

WORLD BOOK DAY 2017

We celebrated World Book Day with games and a display of photographs showing teachers and librarians reading. Classes were invited into the libraries and we played bookish forms of Chinese Whispers and Musical Chairs (or statues – depending on the class and space!). Chinese Whispers began with the reading of the first lines of well-known children's books and it was fascinating to see which remained intact as they travelled through the room and which evolved completely into something else! Musical Chairs or Statues was played using readings from these books. When the reader stopped, another chair was taken away and pupils had to be quick to find a place to sit! The same principles applied to Musical Statues, much fun was had by all!



The CILIP Carnegie
& Kate Greenaway
Children's Book
Awards

The shortlist for this year's 80th Anniversary Carnegie shortlist was announced on Thursday 16th March ☺. Here's what made it:

- *Sputnick's guide to life* (Frank Cottrell Boyce)
- *The bone sparrow* (Zana Fraillon)
- *The smell of other people's houses* (Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock)
- *The stars at Oktober Bend* (Glenda Millard)
- *Beck* (Mal Peet)
- *Rail head* (Philip Reeve)
- *Salt to the sea* (Ruta Sepetys)
- *Wolf hollow* (Lauren Wolk)

We will be obtaining a full set of the shortlisted books for both campuses, so please do encourage pupils to borrow them!

Lists of previous shortlisted titles held in the school libraries are available.

WILLIAM, THE CONQUEROR

Victor-in-residence, Castle Library



We are fortunate to share Castle Library with William the Conqueror until the end of Trinity Term 2017! Our illustrious visitor arrived during the February half term break and will be with us until the summer. Jonathan Culverhouse OB, (1959-63), commissioned Peter Walker to sculpt the Kingly bronze head to commemorate the 950th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. It was unveiled at Berkhamsted Castle on Friday 14th October, 2016. William will be with us until he is moved to his more permanent home, which is yet to be decided.

Co-curricular reading groups:

This year we have been reading *Jessica's ghost* by Andrew Norris and *Boy in the tower* by PollyHo-Yen, both of which are great reads for Year 7. We take it in turns to read aloud, which has proven to increase pupils' confidence in reading in general and speaking in public. In needing to think more carefully about the sounds, they try harder to improve emphasis and pronunciation, and test out their storytelling abilities by using different voices. All good fun!

EPQ

Before the half term break, we delivered research skills classes to Year 12 students undertaking the EPQ. They were introduced to all the electronic resources available to them through the school library, as well as software to help with compiling bibliographies. If supervisors would also like to know more about this and the continuing assistance we provide, please feel free to come into the libraries and ask Katherine, Gosia or Sarah for further information. We would ask that students are reminded that they are always welcome to ask for our help.

We would like to wish you a very Happy Easter, and restful and relaxing holidays ☺

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