



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first Library Newsletter of the year! Whether you are a Year 7 just starting or a student returning after four years at Henry Beaufort you are most welcome to visit the library, and we can't wait to say hello. We have study space, magazines, an extensive and refreshed non-fiction selection and lots of new fiction to tempt you. Do come along to meet us and have a browse.

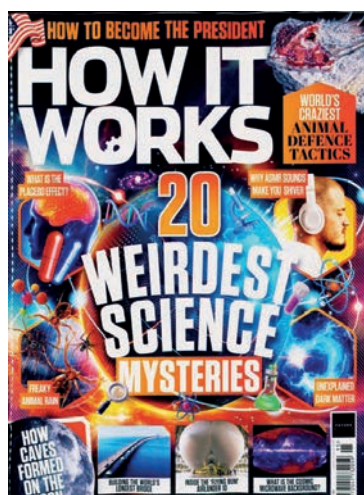
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NEWS AND EVENTS

A FOCUS ON MAGAZINES

We have some amazing magazines in the library to suit everyone's tastes, with new editions arriving every month! Here is a short selection...

- **Four Four Two**
A great read for all you football fans out there. You can read articles about managers such as Arne Slot the new Liverpool coach and players such as Kylian Mbappe and Obafemi Martins
- **How it Works**
A perfect read for technology lovers. Do you know how an aeroplane escape hatch works?
- **Dinosaur Action**
For younger readers who love their Diplodocus!
- **Top Gear**
For those students who love their cars and dream of owning a Ferrari
- **Empire**
You can read the latest film review or find out more about stars such as Seth Rogen and Scarlett Johansson





STUDENT LIBRARIANS' BOOK OF THE HALF TERM

Skandar & The Unicorn Thief by A. F. Steadman

Chosen by Hannah W

Thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith has only ever wanted to be a unicorn rider. To be one of the lucky few selected to hatch a unicorn. To bond with it for life; to train together and race for glory; to be a hero.

But just as Skandar's dream is about to come true, things start to take a more dangerous turn than he could ever have imagined. A dark and twisted enemy has stolen the Island's most powerful unicorn – and as the threat grows ever closer, Skandar discovers a secret that could blow apart his world forever...

I recommend this book because it is action and fun packed. It is very intense and has a lot of plot twists. Unicorns as you've never seen them before! It is one of my favourite books and there are three others in the series.

Hannah



STUDENT LIBRARIANS

We have a new Student Librarian team for this year as we say goodbye and thank you to last year's Student Librarians. We welcome back Laura, who will be our Senior Student Librarian and welcome several new members to the team. Congratulations to all of you for your successful appointments.

2024-25 Senior Student Librarian:

Laura S

2024-25 Student Librarians:

Tyler F

Sophie A

Grace E-B

Nwamaka C

Megan B

Ava S

Robert G

Abigail R

Hannah W

Amelia B

Billy W





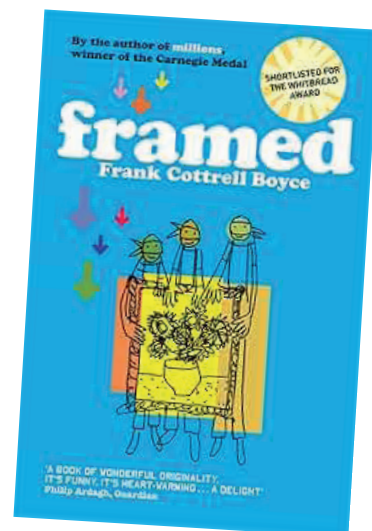
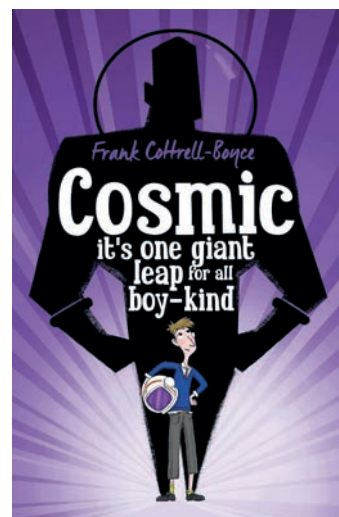
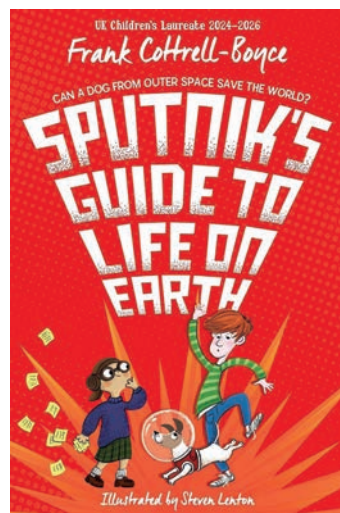
AUTHOR OF THE HALF TERM

