

Reading Newsletter March 2023

News

This term we have made some real progress with encouraging Reading for Pleasure across the school.

Our Reading café for years 2 to 6 continues to be very popular. We have also continued with book talk between some of the older children in KS2 and Reception.

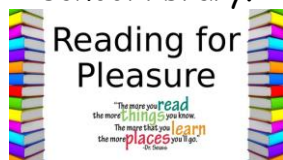
We are still also continuing to celebrate our successes and progress with Accelerated Reader and phonics.

It is important that we listen to our children and allow them to have a pupil voice. Reading is of course a big part of our curriculum but we want the children to enjoy what they are reading and see the benefits. We have therefore been completing pupil reading surveys across the whole school to ensure we are meeting the children's needs and allowing them to shape Reading for Pleasure in our school.

We have been meeting regularly with our Reading Ambassadors and we are launching a competition that will run throughout April. Details can be found below.

Competition Time!

We would like pupils to design a poster to help encourage and inspire other children to read for pleasure. They may want to share their favourite authors or books, talk about the benefits of reading or about why they love reading. Entries need to be in by the End of April and winners will be chosen in each class by our Reading Ambassadors. The winning posters will also go on display in our school library.



What is Accelerated Reader?

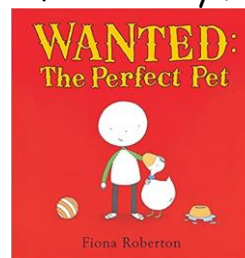
AR is a computer programme that helps teachers to manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Children (years 2 - 6) pick a book at their own level and read it. When finished, they take a short quiz on the computer. Passing the quiz is an indication that the child has understood what has been read.

If your child wishes to read a book from home or the local library, you can check the reading range and whether there is a quiz available using the link below:

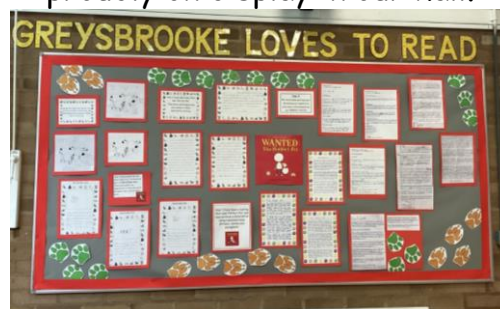
[Accelerated Reader Bookfinder UK & Ireland - Welcome \(arbookfind.co.uk\)](https://arbookfind.co.uk)

World Book Day

At the beginning of March we celebrated World Book Day. Throughout the week we took part in lots of activities based on 'Wanted the Perfect Pet' by Fiona Robertson.



Some wonderful pieces of writing were created across the school which are now proudly on display in our hall.



We also enjoyed coming to school dressed as our favorite book characters or in our pyjamas.

Draw with Rob

Award winning author and illustrator came to Lichfield Garrick on Sunday 26th March. I know some of our children went along to hear all about how he became an author and illustrator, what inspires him and to participate in a live draw with Rob session. During lockdown Rob started 'Draw with Rob' an online drawing tutorial and he even won a Guinness World Record for the largest 'live' online art class.



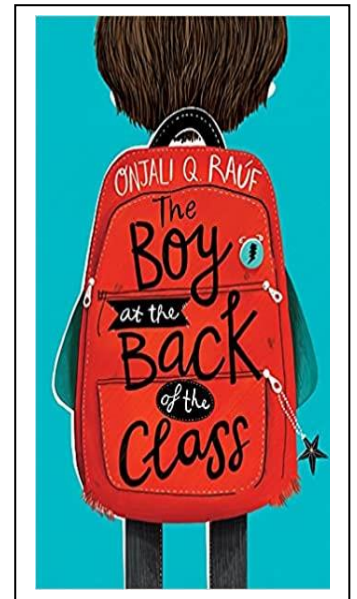
If you have a budding illustrator at home, then why not have a look at his Draw with Rob youtube tutorials. We would love you to share your artwork with us.

Book Recommendation by Miss Callahan

'The Boy at the back of the class' by Onjali Q. Rauf.

There used to be an empty chair at the back of the class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He is nine years old but he is described as strange. He never talks or smiles and doesn't even like sweets. The class soon learn that Ahmet isn't strange and actually has a really interesting life.

This book gives a child's view on the refugee crisis and highlights the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that does not always make sense. It is told with humour and is truly lovely. It allows the reader to consider how Ahmet feels (showing empathy) and allows you to challenge stereotypes and question opinions which might not be based on facts. There are some difficult words in the book so you may need to ask an adult for help with those unknown words or maybe research their meaning.



Staffordshire County Council Big Green Poetry Competition.

An exciting opportunity for budding writers.

To celebrate Staffordshire Day on 1st May artists of all ages and abilities are invited to submit a poem for the Big Green Poetry Competition.

The theme is sustainability and the beauty of Staffordshire's environment and wildlife. Winning poems will be published in a book for you to keep and will be available at local libraries. The deadline for submissions is Friday 14th April 2023. Poems can be handed in at your local library or emailed to communications@staffordshire.gov.uk.