

Holly Park School's...



Reading Round-up 2021

Well what a year it has been! Despite another lockdown, it has been a fabulous year of books and reading at Holly Park and it is time to celebrate that! Highlights have included:

Pupils kindly donating books to help make our leading libraries more diverse—thank you!

- Lots of fabulous new books bought for Early Years and KS1.
- Reading Champions began their work; promoting reading amongst their classmates and reading LOTS of books for Ms Sampson!
 - Miss Michael, Mrs Kelly & Mrs Pelham reading us SO many books via their virtual assemblies.
 - You sending in your pics of you reading cozily for our Winter Warmers competition.
 - World Book Day Bingo and LOTS of amazing book-themed cakes baked (& eaten)!
 - Just over £600 raised by YOU from buying books at the Book Fair.
 - Year 5's brilliant video with KS2 pupils recommending their favourite books.

This newsletter will reflect on what's been going on in our classrooms, share some latest book releases, and (of course) our departing Year 6's will share their reading recommendations.

Have a great summer, Holly Parkers, and please...Keep reading!

Below are just some examples of the brilliant books, enjoyed across the school, that you so kindly donated. Are there any that you recognise?









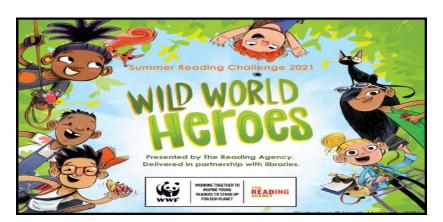




The Summer Reading Challenge!

If you are looking for something to occupy you this summer then look no further than the library's Summer Reading Challenge! Run in partnership with the WWF, the theme this year is 'Wild World Heroes'. The website gives you recommendations for books to read and you upload your reviews to unlock badges. There are online games to play too! Check out their website:

https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. If you take part, visit Ms Sampson in September—I'll fill in your Reading Log and give you a sticker—the perfect way to start a new term!







Ks2 Round-up





Year 3:

Vivian enjoyed 'Wolf Wilder' from the Reading Challenge. She likes Fio, the main character, because she is "...independent, not scared of anything and won't let anything get in her way."

<u>Isabelle</u> enjoyed 'The Worry Website': "If you have worries, it gives you tips and lots of ideas on how to cope."

<u>Kostadin</u> is another fan of the Sam Wu books! Why? "They are adventurous AND funny!"

Year 5:

<u>Duarta</u> enjoyed 'The Adventures of Odysseus': 'It was a great book, an interesting story and beautiful pictures."

Loughran enjoyed 'Who Let the Gods Out':

"The book was really funny and I loved it
when the Queen ninja-kicked Hypnos!"

Kaia is enjoying 'Boy Underwater': "This is about a boy trying to find out more about his father— I really like it because it gives you a good picture in your mind of what happens."

Year 4:

Mulberry Class told me how much they LOVE the Dog Man books so I'll be adding them to the Reading Challenge on their recommendation...

<u>Joe</u> enjoyed reading the Planet Omar books in guided reading: "The books are really interesting. Omar has really funny friends who are always making jokes."

<u>Bella</u> enjoyed reading 'My Headteacher is a Vampire' from the Reading Challenge: "The book was really creative and adventurous."

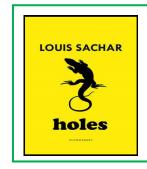
<u>David</u> really enjoyed 'Sam Wu is not Afraid of Space': "I enjoyed how Sam Wu really faced all his fears."

Farewell, Year 6!

As we prepare to say goodbye to Y6—here are some of the books they have particularly enjoyed reading at Holly Park....

Luca, Ella, Sana, Marcel, Yara, Danielle & Lily are just a few of the children who really enjoyed The Garbage King by Elizabeth Laird!

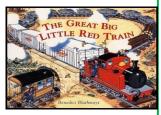




Camille, Maya, Ella, Azher, Daisy & Jack all recommend reading Holes by Louis Sachar...



In Ks1, Nabil and Wilf both remember enjoying 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. Nabil particularly enjoyed acting it out! Angelos remembers that his favourite book in nursery was The Big Train!



Early Years & Ks1 Round-up

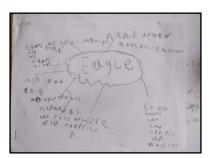


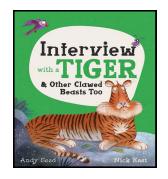


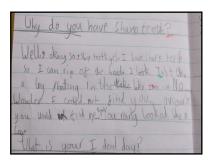


What do you do if you go to choose your favourite book from the reading corner and find out it's not there? Cry? Shout? Sulk? Well, not if you're in Chestnut Class! Sanaya and Shenay couldn't find their favourite book, The Tiny Seed, so they made their own versions! I am sure they will be authors some day!

Year 2 have gone absolutely wild for the non-fiction books 'Interview with a Tiger' & 'Interview with a Shark'. They have done lots of work based on their interest in animals. Cally told me: "We liked the expressions and how the author wrote the book." Elliot and Thomas told me facts! Did you know that bullsharks lay their eggs in rivers and that a blue whale is as long as a netball court?







Reception enjoyed the Supertato books so much they were invaded by Evil Peas! They have also created a glamorous story chair to sit in. Having read Jack and the Beanstalk, they have even planted their own magic beans—let's hope they don't attract any giants..!

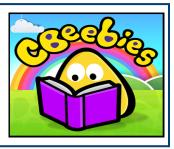








Have you heard about the new 'Cbeebies Storytime' app? It's free and downloadable on Apple, Google play, etc. Children can listen or read-a-long with the stories. Ms Sampson has been playing around with it and it is really easy to use!

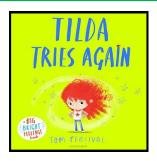




Exciting New Releases...



Some new fiction that you may like to try this summer. If not, then get ready, as some will be coming to your classrooms or the Book Challenge Library in September...



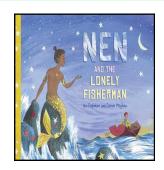
Tom Percival is definitely becoming a favourite author at Holly Park. This new book is sure to be terrific!

Published: 05/08/2021

Some brave young Viking girls have to get their voices heard in this brand new adventure.

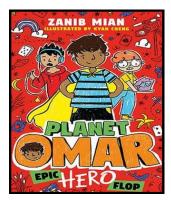
Published: 22/07/2021





'Beautiful and heart-warming' a tale of two people from very different worlds, trying to be accepted.

Y4 loved reading the first Planet Omar book and this is the latest in the series!



Published: 08/07/2021

A young girl campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. A 'must read' for UKS2!



Published: 04/06/2021

A non-fiction pick for all you adventure-seekers out there!



Published 08/07/2021



From M.G Leonard (the author of Beetle Boy) comes a fantastic new adventure story, 'Twitch'. It is about a bird-watching detective, and was recently read by Leo in Maple Class. Here's what he has to say about it...

"This book is very funny and is filled with adventure. I liked it because I found it very inspirational." This books looks ridiculous and that's why I've included it! A vampire-slaying pig? Amazing! One for graphic novel fans.



Published: 23.06.2021