



## Crompton House School Library

### Newsletter – No9

Encourage your child to read for 10 minutes every day. It can be a book, magazine, comic, newspaper, or blog. Reading for 10 minutes every day is proven to help improve literacy levels, relax and unwind, improve memory and concentration and importantly help with our mental health and wellbeing!

#### BOOK REVIEW

#### A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness

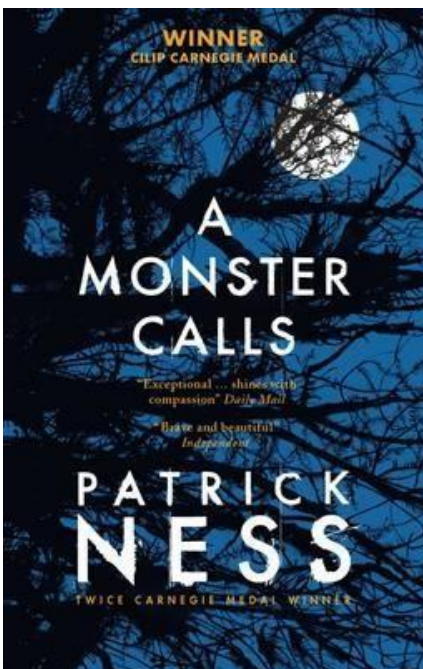
Fantasy / Family/Loss/Grief/Empathy/Bullying

Age 12+ although classed as Young Adult

Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.

The bestselling novel about love, loss and hope from the twice Carnegie Medal-winning Patrick Ness.

A dark moving story about dealing with loss, grief. I found it extremely moving and emotional but very good. It is now also a major movie – read the book first!



#### This Weeks Activity – Empathy Day 9<sup>th</sup> June

Empathy Day focuses on using books as a tool to build empathy, encouraging everyone to read, share books, and put empathy into action. This year the themes are READ, CONNECT, ACT. On the day there will be brilliant online events and fun home-based activities for the whole family to help your children read, connect and act using empathy. Leading up to this day you can join in by choosing an activity below and you can find out more about each one [here](#)

Make Empathy Glasses	Seeing the World Through a Character's Eyes	Meet Your Favourite Character	Top Ten Empathy Books
Character Pairs	Empathy Spotter	Detecting Feelings in Faces	Using Art to Talk About Feelings
Empathy Awards	Understanding Emotions through Music	Family Definition of Empathy	Read for Empathy Drawings
	Empathy Mosaic	Empathy Resolutions	

**#EmpathyDay - Read stories. Build empathy. Make a better world.**



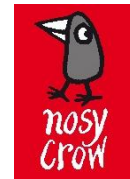
## Great websites

- Empathy Lab UK has great activities and specially selected titles to choose from around empathy, you can access it [here](#).
- Nosy Crow has lots of great stuff for all ages and you can download a free audio book voiced by actor Hugh Bonneville explaining Coronavirus to young children [here](#)
- June is #audiobook month, don't forget to download 2 free books per week for Teens up to July [here](#).
- Don't forget Borrowbox online public library to access books, magazines and newspapers. To find out how to join [here](#)
- The Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge starts on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June through to September, the theme is 'Silly Squad' for younger children aged 4 – 11. You can find out more [here](#)

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## Competition Time! Write a poem about our 'Key Workers' and win a prize!

The competition is now closed. We have received so many fabulous entries! Thank you! Watch this space for the announcement of the winners in next week's issue.



## Share Your Creations with me - Mrs. Cullen!

This newsletter is not homework it is simply to give you guidance, ideas and fun activities to share with your children and for yourselves during this difficult time. If, however you would like to share a book review, activities, artistic creations or any other literacy related ideas, I would love to see them. I would like to create a **'When We Stayed at Home'** display in the school library so that soon, we can all look back on this period with a smile for all the positive things our students and children are doing.

You can contact/tweet me and email reviews etc. on the details below. Happy reading and take care!

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