



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first library newsletter of 2024! Firstly, I would like to introduce myself as the new Monday – Thursday librarian here at The Henry Beaufort School. It has been wonderful to see so many of you already using the amazing resources we have in the library and I look forward to meeting many more of you soon. I'm always on the lookout for new books to read so if you have one you think I should try, please come in and let me know.

We have got such an exciting half term coming up that I thought we would start this newsletter off with the news and events section because it is jam packed! We also have the student librarian's book of the half term, an article on our author of the half term and Mrs Smallwood has picked out a wonderful poem about fresh starts which is perfect for the start of a new year.

Happy Reading!
Mrs Paine

NEWS AND EVENTS

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from Wednesday 28th February until Monday 4th March in the library. Students will be able to browse and purchase books at break and lunch times on those days. The fair is open to all students and will have over 200 titles to choose from priced from £2.99 featuring authors such as Alice Oseman, Holly Jackson, Marcus Rashford and more!

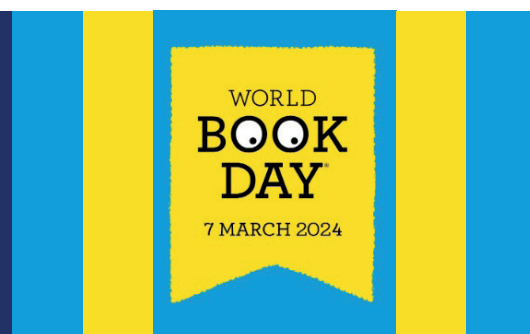
The poster is for a Scholastic Book Fair. At the top, it says 'SCHOLASTIC' in a red box and 'TRAVELLING BOOKS' with a small logo. Below this, the main text reads 'COME TO THE BOOK FAIR' in large, stylized letters, followed by 'and earn FREE BOOKS for our school*'. The bottom of the poster features four book covers: 'Taylor Swift: The Essential Fanbook', 'Blood Flowers' by Jay McGuinness, 'Heartstopper Volume 5' by Alice Oseman, and 'Marcus Rashford Heroes: How to Turn Inspiration into Action' written with Carl Anka. The background is green with red roses and a red cityscape illustration.



NEWS AND EVENTS CONTINUED

World Book Day 2024

We don't have long to wait until World Book Day on Thursday 7th March so keep your eyes peeled for more information on the fun and exciting events we are planning in the library and all the details on how you can take part!



Design a National Book Token Competition

National Book Tokens' annual DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN competition is back, inviting children of all ages to get creative and share their love for books and reading by designing their own fabulous gift cards!

The winning entrants will receive HUNDREDS of pounds worth of National Book Tokens for their school and themselves. PLUS, the overall winner will get a £10 National Book Token in their winning design for every child in their class!

This year's theme is 'Read Your Way'. Every reader is different, and there's no right or wrong way to enjoy reading. Think about what reading looks like for you, and what it can look like for others. Remember to create your design with this theme in mind – and think about what might make you choose your design to give to a friend as a present. Make it as colourful and eye-catching as possible.

To enter please come to the library to collect a template to draw your design on and then hand it back in by MONDAY 25TH MARCH.



New Library Layout

After half term you will notice some big changes as we refresh the layout to give the library an exciting revamp. There will be some major furniture moves as well as some more subtle changes. Pop in during break or lunch-times to see what we've done. We would love to get your feedback on what you think of the new updates so do let us know when you are in the library. Please bear with us as we get everything back up and running and in the right place.



STUDENT LIBRARIANS' BOOK OF THE HALF TERM

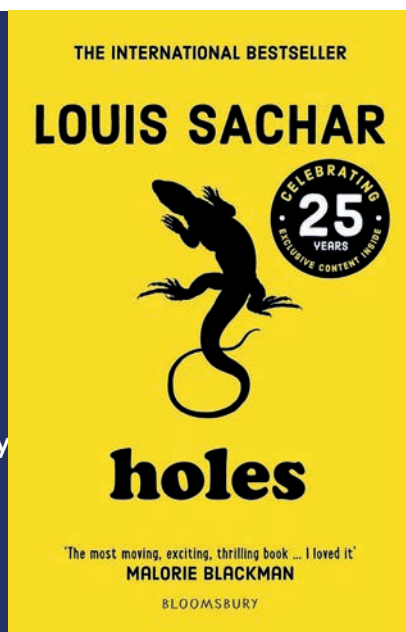
Holes by Louis Sachar

Chosen by Edward T & Cristian T

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. Why? The evil warden claims that it's character building, but this is a lie. It's up to Stanley to dig up the truth.

The reason why we think this book is the book of the half term is because it is very enjoyable and fun to read when you have nothing to do. It is also an exciting book with lots of adventures.

Hope you enjoy!!!



