

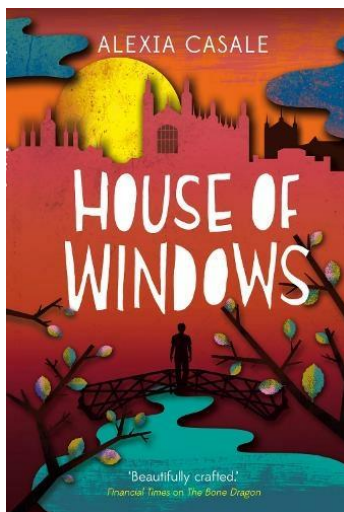
CHS Library Newsletter - Issue 46

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

Welcome to issue 46 of the CHS Library Newsletter. Lots to share with you in this edition! December has been a very busy month with various projects and activities. We are now all looking forward to Christmas, a perfect time to relax and cuddle up with a good book and this issue contains lots of great recommendations including one from Labeebah aged 10 from Beal Vale primary school. I do hope that you enjoy this issue and wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas.

Featured Book Reviews

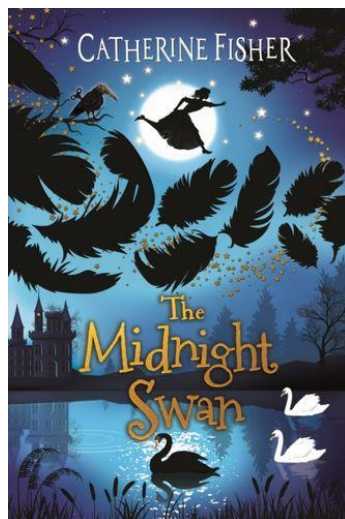
Cane Warriors – Alex Wheatle



Family/School/Mental Health

Nick hates it when people call him a genius. Sure, he's going to Cambridge University aged 15, but he says that's just because he works hard. And, secretly, he only works hard to get attention from his workaholic father. Not that his strategy is working. When he arrives at Cambridge, he finds the work hard and socialising even harder. Until, that is, he starts to cox for the college rowing crew and all hell breaks loose.

This book is featured in our new 'Teacher/Student VLOG created by our student book council the 'Novellas' in support of Black History Month. You can view the VLOG here <https://bit.ly/3FcIMdE>



The Midnight Swan – Catherine Fisher

Non-Fiction/Bullying/Mental Health/Sport/Diversity – Age 9+

This is a book about a swan, who is black. There is a little problem which is she has lost her egg. She recruits a person to find the missing egg. They must go on an adventure to bring this back. During this adventure, an elf presents them with a dilemma. The elf wants something in return for helping them. Will they agree to this?

I enjoyed this story because it was full of adventure and excitement. There were many twists and turns that kept the reader entertained. I really love fiction books and the adventure and mythical elements of this story really appealed to me.

Thanks to Labeebah aged 10 Beal Vale primary school for providing a great review and recommendation.

#WriteASmile Postcard Project

The #WriteASmile postcard project created by our Student Book Council is going from strength to strength. Students have been sending festive messages of kindness, encouragement and thanks to their teachers, friend and family, and Oldham Parish Church as part of their Christmas Tree Festival. Special cards were also hand delivered to very excited year 5 students at St Paul's Primary school in Royton.

CHS students Kaya (year 9) and Courtney (year 11) our #WriteASmile Ambassadors, came up with the idea to raffle a Christmas hamper with items donated by our Student Book Council to raise money to buy new books for the children's ward at Oldham Hospital part of the North Care Charity. Students managed to raise £125! Thanks to everyone who bought a raffle ticket from our #WriteASmile stall and well done to the winners. For more information on the #WriteASmile project you can view our video [here](#).



NorthCare Charity Christmas Card Project

Inspired by the #WriteASmile postcard project, Jessica Pollard from the NorthCare Charity at Oldham Hospital asked if CHS students would write a charity Christmas card to NHS staff and patients that would be working or spending time in hospital over the festive period. This would hopefully go a little way towards making their Christmas easier as part of their 'Care This Christmas' campaign. Many of our students decorated cards and wrote lovely kind festive messages and poems. Jessica said:

"It was a pleasure to meet Kaya and Izzy, pupils from Crompton House School, back in May when they delivered their school's #WriteASmile postcards for our patients at Royal Oldham Hospital. Our team at NorthCare Charity were inspired to reach out to local schools to encourage them to decorate and write a festive card for our patients and staff as part of our 'Care this Christmas' campaign. The cards we received from Crompton House and other schools have been so lovely and will bring a smile to the patients and staff this festive season.

As well as writing cards for Care this Christmas, the pupils at Crompton House School have gone above and beyond, raising £125 with their #WriteASmile hampers at their Christmas Fair to purchase new books for the Children's ward in the New Year."



12 Days of Bookmas

Students have enjoyed our '12 Days of Bookmas' reading for pleasure advent calendar during the last days of term. Each day, form tutors have shared the book blurb for a recommended read with their class and one lucky student has won a copy of the book to take home and keep. Early Christmas presents! You can view our Bookmas calendar here.



Christmas Movie Night in the library

Students had a great time at our annual Christmas Movie Night which takes place in our school library. We watched The Christmas Chronicles and ate popcorn, chocolate, and savory snacks along with hot chocolate and marshmallows. It truly was a magical evening.



Sora Reads this Christmas

There are some great books to relax and unwind with during the festive season on Sora and even better they are totally free!! I have included some festive examples below, but there are hundreds more to choose from. You can find more by linking to Sora [here](#) if you are unsure how to log onto Sora instructions can be found [here](#)

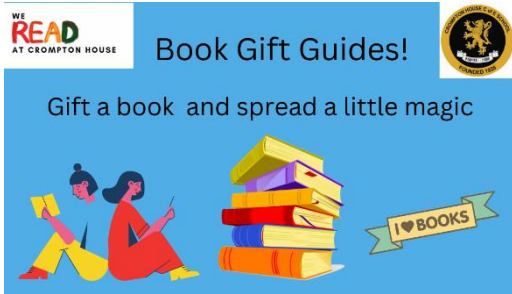


Gift a Book this Christmas

As a final note to you, as the year draws to and close, why not gift a book for Christmas. Books take us on magical journeys, they are educational, inexpensive, and great for our mental health and wellbeing. I have attached a link to a list of book recommendations to help you a little on your way. [Gift a Book List!](#)

Wishing you a happy and peaceful Christmas!

“The more you that you read the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go”
– Dr Seuss.



Great websites and Information

- National Literacy Trust have some great information, activities and a competition for younger readers [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. 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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