

Bury and Whitefield's Reading Newsletter



Introduction

Welcome back to Bury and Whitefield's reading newsletter; your home for all things 'book-ish'. I hope you had a wonderful break and read some great books. Let me know if you read any brilliant books or were gifted any treasures.

I was lucky enough to be gifted many books over the holidays so was spoilt for choice. The one I did choose – look at Miss P's recommendations – was the first in a brilliant series and I am hooked! This has inspired me to base the theme of this month's newsletter on series. Therefore, all recommended books in this issue is part of a series; the gift that keeps on giving.

Have you read any wonderful series? Get in touch and let me know; there's nothing better than losing yourself in a new world so why not stay there for a while.

Recommendations

As I have said, this newsletter is FOR YOU! So if you have any recommendations of your own, please come and tell me or email them to me for me to share with others.

Should you not like anything in our newsletter, why not visit the Reading Zone (www.readingzone.com), which is a great website filled with recommendations for all.

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.

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“Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living.” – Dr. Seuss



EYFS Recommendation

Meesha Makes Friends (Tom Percival)

Be open, be honest, be you! Big Bright Feelings for little people. Meesha loves making things . . . but there's one thing she finds difficult to make - friends. She doesn't know quite what to do, what to say or when to say it. But one day she discovers that she has a special talent that might just help her navigate social situations - and maybe even make new friends.

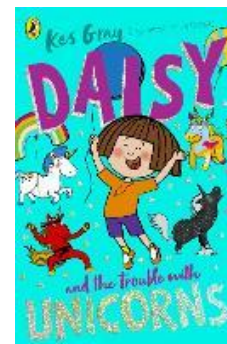
Part of the 'Big Bright Feelings' series, this warm and affectionate look at the joys and difficulties of making and keeping friends should be on every child's book shelf. The perfect springboard for conversations about mental and emotional health and managing feelings.

Years 1 and 2 Recommendation

Daisy and the Trouble with Unicorns (Kes Gray)

Here comes trouble! It's Gabby's birthday and Daisy is the GUEST OF HONOUR at her party! What's even more exciting is that Gabby has been given TWO toy unicorns for her birthday. They're so sparkly and soft and fluffy and cuddly! Trouble is, these unicorns are also MAGIC - and very chatty - and they're giving Daisy all sorts of troublesome ideas...

Another hilarious instalment of the Daisy series with a new one due out in March. These come highly recommend from children in our school and are a great first chapter book.

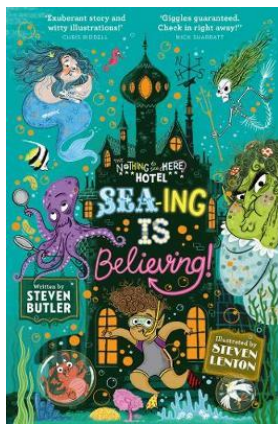


Years 3 and 4 Recommendation

Sea-ing is Believing! (Steven Butler)

In the company of the proprietors' son, the irrepressible Frankie Banister (who is part troll by the way), we get best seats for the action, which concerns the return of Frankie's great-great-great-grandfather Abraham, as a ghost. You'd think great-great-great-granny Regurgita would be happy to see her husband back, but nothing goes as you'd expect in these stories, and maybe everyone should be a bit suspicious of Abraham.

This is the 3rd in the series and it does not disappoint. Any readers with a taste for fast-moving plot combined with fabulously funny illustrations should give this a go!

