

CHS Library Newsletter - Issue 48

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

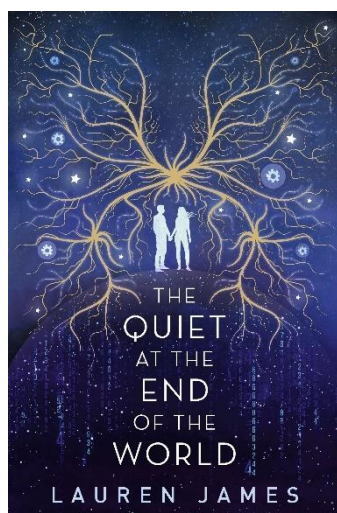
Welcome to issue 48 of the CHS Library Newsletter. March is home to Women's History Month, and we have also been very busy with various projects and activities. Relax and enjoy some of the great reading recommendations included within this issue, some of which you can find free on Sora. Instead of chocolate, why not gift a book this Easter, I have included a link to a wonderful list below. I do hope that you enjoy this issue and wishing you a wonderful peaceful Easter break.

Featured Book Reviews

The Quiet at the End of the World

Fiction/Dystopian/Sci-Fi/LGBTQ

Suitable for age 12+



Lowrie and Shen are the youngest people on the planet after a virus caused global infertility. Closeted in a pocket of London and doted upon by a small, ageing community, the pair spend their days mud larking for artefacts from history and looking for treasure in their once-opulent mansion.

Their idyllic life is torn apart when a secret is uncovered that threatens not only their family but humanity's entire existence. Lowrie and Shen face an impossible choice: in the quiet at the end of the world, they must decide who to save and who to sacrifice . . .

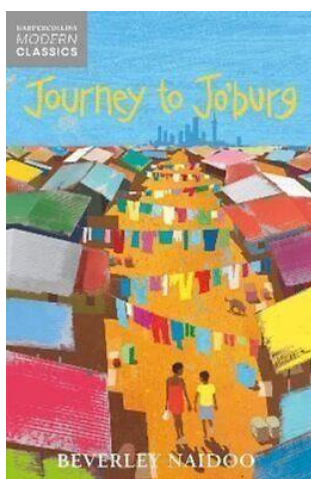
This book is featured in our new 'Teacher/Student VLOG created by our student book council the 'Novellas'. You can view the VLOG here <https://bit.ly/3JoCdp4Quiet>

Find it in the school library or on Sora [here](#)

Journey to Jo'burg – Beverley Naidoo

Fiction/Racism/Diversity/Family/Love

Suitable for age 9+

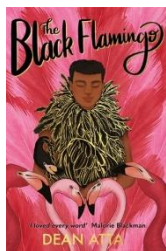


This book is set in South Africa during the time of apartheid. Its story revolves around two key characters called Naledi and Tiro. Naledi is a thirteen-years-old girl and Tiro is her brother, who is 4 years younger. They are looked after by their grandma (Nono) in a small village as their Mma is at work in Johannesburg. It is an emotional story about a brother and sister travelling to the city without any money in the hope to find their Mma to inform her that their baby sister is poorly, and they need money to take her to hospital. Along the way they meet different people who guide them and explain the segregation system in place. I really like how Naledi is a confident young girl who wants to stand up for what is right.

Thanks to Alexa-Mae (Aged 11) at Beal Vale Primary School for this wonderful book review.

Dean Atta – Author Visit

On the 14th of March during LGBTQ+ History month, we took a group of students from our Diverse group to Oldham Sixth Form College to attend an author talk from Dean Atta. Dean is the author of *The Black Flamingo* and his newest release *Only on the Weekend*, and he is also in the top 100 most influential speakers for the LGBTQ+ community. Dean talked about his journey in becoming a writer, what and whom he is influenced by, and he also gave valuable advice to students relating to career, creative writing, and being yourself. Dean is a wonderful role model for young people, it was an absolutely fantastic event, thanks to OSFC for the invite. **Next month we are excited to welcome Manjeet Mann author of *Run Rebel* and *The Crossing* to visit our year 8, 9 and 10 students, watch this space!**



World Book Day 2023

This year we had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day on the 2nd of March with events and activities taking place throughout the week. Students came to school dressed as their favorite book characters and took part in a whole school 'Drop Everything and Read' activity, accompanied by our brand new staff/student World Book Day Celebration video which you can view [here](#). We shared stories, launched our brand new outdoor 'Free Book Box' giving students who don't come in the library access to free books to take home. We also launched a Murder Mystery event in the library which due to popularity was rolled out to all KS3 students thus giving them a chance to learn lots of skills like problem solving and teamwork. You can view our 'Murder Mystery – Big Reveal' video [here](#).



