

## **CHS Library Newsletter - Issue 43**

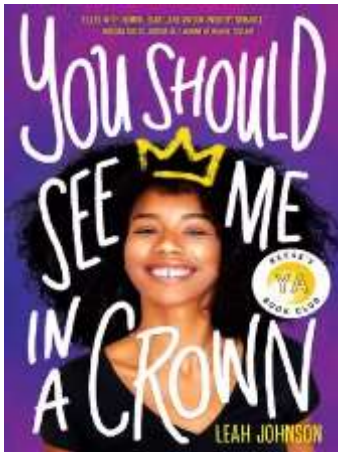
*“Loving God, Caring For Each Other and Achieving Excellence”*

Welcome to issue 43 of the CHS Library Newsletter. March is home to Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day and so this issue includes book recommendations around this subject. It also includes information about our recent World Book Day celebrations. Thanks to Natalia and Aisha at Beal Vale Primary for providing a great book review. I do hope that you enjoy this issue.

### **Featured Book Reviews**

#### **You Should See Me in a Crown**

**Fiction/Family/Friendship/LGBTQ+/Romance – Age 12+**



Liz has always believed she's too black, too poor, too awkward to shine in her small, rich, prom-obsessed midwestern town. But it's okay -- Liz has a plan that will get her out of Campbell, Indiana, forever: attend the uber-elite Pennington College, play in their world-famous orchestra, and become a doctor.

But when the financial aid she was counting on unexpectedly falls through, Liz's plans come crashing down . . . until she's reminded of her school's scholarship for prom king and queen. There's nothing Liz wants to do less than endure a gauntlet of social media trolls, catty competitors, and humiliating public events, but despite her devastating fear of the spotlight she's willing to do whatever it takes to get to Pennington.

The only thing that makes it halfway bearable is the new girl in school, Mack. She's smart, funny, and just as much of an outsider as Liz. But Mack is also in the running for queen. Will falling for the competition keep Liz from her dreams . . . or make them come true?

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

#### **The Danger Gang – Tom Fletcher**

**Adventure/Funny/Mystery/SciFi**



The Danger Gang is about a boy named Franky Brown who has moved from sleepy Greyville to a mysterious village called Freaky. This book is written through a series of letters between the main character Franky and his best friend Dani, who he left behind when he moved house. Franky makes new friends, and everything seems normal on the surface, but strange things start to happen after a powerful storm and a flash of green lightning hit Freaky. It takes a group of children, working together as 'The Danger Gang', to defeat the evil that lies in Shadow Tech with some surprises on the way.

I really liked this book because it had great illustrations by Shane Devries, good humor, and moments of suspense. A great adventure book full of excitement! I rate this book 5/5.

**For age 7+ - By Natalia and Aisha - Year 6 Beal Vale Primary School**

## World Book Day 2022

CHS had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day this year. Staff and students dressed up as their favorite literacy characters and there were quizzes, bookmark making and 'Come Dine with Me' activities in the library. At 10:00 whole school marked this important event with a surprise World Book Day video which was made by and featured CHS staff, students including a guest appearance from children's author Tom Palmer. The video was followed by a 'Drop Everything and Read' activity with 10 minutes of quiet reading, you can view the video [here](#). The student 'Book Council' treated our partner primary school Beal Vale students to a wonderful 'Story Time' thoroughly enjoyed by all. You can read more [here](#).

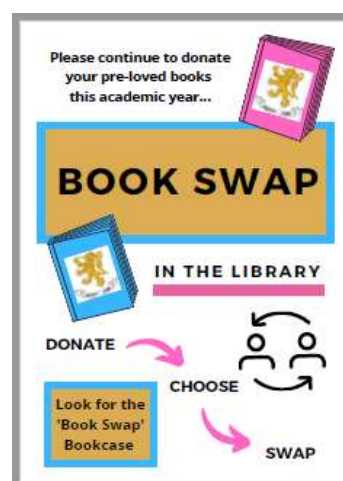
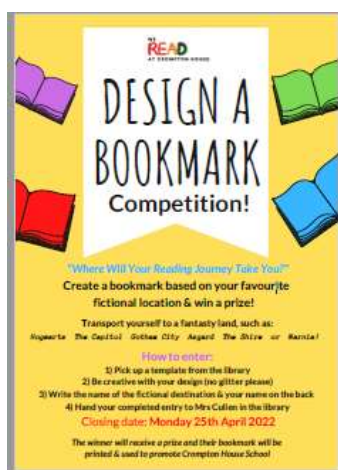


## Bookmark Competition

Why not enter our Easter competition and create a bookmark based on your favorite fictional location? Transport yourself to a fantasy land it could be Narnia, The Shire, The Capitol, Gotham City and draw your design. Pick up a template from the school library, **closing date is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**. For more details look out for the posters on how to enter speak to Mrs Cullen in the school library.

## Book Swap in the library!

Following the success of our 'Book Swap' week for World Book Day, we have decided to make this activity a permanent fixture in the library. Therefore if you have a preloved middle grade or young adult book that you would like to donate, you can bring it to the library and swap it for another totally free!



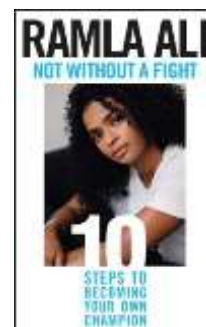
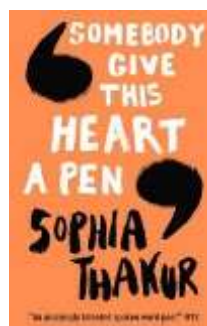
## Women's History Month – March

March is host to International Women's Day and Women's History Month celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women, also highlighting women's contributions to events in history and contemporary society. Our online library, Sora has a wonderful collection of over 60 books on this topic that you can check out on the Sora app, I have also picked out some recommendations below for you. Happy reading!!



## National Literacy Trust – Behind the Cover – free audio books

Behind the Cover audio book club aims to inspire and motivate young women and non-binary readers by providing access to free books digitally. In addition it promotes critical thinking and conversation, and provides a confidence boost, whilst creating a sense of community for young people for whom the pandemic may have meant isolation from their peers. You can find out more information on how to access free digital books [here](#)



## 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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