

Gosforth East Middle School News



Spring Term 2

2025



Welcome to Spring Term 2

What is your Favourite Thing About GEMS?

“All the wonderful clubs and friendly teachers” Zoe M

“All the wonderful opportunities to learn new stuff.” Alex I

“The cage and the field for football!” Sammy R

“To make new friends and have opportunities other schools won’t get.” Madeleine L

“Library and walking Cassie” Nell L

“I like the library, Drama and having a dog in the school.” Ilana W

“I like my teachers” Amara

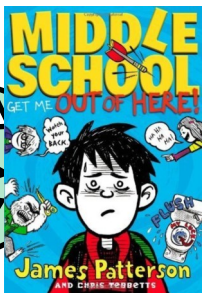
“I like walking Cassie.” Lauren

Interviewed by Ayomi

Every hour, every minute, every second, the Year 6 students are drawing ever nearer to: **SATS** (which stands for Standard Assessment Tests).

Especially in this half term’s assessment week. These SATs were last year’s (taken by the current year 7s) and the layout is almost exactly the same as the real SATs. English tests were on Monday and Tuesday, Maths tests were on Wednesday and Thursday (and Friday will be a fun day for the real SATs). Have I told you about our white-and-purple CGP books we are filling in as homework? We do one set of 11-12 questions every week and we have 10 minutes to do them.

(There is also a Book Two.) By Alex I 6ER



KS2 English
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling

SAT Buster
10-Minute Tests

Ages
10-11
Includes answers

Book One

FEEL PROUD OF YOURSELF

In March, Mr Adcock delivered an assembly about feeling proud for everything you do—even the small things like being kind and helping out! You can be proud of anything, like finishing first on a leader board, or getting really good marks in a test. (Proud by Heather Small was on when we came in.) By Alex I 6ER

WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE TODAY TO MAKE
YOU FEEL
-PROUD-

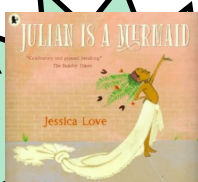


“On the way to school we were scooting past some litter in Gosforth Park and Edie said, “Why don’t we pick up all of those Quaver packets?” Then Edie suggested we pick up the empty plastic bags too. Then we put them in the nearest bin. When we got to school we washed our hands!!” Lauren S and Edie D.

“I am proud of myself because I have one of the main parts for children in Snow White and it’s getting filmed! I am also proud of my brother because he has been chosen to be in a choir and he is the only boy in his year who was chosen!” Ruby G

“I’m proud of being a good person! I’m also proud of Nell L because she is a good person too!” Eleanor H

“I am proud that I go to the library every day so I can improve my vocabulary and read more books! I’m also really proud of my sister because her parents evening went really well and she is improving her Maths.” Isobel V





was MAGNIFICENT

We all know about our school play Moana Jr, but here's what some students thought:

"The costumes were amazing!" Sophie 5SR

"The amount of effort put in to it was off the charts!" Lola 5CF

"Lily was great as Maui!"

By Ayomi 5SR

Next year's show is...



We are already planning on getting started!

Auditions are being held after year 6 SATs.

We will be making the sets by hand.

We are very excited to be performing this show in 2026. By Zoe



Young Green Briton Challenge

Newcastle Regional Final

YOUNG
GREEN
BRITON
challenge

The final took place at Newcastle Civic Centre. There were four Dragons who were there to listen to all pitches and choose just four ideas. The Dragons are inspiring entrepreneurs who have a lot of experience and knowledge when it comes to starting new projects. Other schools were Benfield, Great Park Academy and Walker Riverside.



BOB Goes Green have noticed a decline in animals in our community. They would like to increase the number of animals in our local area by creating a space on our school grounds for bug hotels, squirrel picnic benches and bird houses. They would also like to plant more perennial flowers to

attract more bees and bugs.



Seven Stitches are concerned about fast fashion. They want to hold clothes swaps in school. They plan on personalising clothes and even holding a fashion show to showcase their creations. Seven Stiches also want to turn old patterned t-shirts into scrunchies to sell. Seven Stiches were specially commended for their idea and presentation.