Competition Time – Name the Book Box

As mentioned above in our World Book Day piece, we launched our Free Book Box on World Book Day. The box is accessible to all students who may not want to visit the library but do want to read. It is situated within the grounds of the school and students can take a book totally free. We are looking for a catchy name for our Book Box and so we are asking students to create a name. Submit your name by Wednesday 19th April to Mrs Cullen c.cullen@cromptonhouse.org



Books to read to support Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and so I have featured a broad selection of books featuring strong female characters/authors. The selection can be found on Sora and also in our school library. I have included examples below. You can find more by logging onto Sora. If you are unsure how to log onto Sora instructions can be found [here](#)



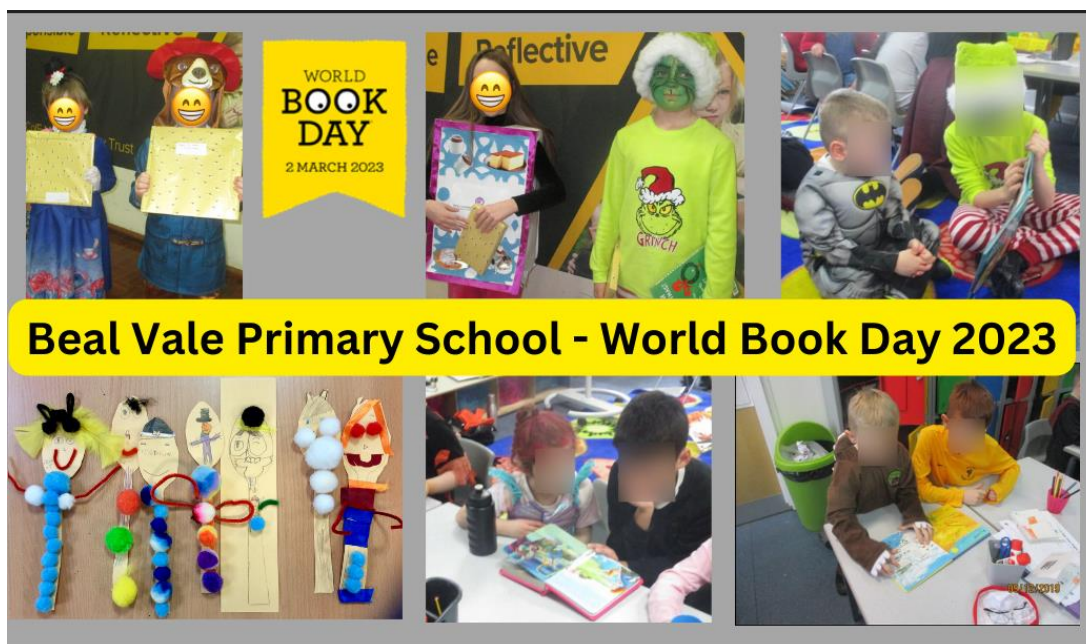
Beal Vale Primary School celebrate Children's Mental Health Week 2023

For children's mental health and well-being week, across the school, we carried out an English unit which was based around a beautiful book called 'The Invisible String' by Patrice Karst. In the book children learned how we are all connected by an invisible string which can even reach to heaven. Reception class created a love heart to show who they are connected too.



Beal Vale Celebrates World Book Day 2023

To celebrate World Book Day, staff and students at Beal Vale Primary School dressed up as their favourite book genre. During a special assembly, the children shared their favourite genres and discussed books based on those genres. They then held a dedicated genre parade showcasing their fabulous costumes. Year 3 joined in a live lesson with brilliant children's author Michael Rosen, and they also created wonderful book characters made from spoons. The older children from year 5 and 6 shared stories with their younger peers in reception and year 1. A fun day was had by all.

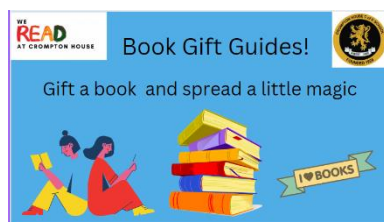


Gift a Book this Easter

As a final note to you, as the Spring term draws to and close, why not gift a book for Easter. 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 Easter!

"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

- Book Trust is a fabulous website full of reading related resources and activities [here](#)
- 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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