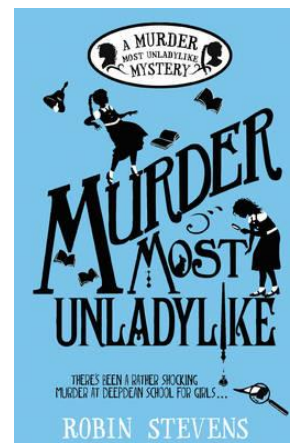


Years 5 and 6 Recommendation

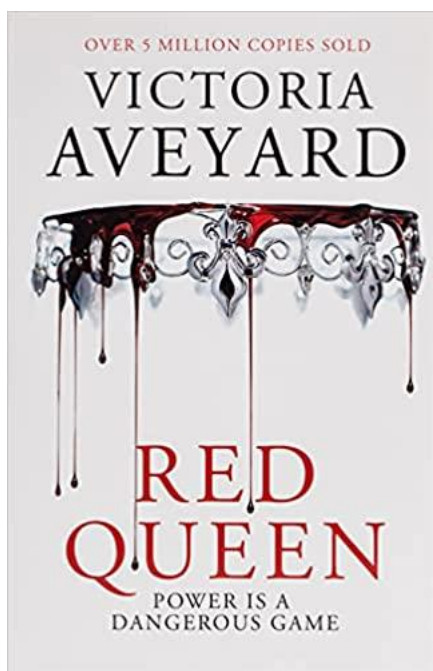
Murder Most Unladylike (Robin Stevens)

The first in a fabulous and exciting new detective series set during the 1930's. Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong have started a secret Detective Society at the Deepdene School for girls. After finding a dead body, which then disappears, the girls are racing to stay one step ahead and solve the clues. There is a feel of the Famous Five about this charming book (yes it's charming, even though there has been a murder). Robin Stevens sets the clues in motion, encouraging them to run riot and cause mischief. Can you solve the murder... can the girls solve the murder, before it's too late?

This is an entertaining read that you will definitely enjoy so read it quick before the screen adaptation comes out!



Miss Pereira's Books of the Month



Young Adult (YA) Fiction

Red Queen (Victoria Aveyard) – 13+

The first novel in the bestselling 'Red Queen' series. This is a world divided by blood: red or silver. The Reds are commoners, ruled by a Silver elite in possession of god-like superpowers. To Mare Barrow, a seventeen-year-old Red girl from the poverty-stricken Stilts, it seems like nothing will ever change. That is, until she finds herself working in the Silver Palace, surrounded by the people she hates the most, and discovers she possesses a deadly power of her own. Fearful of Mare's potential, the Silvers hide her in plain view, declaring her a long-lost Silver princess, now engaged to a Silver prince. But this is a world of betrayal and lies, and Mare has entered a dangerous dance - Reds against Silvers, prince against prince, and Mare against her own heart . . .

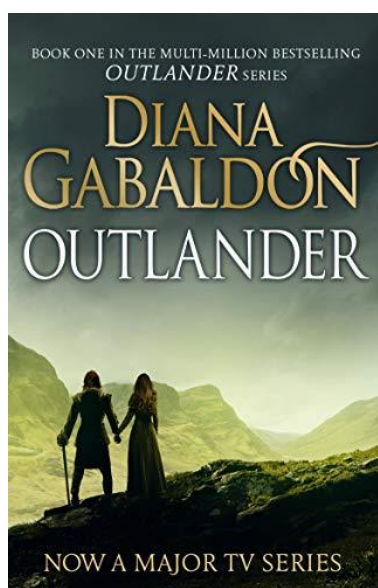
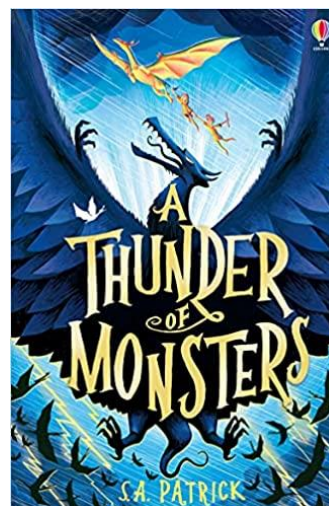
I was gifted this book and was immediately hooked; devouring it in one day. A gripping read filled with twists, turns and intriguing characters. A must-read for YA.

