

Library Winter Newsletter



Welcome

We hope you enjoy our latest newsletter. It has been such a busy half term! We have tried to include all that has gone on in the library over the last few months. From trips to displays, Instagram to murder mystery events, there has been a lot going on!

Instagram

We have recently launched our very own West Park Library Instagram page. It is a place to celebrate all things book related! Please do give us a follow.



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Remembrance Day

We have had a display up to celebrate Remembrance Day in the library, focusing on our local history connections.



Bookbuzz

All of our year 7 and 8 pupils have received their free Bookbuzz book as a Christmas present from school. These books are theirs to keep, and pupils will create a project based on their book in the spring. This has been a very exciting time for us, and is a job that we really enjoy doing! We hope that the pupils love their books.



Year 6 Library Visits

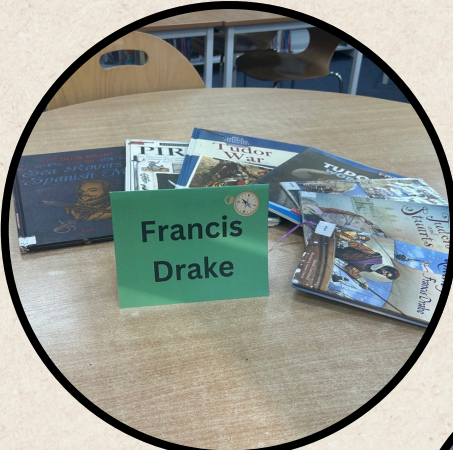
We have spent the last 8 weeks hosting our local primary schools for after school transition sessions. Each school has sent four keen readers to West Park, to take part in reading related activities and have access to a wider range of books. It is lovely to meet our potential new pupils, and great for the year 6 pupils to experience a bit of West Park! Hopefully many of them will join our school Book Club when they arrive.





Explorers Research

The Humanities department have been visiting the library this half term with their year 8 'England to Empire' classes. We have led a skills-based research session for each class, followed by a trip to the library to do group research on different explorers such as Mary Kingsley, Christopher Columbus and Ferdinand Magellan. It is always great to see the library being used well by different curriculum areas.



Book Club

Book Club continues to go from strength to strength. We currently have 50+ members attending regularly, taking part in lots of exciting activities every week. We are always keen to welcome new members.

Some of our recent activities have involved making book pumpkins, writing alternative book endings, and writing two sentence ghost stories for Hallowe'en. We have a couple of special Christmas treats lined up for the last two weeks!

We have also launched the Derbyshire Schools' Book Award (DSBA), a local award with 6 shortlisted titles. The 12 pupils that read the most from this award will take part in a trip to the University of Derby in the spring for the award finale.



University of Derby Trip

DSBA Launch

At the beginning of November, we took 12 pupils to the University of Derby for the launch of the Derbyshire Schools' Book Award. The aim of the award is to promote reading for pleasure and engage pupils at all levels, with shorter reads and a graphic novel always on the shortlist. Pupils who attended had a fantastic time, and even got to meet author J.P. Rose!

Some of our wonderful year 9 pupils presented on a shortlisted book called 'Seven Million Sunflowers'. Pupils from Book Club are now reading through the shortlist to vote for their favourite books!



Book Club Murder Mystery



Our Book Club members are currently working towards their annual reward challenge. For those pupils who have hit their Christmas targets, we set up a Murder Mystery event in the library. The pupils have done so well that we had to run the event over two school periods as they would not all fit in! Our young sleuths were brilliant detectives, investigating the murder of the cleaner in the school library. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and it was a really enjoyable day.



12 Days of Christmas

Our annual 'Find the Gingerbread Man' event has returned once again for Christmas at West Park! Our gingerbread men have been hidden around school by various members of staff. There are three per day to find.

Each pupil who finds one and answers the question on the back correctly will receive a prize! This year we have made it bigger and better than ever. Every winner will be invited to an exclusive VIP library event at first break on the last Thursday of term.



Merry Christmas from Team Library!

