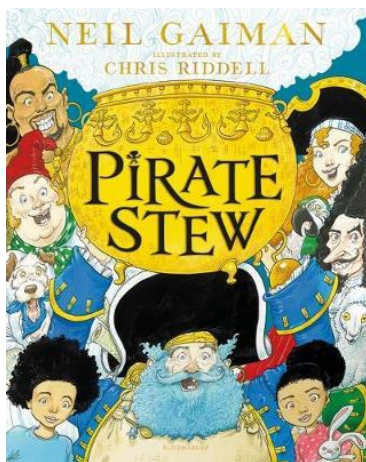


Years 3 and 4 Recommendation

Pirate Stew (Neil Gaiman)

This swaggering story begins when a brother and sister are introduced to their babysitter, a certain scar-faced, grey-haired, peg-legged ship's cook called Long John McRon. Moments after their parents have left, Long John opens the door to an entire crew of hungry pitates so he does what any respectable ship's cook would: he cooks up 'Pirate Stew'!

Reminiscent of Dr Seuss' 'The Cat in the Hat', this witty feast of vibrant characters and rambunctious rhymes creates an uplifting and enjoyable book for all who read it.

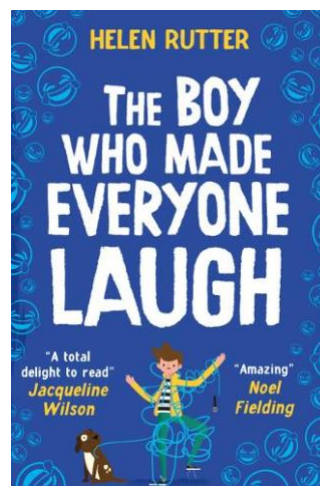


Years 5 and 6 Recommendation

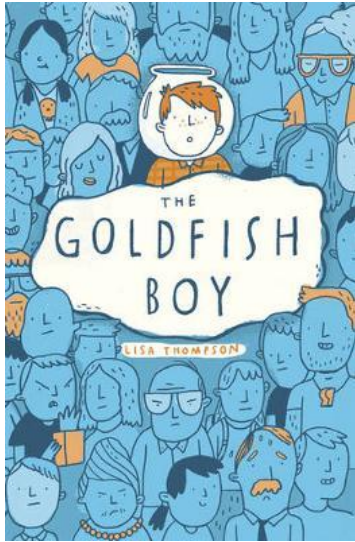
The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh (Helen Rutter)

Billy likes nothing more than making and performing jokes and dreams that one day he will be a famous stand-up comedian. But Billy has a stammer and it can be hard for him to get a joke out quickly enough. To top this off, he is about to start high school and is afraid he will get bullied because of his stammer. Billy thinks of all kinds of schemes to avoid speaking but how can he show his great sense of humour if he never dares to speak?

Both touching and funny, this is a brilliant story about being brave, different and learning that being you is what really matters.



Miss Pereira's Books of the Month



Children's Fiction

The Goldfish Boy (Lisa Thompson) – 9+

Again, I have taken my inspiration from an avid reader at BWJPS: Harry in Year 5. As a result, there are a number of children – and adults – now reading this so enjoy.

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.

Adult's Fiction

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine (Gail Honeyman)

Eleanor Oliphant has learned how to survive but not how to live. She leads a simple life, wears the same clothes to work every day, eats the same meal deal and buys the same two bottles of vodka to drink every weekend. Eleanor is happy. Nothing is missing from her carefully timetabled life. Except, sometimes, everything.

It has been a while since I have read a book in one-sitting but I could not put this down. Instantly, I was captivated by Eleanor's oddities. A beautifully written tale of a person finding their way in the world; it champions everyday courage and the importance of friendship in a world where people are increasingly isolated. A gentle reminder of how small acts of kindness can change a person's life.

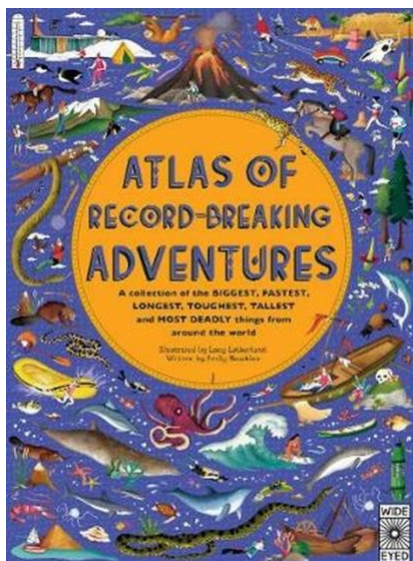


Children's and Adult's Non-Fiction

Atlas of Record-Breaking Adventures (Emily Hawkins)

