



THE CHS STUDENT NEWS CORNER

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Welcome to the Spring Term Student Book Council newsletter put together by CHS students' We hope that you enjoy it! This term the Library's gone comic book mad, celebrating everything from Batman to Zatanna and it was great to see so many people getting involved.

—Molly Mooney Editor

Comic Book Review and recommendation

By Christian Parker Y7

Spider-Man: Life Story

The comic is very good at showing us a detailed insight into Spider-Man's life and career. The comic plays out as a biography, beginning with his first genuine appearance in comics in 1962, and plays out in real time to present day, where the story ends with a 73 year old Spiderman.

The three main points I like about this story are bringing to light the brutality of the Cold War, how life changing a man's descent into madness can be and finally how the hero carries the weight and responsibility of being a super hero.

Overall, I think this comic gives us a very good look at Spider-Man's responsibility throughout and further into in his life.



Justice League Dark ★★★★★

Justice League Dark is the comic book that turns all the laws of magic on their heads and opens the world to a new unbeatable evil, causing Wonder Woman to try and build a League of her own to fight back the new magic threat the others can't understand. Between the reluctant magical communities colourful characters such as Detective Chimp and Doctor Fate, a enemy no one has ever seen before, and fantastic artwork it's a comic to enthral everyone who picks it up with a fresh new look at the D.C.U.

—Molly Mooney



Comic Book Club

After all the interest in our comic book activities over the last term we are starting a Comic Book Club in the Learning Zone every Monday after school when we return to school. This would give us a chance to get comic book lovers in one room to watch movies, play games and enjoy talking about superheroes together. For our first couple of meetings we plan to watch Iron Man and discuss our favourite movies or comic books. Once we get started, I want to have a suggestion box for movies to watch or topics to debate. We will also start playing games like Miniatures and holding tournaments if there is enough interest. I also plan to hold a competition every term, such as designing a poster or a recent movie or writing your own comic book story. Everyone is welcome whether you're a die-hard comic fan or have only ever watched the movies. If you're interested, please email Mrs Cullen at C.Cullen@cromptonhouse.org



Comics and Graphic novels

Recently, the school library has bought some comics and graphic novels for the students to enjoy. Superheroes, action, fantasy, you name it! All you need to do is visit the Learning Zone, grab an appealing comic, borrow it and enjoy. There are pages and pages of interesting storylines with realistic pictures so you can imagine the story in your head. Hurry, you don't want to miss them! Find the comics and graphic novels stand and pick the perfect one.



Comic Book and Graphic Novel/Illustration Workshops

During World Book Week, Crompton House Church of England Academy was the first UK school to offer their students a number of workshops relating to learning through Comic books and graphic novels. A local comic book specialist Dennis Whittle and well known illustrator Tim Perkins who is a previous Marvel DC artist and creator of Wizards Keep publications Worlds End comic books, came into school. They talked to students about the history of comics, superhero's and why they are role models, key messages, telling stories through panels, how to draw characters and much more. They also gave careers advice from professionals within the industry. The initiative has been created by EDUCOM a group of individuals with educational and comic book backgrounds bringing the UK comic book industry into the classroom in a fun and interactive way with the intention of rolling out to other schools.

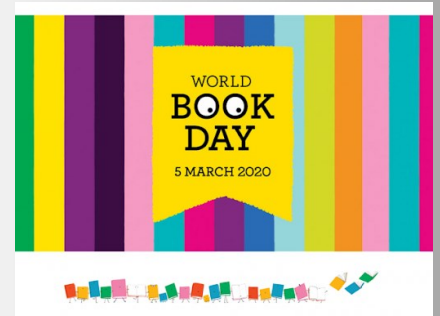
The sessions were a huge success, students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we will be hosting these events again in the near future!

Mrs Cullen – Learning Zone Manager

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World Book Day was celebrated at CHS in style with the theme of Comic Book and Graphic Novel characters. There was lots of participation and great costumes. Even the teachers joined in!! Tim Perkins professional illustrator talked to the children in the library and gave them lots of advice on how to draw and become a professional illustrator, he even gave away signed posters! There were lots of students checking out the new range of comic books bought in for this very special day, there was a queue a mile long! Roll on next year .



Book Reviews!

The Star Outside My Window

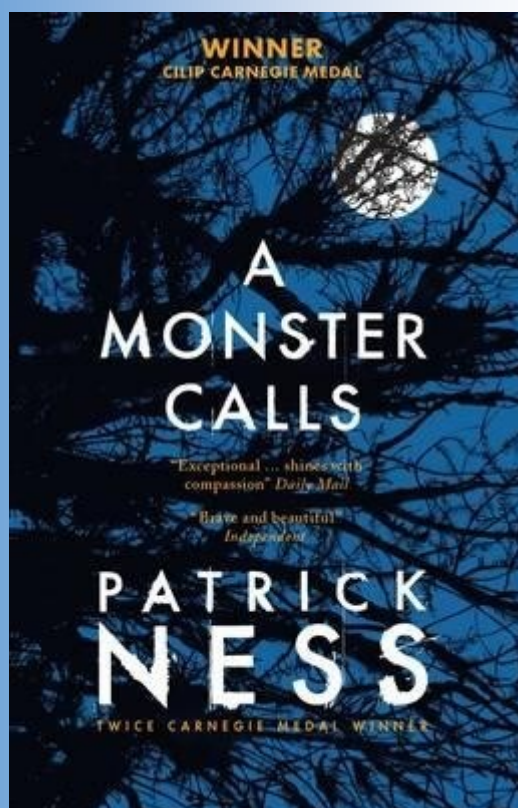
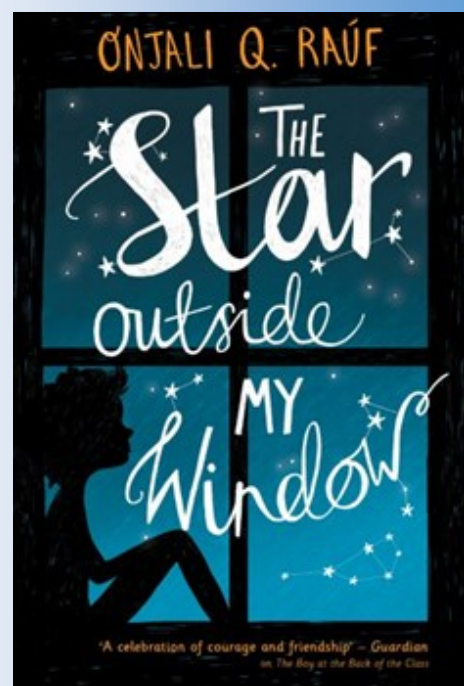
I really enjoyed reading this book it was captivating and it hooked me straight away, I was so engrossed in the book I couldn't even put the book down!