Children's Fiction

A Thunder of Monsters (S.A.Patrick) – 9+

Return to a world of dragons, song-spells, pipers and battles...Patch Brightwater and his friend Barver, the dracogriff, are trapped on a mysterious island full of monstrous beasts. Their shapeshifting friend, Wren, is being held prisoner by the Piper of Hamelyn, but she's working hard to escape. Clad in his suit of magical black armour and with dragons and a growing army on his side, the Piper of Hamelyn seems destined to bring chaos and destruction down on the world. Can anything stop him? Three accidental heroes versus one legendary villain...the epic adventure that began with A Darkness of Dragons comes to a thunderous end.

A wonderful trilogy full of fantastical characters and complex plots. Great adventures await...



Adult's Fiction

The Man Who Died Twice (Richard Osman)

It's 1946 and Claire Randall goes to the Scottish Highlands with her husband Frank. It's a second honeymoon, a chance to re-establish their loving marriage. But one afternoon, Claire walks through a circle of standing stones and vanishes into 1743, where the first person she meets is a British army officer - her husband's six-times great-grandfather. Unfortunately, Black Jack Randall is not the man his descendant is, and while trying to escape him, Claire falls into the hands of a gang of Scottish outlaws. Marooned amid danger, passion and violence, her only chance of safety lies in Jamie Fraser, a gallant young Scots warrior. What begins in compulsion becomes urgent need, and Claire finds herself torn between two very different men, in two irreconcilable lives.

The heart behind the series, this comes very highly recommended by other members of staff.

Author Spotlight

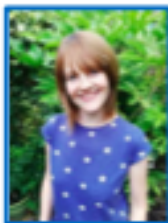
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Hello Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary School!

My name is Jen Carney. I'm the author and illustrator of *The Accidental Diary of B.U.G.* and *Basically Famous*. ↓

My books are realistic, contemporary comedies written in diary style. I wrote them to help people like my own son (who said he didn't like reading when he was your age) to see how fun books can be. So, as well as a story, they contain doodles, interactive pages and games to try out.



I LOVE reading for pleasure. My favourite types of books are those that make me laugh out loud. I also love gripping adventure stories and books that help me to understand more about people who are different to me.

Do you like reading? If so, I'd love to hear what you think of my books. If you enjoy them, the good news is that the third book in the series, *SISTER ACT*, will be out in February 2022!



If you don't enjoy my books, that's absolutely fine because everyone's reading tastes are different. BUT never give up on books completely. The very next one you open could be the one that's PERFECT for you.

I don't live too far from your school. In fact, I used to work in Bury. With any luck, I might be able to come and meet you all one day! But, for now, **OBEY THE BISCUIT LAWS** (you'll have to read my books to understand what that means!!), **keep reading**, **keeping smiling** and, above all, **keep being kind to one another**.

My very best wishes to you,

Jen Carney 😊

“The only important thing in a book is the meaning that it has for you.” –
W. Somerset Maugham

