



Queens' Library News: The Biblio-Files

QUEENS' SCHOOL

Dare to be Great

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Welcome to the first **Queens' Library** newsletter, The Biblio-Files! All of our current books can be found in our Library catalogue Accessit: <https://uk.accessit.online/qns04/#!dashboard> Parents can view the latest recommended reads, reading lists and reading themes of the month. Students can login to view their loans and search the database and view lots of information about our displays and Library events.

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Happy reading from Mrs Greatrex, Ms Goetsch & Mrs Hancock!



The spring term has been incredibly busy in the Library with lots of events and displays to celebrate whole school events and reading for pleasure (RfP).

We started in January with a Holocaust Memorial Day display and reading list which can be found on Accessit. Students on the PRE school trip to Poland, brought us back a copy of *The Children's Block* by Otto Klaus, a moving autobiography about 500 Jewish children living in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Mr Cohen gave us a memorial candle and students created some moving poems on the fragility of freedom.

More information here: <https://uk.accessit.online/qns04/serviceId=ExternalEvent&homepageSn=21>



February's theme was the Lunar New Year which celebrated fiction writing from South East Asian authors and dragons in books, in honour of the Year of the Dragon.

My favourite reading list was one about dragons in fiction and you can view it here if you missed it.

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March is always a big month for booklovers. World Book Day is a celebration of the importance of reading and having access to books. Along with our amazing Queens' English Department we dressed up and celebrated books and reading.

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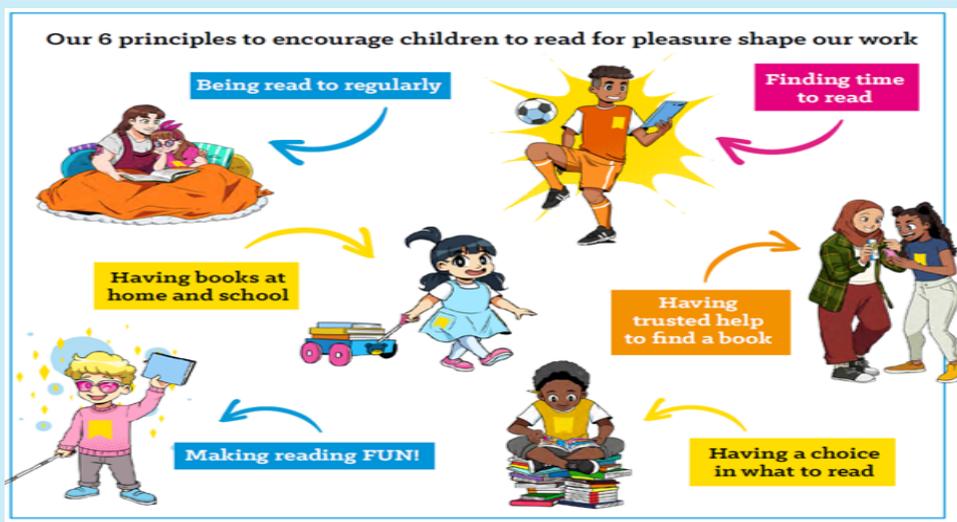
For many children, access to books is a serious issue – 1 in 7 pupils (16.1%) said the book they had 'bought' with their World Book Day book token had been their first book of their own. This rises to 1 in 5 (20.7%) for children receiving Free School Meals

Source: 2023 National Literacy Trust, Annual Literacy Survey

Just 2 in 5 (43.4%) children aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading in 2023. This is the lowest level since we first asked the question in 2005.

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Every form was given the £1 book vouchers to spend on a book and we created a list of local bookshops including Waterstones and WH Smiths where they can be used. Reading for pleasure is an incredibly important part of student development for personal, developmental and education reasons. The National Literacy Trust and World Book Day partners produced this slide on how we can encourage students to continue their reading journey.



We've celebrated WBD with Book Tasting Café in the fiction library lessons. Students from Years 7,8 & 9 had the opportunity to "taste" three books from different genres which they might not normally choose and vote for their favourite one. It has been wonderful to see students discovering authors, reading fiction they wouldn't normally try and learning about genres. Maya in Year 9 says "The book tasting really helped me discover a new author. I'm on my 2nd Agatha Christie book!"

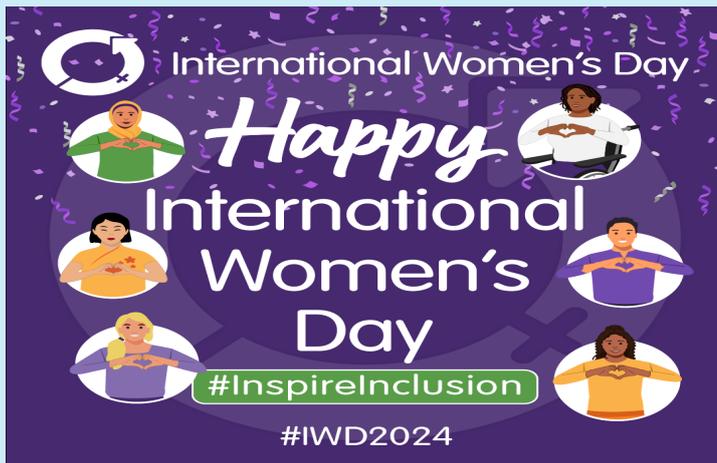


International Women's Day was on 8th March 2024. We have updated reading lists available on our library catalogue Accessit.

We have some great resources on feminism from literature, art, economics, sociology and biography.

Last but not least our Booktastic Bees Book Club takes place on Tuesdays after school and is hosted in the Library by some dedicated 6th formers.

We have read a variety of titles and are now discussing themes and topics which the students are choosing. Year 7 & 8's Tuesday 3-3.45pm in the Library.



We are refreshing our Sixth Form wider reading materials so have added new stock to Business & Economics, Economics and Philosophy. See some titles below and our New to the Library display on the Accessit homepage.

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A newly created creative writers club has started on Wednesday lunchtimes again run by Sixth formers. They have named themselves The Rolling Dice in the Burning Tower: a creative title if ever there was one!

