

CHS Library Newsletter - Issue 42

“Loving God, Caring For Each Other and Achieving Excellence”

Welcome to issue 42 of the Crompton House Library newsletter. This issue contains information about our recent author visit from Tom Palmer, World Book Day celebration plans, Readathon results and much more. Thanks to Aisha at Beal Vale Primary for providing a great book review. I do hope that you enjoy this issue.

Featured Book Reviews

Margot and Me – Juno Dawson



Fiction/War/Family/Friendship/LGBTQ+ – Age 12+

It's the 1990s and teenager Fliss is moving to a remote area of Wales with her mum, who's recovering from cancer. It's bad enough that she's moving away from the school she likes and all her friends, but even worse, they're going to live with Margot, her once-shoulder-padded boss-lady grandmother who Fliss hates. Not only that, but she also has to go to school with Megan and her gang, who decide they hate her on sight. However, when Fliss finds Margot's teen diary, written in World War Two, she starts to understand her no-nonsense grandmother more, uncovering a terrible secret along the way.

This book is available on Sora [here](#).

Wonder Woman at Superhero High – Lisa Yee



Comic Book Book/Super-Heroes

This is a story based on the famous DC character, Wonder Woman, who as a teenager enrolls at Superhero high to learn the skills she needs to become a world class superhero and make the world a better place. There are many ups and downs and she even receives anonymous letters off those who do not want her at their school! This is the first book in the DC Super Hero girls series with a superhero twist.

This book and left me on a cliffhanger. I really enjoyed this book because it made me laugh and I really wanted to know what happened next. I would recommend this book for ages 8+.

By Aisha - Year 6 Beal Vale Primary School

Tom Palmer – Author Visit 2nd February

We were extremely lucky to recently host a visit by one of our favorite children’s authors Tom Palmer. Tom has written over 50 books about historical fiction and sport, He visited our young people to talk to them about his books, what inspires him to write, and why reading for pleasure is so important. It really was an amazing day and the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it. You can read more about Toms visit [here](#).



#WriteaSmile for Children’s Mental Health Week

Our student Book Council recently created **#WriteaSmile** postcard project to raise awareness of **Children’s Mental Health Week** whilst promoting literacy.

The #WriteaSmile project encourages students to think about what makes them feel happy, a funny memory, poem, or joke – write it down on a colourful postcard and send it to another child. The aim is to bring a smile to the faces of both the writer and the reader. Students have hand-written postcards for the children at Beal Vale Primary School, part of the Crompton House C of E Multi Academy Trust. We are aiming to share #WriteaSmile on a larger scale across our borough schools. Find out more information [here](#)



Readathon – Read for Good

Recently our students participated in a Drop Everything and Readathon to encourage reading for pleasure whilst raising money to provide story tellers for children in hospital. Students set themselves targets and timescales to read what they enjoy and were sponsored per book or time spent reading. Our Student Book Council raised £145. Well, done to Amna, Lola, Bella, and Alistair! You can find out more about the charity Read for Good [here](#).



World Book Day 3rd March 2022

Thursday the 3rd of March is World Book Day and this year's message is 'You are a Reader!' We are celebrating its 25th year anniversary! World Book Day is a charity whose mission is to give every child and young person in the UK the opportunity to own their own reading book by giving out free £1 book vouchers. As this is a special anniversary, we will be celebrating in lots of ways this year! Here is what we will be doing!

- Thursday 3rd March all year groups can come to school dressed as a recognisable book character. This is not a non-uniform day and if not dressed as a book character usual school rules apply
- Book Swap Week – Donate a book suitable for secondary school students and swap for another from 1st – 4th March.
- Design a CHS bookmark – Pick up a template and design a bookmark from 1st March. Winning entry will represent school as a bookmark in the library.
- £1 book tokens have been distributed to all students to swap for a free book in participating stores

See [here](#) for more information about World Book Day and how you can get involved. #WorldBookDay



Great websites and Information

- Book Trust have all kinds of recommended reading lists and activities for any age, and you can find them [here](#).
- The Reading Agency developed the 'Reading Well' initiative which is a selection of books chosen by health officials helping young people to manage health and wellbeing including bullying. You can find out more about the titles [here](#), but we do have some of these titles in the school library.
- Sora our online E and Audio Book free library over 3000 e and audio books to choose from. Settle down with a good book this half term. More information about Sora [here](#)



Share Your Literacy Activities 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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