Frank Cottrell-Boyce is a multi award-winning children's book author and screenwriter. Millions, his debut children's novel, won the prestigious CILIP Carnegie Medal.

His other books include Cosmic, Framed, The Astounding Broccoli Boy, Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth, Run-away Robot, Noah's Gold and The Wonder Brothers. His books have been shortlisted for a multitude of prizes, including the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, the Whitbread Children's Fiction Award, The Roald Dahl Funny Prize and the Blue Peter Book Award.

Frank is also a highly successful screenwriter. He has written for the TV series Dr Who and his script for Michael Morpurgo's Kensuke's Kingdom won a British Animation Award. Along with Danny Boyle, he devised the Opening Ceremony for the London 2012 Olympics. Frank has been the judge for the 500 Words competition and the BBC's One Show As You Write It competition.

In July 2024 he was appointed as Children's Laureate, succeeding Joseph Coelho. The Children's Laureate is a prestigious position awarded in the United Kingdom once every two years to a "writer or illustrator of children's books to celebrate outstanding achievement in their field." The role promotes the importance of children's literature, reading, creativity and storytelling while promoting the right of every child to enjoy a lifetime of books and stories.





POEM OF THE MONTH

Fall, Leaves, Fall
by Emily Brontë

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.
I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

This is a beautiful poem by Emily Brontë. I think it is remarkable that she lived so long ago and yet she paints a picture which we can all readily identify with- she caught the transition from summer to autumn to so perfectly and with great economy. There is also a perfect depiction of the quality of winter light and those days which never truly brighten.





MRS PAINE'S RECOMMENDED READS

Trick or Treat yourself to one of these hauntingly good reads this spooky season!

Deadman Tells The Spooky Tales by Franco

Ever had the feeling that you were being watched? Ever taken a dark shortcut on the way home? Wondered what might just be living under your bed? Well, Deadman knows...has always known...and he's here to shed some light on those spine-tingling adventures and things that go bump in the night.

Tag along with DC's favourite ghost host as he navigates the spooky, strange, and unexplained in this eerie 13-tale anthology!

Ghost Tide by Jim Cockin

Don't open the box, warned the old man. But Charlie can't help himself... A stirring spine-chiller, *Ghost Tide* is a spooky, unforgettable tale of restless spirits and youthful heroism.

Bite Risk by S. J. Wills

Sel Archer lives in a normal town with normal residents, except for one night a month . . . When the full moon comes out, almost all of the adults turn into werewolves, and it's up to the young people to protect themselves from danger.

But, as this quiet life begins to unravel, and the Turned start to escape, can Sel and his friends uncover exactly who – or what – is watching their every move, before it's too late?

The Witchery by S. Isabelle

In this multiperspective fantasy, an apprentice witch is invited to join a powerful group of young witches, each with distinct powers and pasts, and together they try to stop a curse that plagues their town.

Welcome to Camp Killer by Cynthia Murphy

When an American-style residential camp is set up in the grounds of an English stately home, the teenage camp counsellors are looking forward to a fun summer of activities.

But right from the outset, things don't feel quite right at Camp Miller. Rumours circulate of a tragedy that took place in the grounds and there are unexplained sightings of a ghostly presence.

Then the incidents begin - a near-drowning out on the lake, a fatal fall from a cliff-face... are these tragic accidents or is there something more sinister going on at Camp Killer?