I would recommend this book to people who love astronomy or adventure, but it can cause some distress for people like Aniyah suffering from Domestic abuse.

This book is based on a 10-year-old girl Aniyah and her younger brother in a care home. Aniyah loves studying the stars outside her window. Her mother's soul had left and turned into a star. But when her mother's star is discovered by star hunters (people who discover stars) and a naming competition is opened, Aniyah needs to get the right name to the star hunters in time. And then stop another name being chosen for her mother's star.

Can Aniyah get to the star hunters before it's too late? Or will it just lead her into deeper danger...

I would rate this book a 10 out of 10!
—Inayah Menhoor Javed



A Monster Calls: Book Review.

A Monster Calls is a fabulous book that will have you hooked on every page. You will laugh and most definitely cry. It follows the story of a young boy, Connor, and his mum, who is ill with cancer. The boy and his dreams are stalked by a monster, who wants the most dangerous thing of all... the truth. Patrick Ness has aimed this book at those 12+.

By Jenna Wrigley Y7

School Interviews!

By Gabriella Petrillo Y8

Recently, Year 7 students have been interviewed for their opinions on Crompton House so far. They have answered a couple of questions with detailed answers that give a clear understanding of a Year 7s experience on secondary school! These brief interviews took place in the library, which is open for all years.

Here are the students with extracts of their answers:

What do you think about school so far?

Bella Cullen: It is very good, and it is much better than primary school. I look forward to coming in every day!

Macari Smith: It is fun! There are a lot of fun activities, like afterschool clubs and sport on the 3G.

Neve Smethurst: School is quite fun, better than primary because there is a lot more fun stuff to do.

Keanu Daubney: School is very good because you are learning new subjects, making new friends and finding new places.

What is your favourite subject and why?

Bella Cullen: Art- I always love to draw, and it's my dream to be an illustrator and an artist.

Macari Smith: History- it's really interesting to learn about what people did and how it affects us.

Neve Smethurst: History- I learn about lots of things that happened in the past.

Keanu Daubney: Science- because I like you learn biology and chemistry and do different practical's like reacting metals.

Do you think school could be improved in any way? If so, how?

Bella Cullen: I would like an actual art club, at the minute we have crafts but not actual art.

Macari Smith: More space at school.



We will pass on your ideas to staff so that they can see what can be done with your ideas!

Children's Mental Health Week in the Library

Children's Mental Health Week was celebrated in various ways at Crompton House School throughout the week with all teachers and students getting involved! In the library we had had a '**Simply Read**' session which involves taking time out to relax in a calm and quiet environment and just '**simply read**' with no distractions. Reading for Pleasure is proven to assist with Mental Health and Wellbeing which is something we take very seriously at CHS and so we carry out these sessions on a weekly basis in the school library. The children enjoy the peace, quiet and relaxation this lunch time activity provides.

On **Thursday 6th Feb** we carried out a '**Find Your Brave Show and Tell**' activity in the Library. The children brought an object into school such as a book, item, photo, picture or anything else that symbolized how they or someone close to them had '**Found Their Brave**'. Some examples of how the students related to the '**Find Your Brave**' campaign was by explaining to staff and their peers within the group, a new skill they had learned, how they had overcome something they were scared of and how they had managed to deal with a particular difficult time within their lives. The children enjoyed sharing their experience and as a result this is something we will repeat again on a more regular basis.



Christmas Movie Night

At Christmas we had a vote on which film to watch for our Christmas Night. We decided on Home Alone and we watched it after school with all our friends and had lots of tasty snacks like popcorn, biscuits, chocolate and some people made cakes and brought them in. We are planning on having movie nights once per term.

By Bella Cullen – Year 7



500 Word Competition

Each year, BBC radio 2 launches the BBC 500 words competition, with an aim of getting young people to put pen to paper and get writing. Though only open to those up to the age of 13, it is a great chance to have your story heard. Crompton house will be opening there own 500 words competition, giving you a chance to win fantastic prizes. Launched originally by Chris Evans, the competition is in its 10th year and has attracted more than 900,000 entries. We had quite a few entries this year with some great stories so watch this space in our next issue when winners should be announced.

Abigale Evans—Y7



The book council are responsible for improving the Learning Zone and it's events, making sure it's the best it can be for students and staff.

The Book Council is always looking for new members. If you are interested see Miss Cullen in The Learning Zone.

Bye for now!!



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