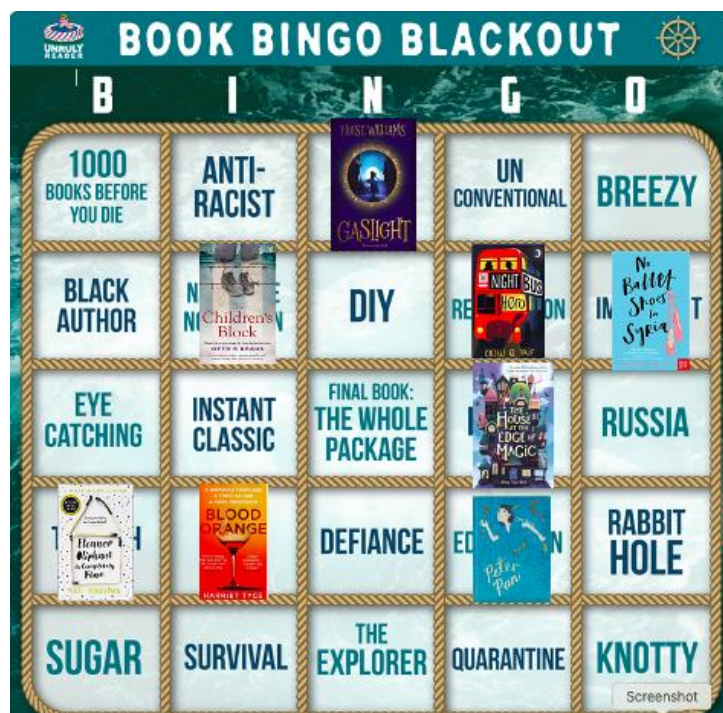
Nature is full of record-breaking adventures which are brought to life in the detailed and dramatic illustrations that fill every inch of the large scale book. It is a gold mine of information as it takes readers on a world tour of astonishing achievements. There's the fastest land animal – the cheetah from Botswana – or the hottest place on Earth – Ethiopia.

With over 30 scenes to explore, adventurers will find hundreds of things to spot, with facts about our astonishing planet to learn on every page. The richly detailed illustrations by Lucy Letherland bring every adventure to life – as well as some quirky characters hiding among all the excitement. Get ready to be astonished.



“The pleasure of reading is doubled when one lives with another who shares the same books.” – Katherine Mansfield

Reading Challenge Update



Slightly better month for reading, achieved only by the fact I simply could not put Honeyman's 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' down; hence it being my book of the month. William's 'Gaslight' was also a good little read for children in UKS2. I'm starting to struggle with some of the remaining categories, specifically 'Defiance' which is a book with a protest as its central theme. If you have any suggestions for this, I would love to hear them!

Category	Title	Rating
Quest	Gaslight (Eloise Williams) (age 9+)	4/5
Noir	Blood Orange (Harriet Tyce) (18+)	2.5/5
Triumph	Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine (Gail Honeyman) (18+)	4/5

World Book Day

It was brilliant to see so many of you celebrating World Book Day, despite us being in lockdown. There were some brilliant costumes! Here are some pictures from those children in school.



World Book Day Celebrations

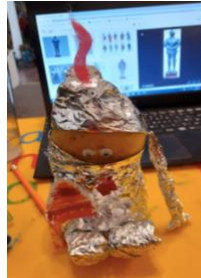
For World Book Day, we hosted a competition that had two different strands: create a potato character or cook up a meal inspired by a book. We had an abundance of amazing entries, making the judging extremely difficult. So much so that some year groups had to have two winners! Here they are:



EYFS – George



EYFS – Sacha



Y1 – Laythen



Y2 – James



Y3 – Joseph



Y4 – Belle



Y5 – Jessica



Y6 – Adina



Y6 – Mia

Two of our children – Asher (Y4) and Mischa (Y6) – sent pictures of their World Book Day outfits to the authors who inspired them. Excitingly, both authors responded to the tweets as you can see below. This is a brilliant example of how books and authors can inspire our children. Please keep these coming!



“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” – Dr. Seuss



Jewish Studies Book of the Month

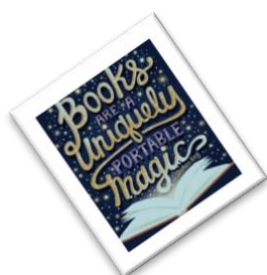
Sadie’s Lag Ba’Omer Mystery (Jamie Korngold)



Sadie and her little brother, Ori, know all about Hanukkah and Passover and Purim, but La Ba’omer is a mystery to them. With the help of their grandfather and other adults, they discover the history and traditions of this minor holiday. *Sadie’s Lag Ba’Omer Mystery* is a great introduction to the holiday. Young children can relate to Sadie and Ori and their ‘detective work’ as they uncover information. The colourful illustrations invite readers into the action, from studying with Rabbi Shimon in a cave in the Roman era to singing by a campfire today.

Upcoming Events

<p>International Children’s Book Day</p> <p>2nd April</p>	<p>International Children’s Book Day is a yearly event sponsored by the International Board on Books for Young People, an international non-profit organisation. Founded in 1976, the day is observed on or around Hans Christian Andersen’s birthday. Use this opportunity to celebrate books from around the globe or read ‘The Music of Words’ on https://bit.ly/2PvftMd</p>
<p>Booker Shortlist Announced</p> <p>22nd April</p>	<p>The Man Booker International Prize reveals the shortlist of the six books in contention for the prize – announced in June. These will derive from the existing longlist, which you can see here: https://bit.ly/3rMtbYe</p> <p>This celebrates the finest works of translated fiction from around the world so why not explore these as a family or choose one as your own read.</p>
<p>World Book Night</p> <p>23rd April</p>	<p>World Book Night is a national celebration of reading and books that takes place annually. Everyone from publishers to librarians, local businesses to the general public can get involved to celebrate the difference that reading makes to people’s lives. The aim? Get more people reading! This year is the World Book Night’s 10th anniversary and will be celebrating through the theme of ‘books that make you smile’. For more information and the range of events on offer, go to: https://bit.ly/3wjYNrL</p>



Happy reading!
Miss Pereira

