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FHIC LITERACY NEWSLETTER

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*Connecting to Literacy, Reading and Wellbeing during
Lockdown*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

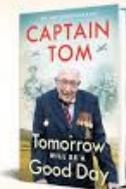
FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE FINDING
IT DIFFICULT AT THE MOMENT,

THE SUN WILL SHINE ON YOU AGAIN
AND THE CLOUDS WILL GO AWAY.

- Captain Tom Moore



An extraordinary life.
His unstoppable spirit.
One hundred years
of adventure.



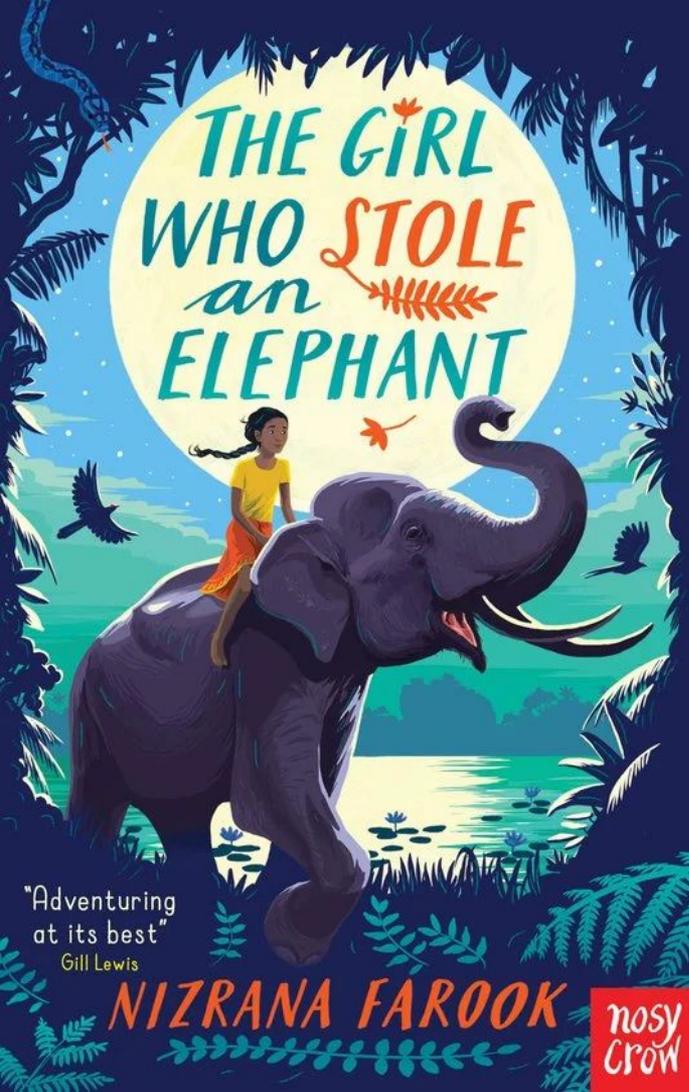
This month we are thinking about our mental health. Check out the link below for some great books for help and support:

<https://reading-well.org.uk/books-on-prescription/young-people-mental-health>

THE
READING
AGENCY

Why not also check out the Reading Agency for book resources, help with reading challenges, ways to build your confidence in reading and more?

<https://readingagency.org.uk/young-people/>



This month our featured book is *The Girl who stole an Elephant* by Nizrana Farook. Use the link to read or listen to the audio version of this fantastic novel for free.

You can also watch an exclusive video about the book and catch up with other authors and their work, including Jacqueline Wilson!

<https://library.thenational.academy/stel-an-elephant-with-nizrana-farook/>



Nizrana Farook

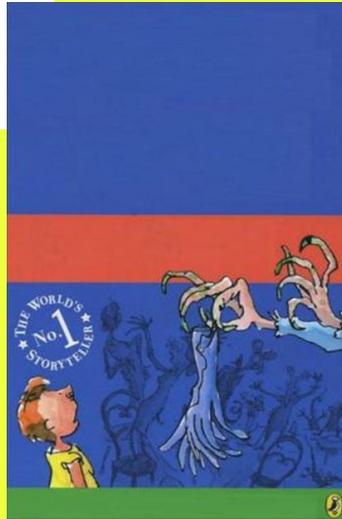


Quiz Time

Let's have
some fun!

