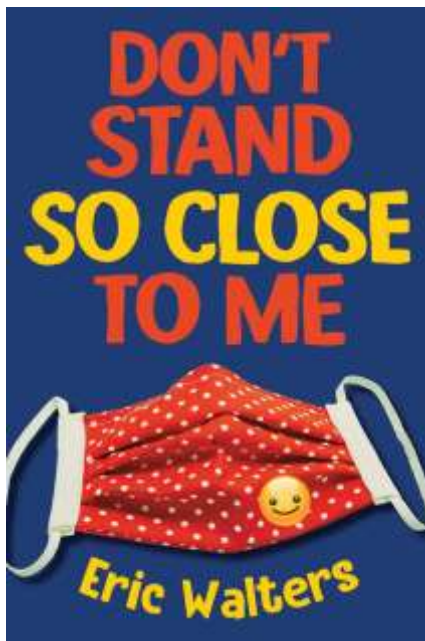


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Welcome to issue 24! This edition includes a book recommendation provided by one of our students based on current timely issues. It also includes activities and information from one of my favorite children's authors around Remembrance and competitions for all ages to enjoy together. Happy reading!

BOOK REVIEW



Don't Stand So Close to Me – Eric Walters

Real Life/Community/Friendship/Family

9+ but an interesting read for older children and adults

Quinn and her friends can't believe their luck! School is closing for two extra weeks, even if it is for this so called 'Coronavirus'. But then reality takes hold, and they find Covid on their doorstep. Quinn's father must self-isolate to protect his family, Isaac's mother now must enforce these 'Physical Distancing' rules, and Reese isn't allowed to visit her grandmother. Their entire school has moved to online classes, and school dances and trips have been cancelled. Then Quinn comes up with an idea to bring the entire community together...

"I really enjoyed this book, as it explained things about Coronavirus very easily. It brings fiction to life and is based on a real-life story. It is great for kids of all ages and is easy to read." Find it on Sora [here](#) – Review by Alice Preen Year 8 Student Book Council

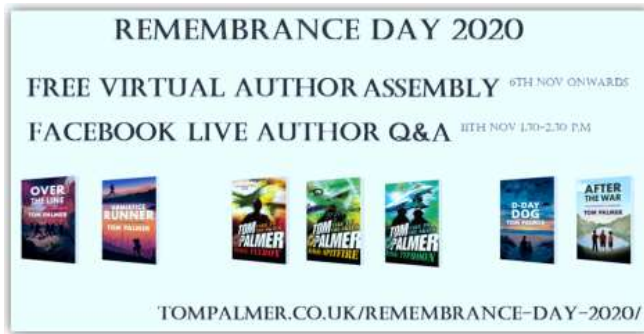
['Words for life' National Literacy Trust - Virtual School Library](#)

Words for Life is created by the National Literacy Trust and funded by the Department for Education. It provides parents, children and young people with activities and support to help improve their language, literacy and communication skills from home. Through this they launched the '**Virtual School Library**' where each week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide free downloadable e books exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads along with accompanying activities. This week's author is **Bali Rai** who has written all about the British Colonies role in the 1st and 2nd World War. You can read his short stories on this website and there are accompanying activities for Remembrance Day. For more information on **Words for Life** and the **Virtual School Library** click [here](#).



Great websites and Information

- Tom Palmer is a children's author has created a 20-minute pre-recorded **Remembrance Day Assembly** aimed at children under 14 that is available to view on YouTube from Friday 6th November. He talks about real soldier's airmen, women and sailors that inspired the characters in his books. You can locate it [here](#) along with a whole range of free resources relating to his work. You can find lots of Tom's books on Sora.
- The British Library has a huge amount of activities for all ages including parents to enjoy from making a miniature book to creating your own comic book character! You can find out more [here!](#)
- Sora – CHS online E and Audio Book has a great selection of reads including a selection of Tom Palmer's books for you to enjoy.



This Weeks Activity – Remembrance

Get creative and share your own message of Remembrance. Write a short story or a poem to commemorate Remembrance Day. It can be about a family member who fought in the war or who was involved in related events, or it could be about a local person or someone you admire. You could also write your own thoughts about those events. Chosen entries will be included within future newsletters and displayed in school. Send your entries to Mrs. Cullen, details below.



Share Your Creations with me - Mrs. Cullen!

If you would like to share a book review, activities, artistic creations or any other literacy related ideas, I would love to see them.

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

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