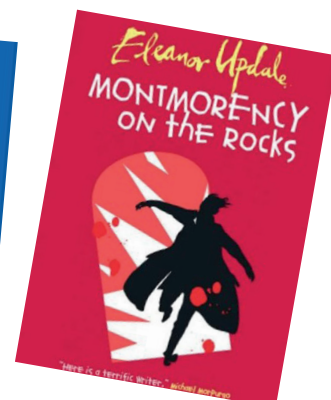
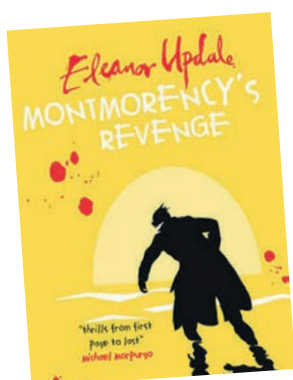
AUTHOR OF THE HALF TERM

Eleanor Updale

Eleanor Updale was born in London and won a first-class degree in history at Oxford University. She decided to become a writer because of her love for writing. She often writes at odd times, during the night /early morning or whenever she can steal some time.

Eleanor enjoys reading different authors for different moods including Jane Austen, P.D James and Daphne Du Maurier. Her favourite children's author is Anne Fine.

Eleanor Updale's own books include Montmorency, which won the Blue Peter 'Book I couldn't Put Down' Award 2004, Montmorency on the Rocks and Montmorency and the Assassins. These are historical novels based in late Nineteenth Century London. She developed the idea for the stories after telling her children stories at bedtime.

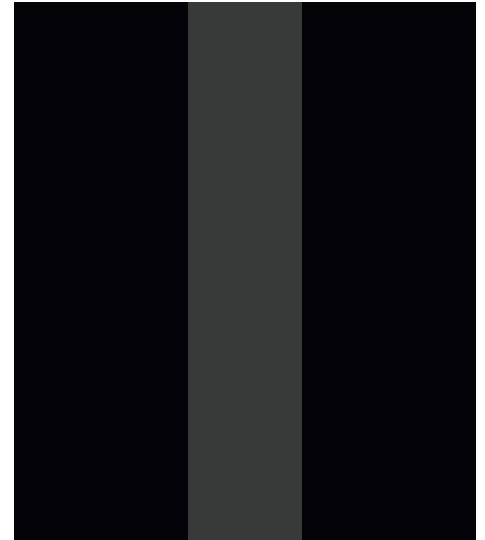
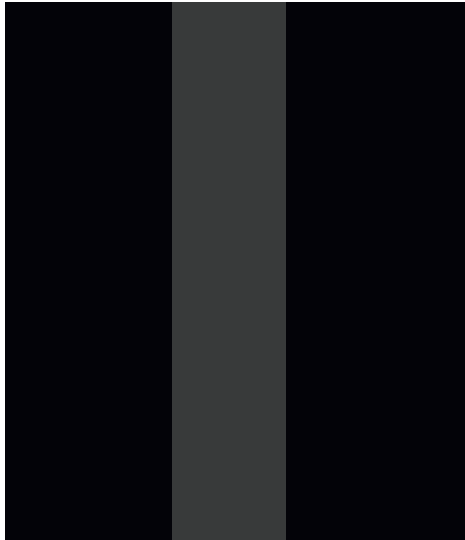




MRS SMALLWOOD POEM OF THE MONTH

Promise By Jackie Kay

Remember, the time of year
when the future appears
like a blank sheet of paper
a clean calendar, a new chance.
On thick white snow
You vow fresh footprints
then watch them go
with the wind's hearty gust.
Fill your glass. Here's tae us. Promises
made to be broken, made to last.



I love this poem by Scottish poet, Jackie Kay. The metaphor she uses of the thick white snow and clean calendar indicate the endless possibilities of a fresh start and the endless possibility that spring and a new year offer. However, the poem isn't without nuance. Amid this hopeful new beginning is her acknowledgement that there will be broken promises and that to be human is to face setbacks, often of our own making. I think the rhyme scheme, with the deployment of half-rhymes, creates the unsettling feeling that this really is an uncertain world.

Mrs Smallwood



MRS PAINE'S RECOMMENDED READS

New to the library – just like me!

The Amazing Edie Eckhart by Rosie Jones

The debut children's book from comedian Rosie Jones is the endearing and laugh-out-loud story of the eponymous Edie; a schoolgirl with cerebral palsy and a love of performance.

When Things Went Wild by Tom Mitchell

A winning combination of fish-out-of-water comedy and engaging mystery, *When Things Went Wild* finds young Kit adapting to life in the Scottish Highlands and becoming embroiled in a plot to hunt golden eagles.

Agency for Scandal by Laura Wood

Bridgerton meets Charlie's Angels in this delightful period adventure revolving around an all-female detective agency embroiled in a complex case involving gaslighting, blackmail and missing jewels.

Heroes: How to Turn Inspiration Into Action by Marcus Rashford

Sharing the ten tremendous figures who have inspired him, Marcus Rashford delivers another hugely empowering read about how role-models and legends in your life can motivate you to turn your dreams into action.