Author Anagram

NOMELY TENSICKS



Guess the book
title and author.

1. What top-secret sweet did Willy Wonka use to test the trustworthiness of the children visiting his chocolate factory?
2. What is the name of Horrid Henry's brother?
3. What very non-magical occupation do Hermione Granger's parents do, as revealed in the first instalment of the Harry Potter series?
4. What's the nickname of the children's home where Tracy Beaker lives in Jacqueline Wilson's books?
5. In the first Alex Rider novel Stormbreaker, by Anthony Horowitz, what is a "Stormbreaker"?
6. What is the real name of the character Mr Stink in the book of the same name by comedian and TV star David Walliams

Answers revealed in next month's issue.



Rewind & Relax: Reading for Pleasure

A new Google Classroom has been created for KS3 classes. This space is for pupils to relax and unwind by listening to readings of some brilliant books read by none other than your brilliant teachers! At the end of the week, you will feedback which of the books you would most like to read and why. Readings will be uploaded at 9.10am each day from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th for you to listen to during your English periods.

Beat the Teachers!

Staff and pupils have been challenged to see who can read the most books before we return to school. Everyone has been issued with a reading log sheet to record the title of every book they read, the author and star rating. Who do you think will have read more books on average, teachers or pupils? Top readers from the staff and student body will be rewarded with certificates! So what are you waiting for? Get reading!!



OFF By Heart Poetry Recitals!



Well done to all our Year 8 pupils who learned a poem off by heart and posted their recitals on their English Google Classrooms. Your teachers were very impressed!



NEW VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB!!

Calling all year 8 and 9 pupils. A new Book Club is being launched for you to join! Look out for further details...



Tales of the Underworld



New Book Club



- ★ Are you in Year 8 or 9?
- ★ Are you looking for ways to unwind and relax?
- ★ Are you interested in having access to **FREE ebooks** to read?
- ★ Do you want recommendations on what to read?
- ★ Would you like to meet up weekly with friends online?
- ★ If you've answered yes to these questions, then Book Club is for you!

Our first book is **Tales of the Underworld**, a retelling of some of the best stories from Greek mythology.

Message your English teacher on Google Classroom to request an invitation to join.

Our first live Google Meet will be on Monday 22nd February at 3.05pm. The emphasis will be on having fun through quizzes and games and connecting with others. If you are worried about being asked questions or being put on the spot, don't be you can get involved in your own way!

Why not sign up and get started so you can get cozy and begin reading over half term!



Click on the link below
for helpful resources on
this year's theme,
Express Yourself.



- ★ Write a poem
- ★ Dress to impress
 - ★ Sing
 - ★ Dance
 - ★ Read
 - ★ Cook
- ★ What's your thing?

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



LITERACY FOCUS

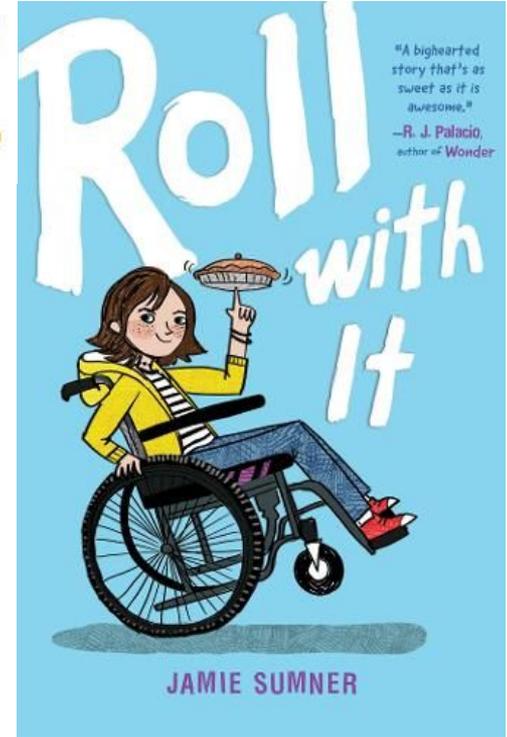


Guile

Verb. to be cunning in achieving a goal; crafty or artful deception.

