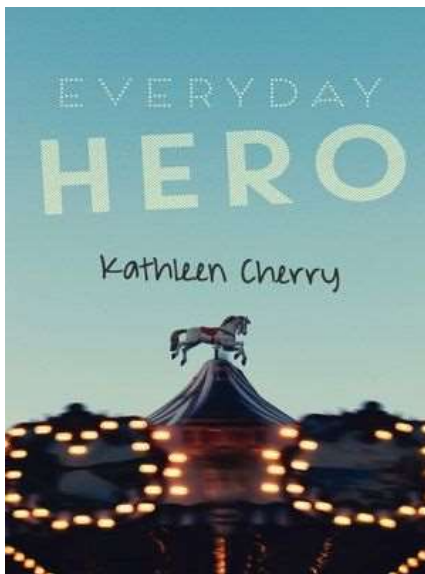# Crompton House School Library

Issue No35

Welcome to issue 35 and summer is almost here! Over the last sixteen months many of us have been affected by the pandemic and reading has proved to be a great source of comfort and help with our mental health and wellbeing. Our lives have been touched by heroes of all shapes and sizes and so this issue featured book is a lovely story and is the focus of our new year 7 Summer Reading Challenge. There are lots of other recommendations, activities, and challenges, enjoy and happy holidays!

Featured Book Review

Everyday Hero – Kathleen Cherry

Age 10+

Alice doesn't like noise, smells, or strangers. She does like rules. Lots of rules. Nobody at her new school knows she has Asperger's, so it doesn't take long for her odd behaviour to get her into trouble. When she meets Megan in detention, she doesn't know what to make of her. Megan doesn't smell, she's not terribly noisy, and she's not exactly a stranger, but is she a friend? Megan seems fearless to Alice--but also angry or maybe sad. Alice isn't sure which. When Megan decides to run away, Alice resolves to help her friend, no matter how many rules she has to break or how bad it makes her feel.

This is a wonderful coming of age, uplifting story about change, the importance of friendship, empathy, courage, accepting that people are different and challenging what we think of as normal.

This book is on the always available Sora list and you can read it by logging onto Sora here

This Issues Activity – CHS Summer Reading Challenges 2021

Summer is finally here! What better time to relax and read a good book or 5! CHS have set a special summer reading challenge via Sora for new year 7 (using our featured book) and also for year 8, 9,10 and 11. You can find out more about them here. However, there is no reason why all our CHS family, parents, carers and families can't join in the challenge, here's how you can get involved:

- Choose a book and read it
- Take a photo of you reading the book in a creative place
- Write a short review/recommendation
- Share on Twitter (children with parental consent) with #CHSFamilyReads tag @Clearningzone and also the author
- Or if you don't have twitter, email your photo and review to Mrs Cullen c.cullen@cromptonhouse.org
- Happy Reading!

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CHS Staff Surprise Summer 'Selfie' Reading Challenge

A whole host of CHS staff have joined in our Staff Surprise Summer Reading Challenge this year. They told me what types of books they like to read, and I picked out a middle grade or young adult title based on their preference and wrapped it up as a surprise! They will read over the summer, take a photo, and write a review. Photos and reviews will be displayed with the book in the Learning Zone and displayed around school in September for our students to choose from. #CHSStaffReads

Foyles Young Poet of the Year 2021 Competition

The Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2021 is open for entries until 31 July 2021. It is free to enter and is open to poets aged 11-17 years anywhere in the world. For all you budding poets, find out more details on how to enter here.

Great websites and Information

- Visit the National Literacy Trusts and Oak National Academy virtual school library here. Filled with activities, competitions, and free books great for children up to aged 12.
- The Reading Agency Wild World Summer Reading challenge helping to save our planet through reading and activities can be found here
- Tom Palmer is hosting a free event on 1st September around his book 'After the War – from Auschwitz to Ambleside' you can register here
- BookTrust have all kinds of recommended reading lists and activities for the summer for any age and you can find them here.

Share Your Creations with me

Share your book reviews, 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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