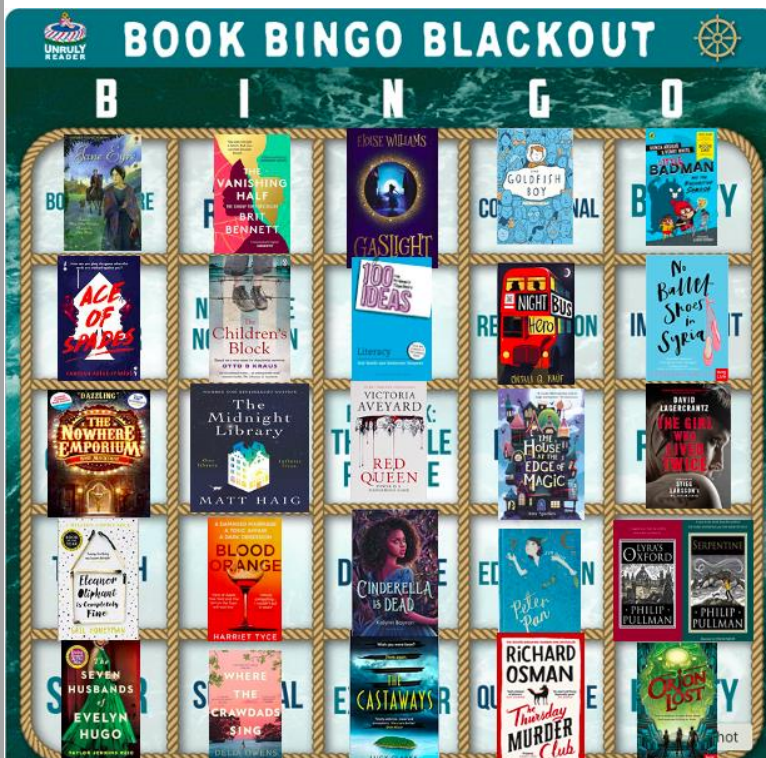
CHALLENGE TIME

Do you know the answers to each of the literary questions? These are aimed at all ages so gather the family and see who the biggest bookworm is. As always, there are prizes up for grabs: 2 Dojos for each correct answer and any book of your choice for the child with the most correct answers. Should there be more than one child with full marks, a draw will take place. Bring your answers to Year 5 or email them to me (c.pereira@bwjps.org.uk).

1. Bilbo Baggins is a *what* from the book of the same name by JRR Tolkien?
2. In which of the Harry Potter books do we meet Kreacher for the first time?
3. Which classic by JM Barrie describes a fantasy world where a boy never grows up?
4. Kester can talk to animals and they can talk to him, in which book by Piers Torday?
5. What is the title of the Dr Seuss book about a cool feline with stripy headgear?
6. Who wrote the bestselling series: ‘The Demon Headmaster’?
7. What is the title of the first book in the Young James Bond series?
8. Mildred Hubble (from the Worst Witch series) attends which school?
9. Who does Tom Percival write about needing help with their roar?
10. Who is our current Children’s Laureate?



Reading Challenge Update



I DID IT! I completed my 2021 challenge on NYE so by the skin of my teeth. I really enjoyed completing this challenge as it encouraged me to expand my reading repertoire and explore different genres. However, I want something a bit different for 2022; any recommendations? Have you spotted a challenge you’re going to attempt? Let me know at c.pereira@bwjps.org.uk.

Category	Title	Rating
1000 Books Before You Die	Jane Eyre (Usborne Reader – Retold by Mary Seabag-Montefiore)	4/5
Quarantine	The Thursday Murder Club (Richard Osman)	3.5/5
The Whole Package	Red Queen (Victoria Aveyard)	5/5

“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



Chik Chak Shabbat (Mara Rockliff)

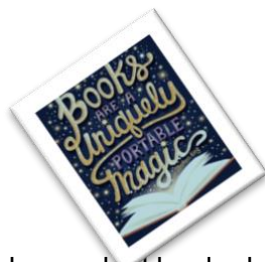
Everyone in Goldie Simcha’s apartment building knows it’s Friday night when they smell her delicious Shabbat cholent. When Goldie Simcha doesn’t joyfully throw open her door to welcome everyone into her apartment for a meal of her famous *cholent*, her neighbours wonder what could be wrong. Little Lali Omar knocks on the door to 5-A, only to learn that Goldie was feeling too sick on Friday to cook, and everyone knows you can’t make *cholent* in a hurry, right away, *chik chak!* But it just isn’t Shabbat without *cholent*. What can her neighbors do to save the day?

Upcoming Events

National Storytelling Week

30th January

Stories belong to everyone...what's your story? What will you be telling and where will you be telling it? Every year there are hundreds and hundreds of events during National Storytelling week. It’s a celebration of storytelling for all! National Storytelling week this year will run from 30th January to the 6th February. <https://www.sfs.org.uk/national-storytelling-week>



Happy reading!
Miss Pereira



Spotted your child hooked on a book? Seen an article that you think other parents will find useful? Need a recommendation for your child? Send me a message, article, question or picture through to c.pereira@bwjps.org.uk.