Ellie's a girl who tells it like it is. That surprises some people, who see a kid in a wheelchair and think she's going to be all sunshine and cuddles. The thing is, Ellie has big dreams: She might be eating Stouffer's for dinner, but one day she's going to be a professional baker. If she's not writing fan letters to her favorite celebrity chefs, she's practicing recipes on her well-meaning, if overworked, mother.

But when Ellie and her mum move so they can help take care of her ailing grandpa, Ellie has to start all over again in a new town at a new school. Except she's not just the new kid-she's the new kid in the wheelchair who lives in the trailer park on the wrong side of town. It all feels like one challenge too many, until Ellie starts to make her first-ever friends. Now she just has to convince her mom that this town might just be the best thing that ever happened to them!



Author: Jamie Sumner
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Number of pages: 272

Reading Links

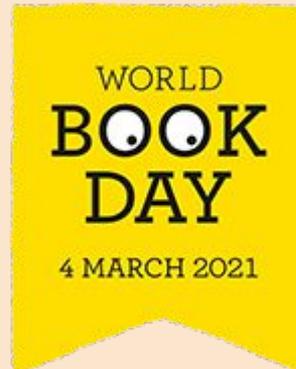


Check out the INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S READING LIBRARY on the link below for **free** books to read the best of children's literature from around the world in English and a huge range of other languages!

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>



To join for free online click on the link: <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/>



Although WBD isn't until next month, visit the website for lots of useful links. There is something for everyone so start exploring!!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>



Visit Children's Books Ireland to get inspired, activities and information on events!

<https://childrensbooksireland.ie/about/>

Relax with some Poetry...

The Silent Snow

**The snow fell so softly
It lay quietly on the ground;
We didn't hear it coming
It didn't make a sound.**

**We gazed out the frosty window,
The clouds still powdery white
Snow was still falling heavily
From a great glittering height.**

**The snow was as thick as a blanket;
It was time to go and play.
The glittery, crunchy, swirly, drift
Made for a wonderful day.**

**Mum called us in. Our time was up,
Our cheeks were all red and hot.
We kicked our boots, our hats our gloves
And went in to find a lovely warm spot.**

By Krystan Bell, 8A3

Snow Day

**Snowflakes fall silently on the ground
Gently coating everything; there's not a sound.
It turns everything glistening white,
Swirling down, giving kids delight.**

**Snow falls and makes everything look new.
We all need a snow day, even though they are few.
Pulling out my sleigh, I see how white everything looks
As the snow goes crunch under my boots.**

**Silence turns to screams during a snowball fight,
The flakes are still falling, glistening in the sunlight.
Nothing brings such joy as that first step outside,
So into the untrodden snow, I stride.**

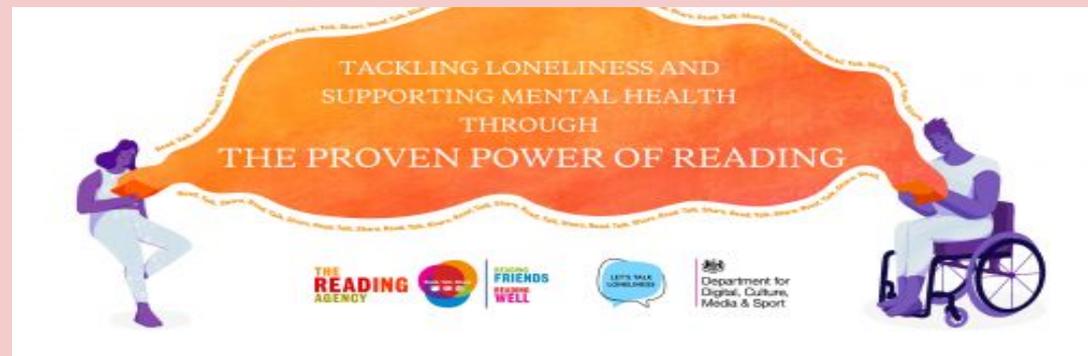
By Dylan Moore, 8A3



Next month's issue will be available on Monday 8th March.

Look out for more links, book reviews and fun activities!

If you you would like to contribute to the next issue, contact Mrs Johnston with your ideas!



Find out about Chris Bradford's Soul Hunters, The first book in the Soul Prophecy Trilogy series.

<https://www.fantasticfiction.com/b/chris-bradford/soul-hunters.htm>

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