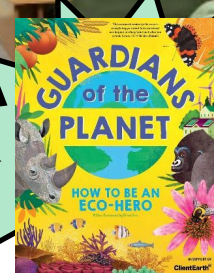
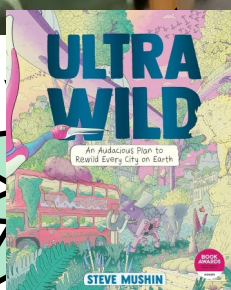
MHT Composting want to create composting areas in school and build wormeries using scrap wood from DT. They plan on selling their compost and reuse old plastic bottles.

YOUNG GREEN BRITON challenge

They even have their own t-shirts, which the Dragons loved. MHT Composting won the finals for our school and will join all other winning teams from across Briton who have been invited to the National Finals which will be held in London!



Congratulations to everyone involved, we hope they feel proud of how well they represented our school.



NSPCC



NSPCC has visited our school for a few days to talk about different types of abuse and teach children what Childline is. Here are some different types of abuse we learned about:

Neglect is when a child does not get the basic needs that they should have

Emotional Abuse is when somebody gets hurt but it does not leave a mark on the outside. This may include humiliating or constantly criticising a child. By Sophie and Zoe



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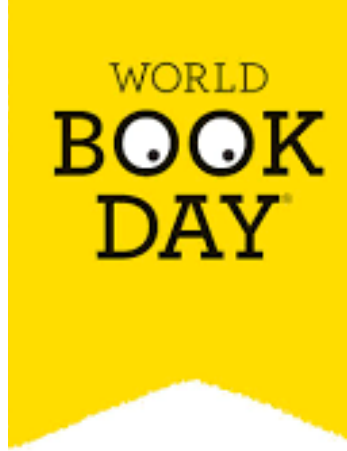
The quiz took place on Tuesday 11th March from 10am-12.30. It involved 8 children - four Y7s and four Y8s. Year 7 team: Ayla S, Lily L, Max T and Aryn G. Year 8 team: Charlie D, Adam K, Amelia G and Zaara R. The Y7 team came 5th out of 23 teams, and the Y8s came joint 13th. Congratulations to both teams!

MOBO AWARDS 2025 The act who wrote the song 'God Gave Me Feet For Dancing' (Ezra Collective) and performed by our Y7 and 8 girls won 'Best Jazz Act' at the MOBOS!! By Lola



Ceilidh in Photos





"Everyone had wonderful outfits, we saw some weird and amazing costumes and you even got book tokens!" Sammy 5KR

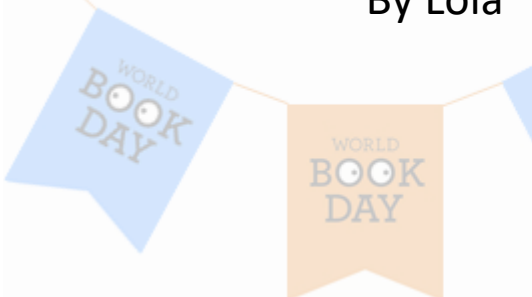




Last week it was world book week . We did lots of fun activities . We stopped 10 minutes early every day to either read or journal in our planners . We are very lucky to have a wonderful librarian who plans out our world book day. Also, all of the costume's were amazing.

By Lola

"During the week we had to drop everything and read ten minutes before lunch and we had to do some journaling ten minutes before the end of the day." Sammy 5KR





ANNUAL WORLD BOOK DAY FLASH MOB

Book characters busted some moves at break time



It felt like the first day of spring! The sun was shining, the sky was blue and the vibes were vibing.

"I kind of knew it was going to happen because my older sister told me



about it but it was great! It was fun, I loved the song 'Timber'." Rosey y5

"We have had fun filled week of excitement .Contests, dancing, surprises and more fun. We had an amazing collection of costumes and we have a few pictures of the students wearing them. We especially read for 10 minutes at the end of third lesson every day of that week." Sophie C



"I liked dressing up, you could express yourself!" Sophie C





GEMS PODCAST

There was a GEMS LIVE podcast episode on Thursday 6th March AKA world Book Day. We were all sat in the hall while watching and listening to the podcast! The presenters were sat on stage with microphones and interviewed special guests El-lie Y7 and Miss Gill.

By Rosey.



"I thought it was really good because I liked how Brody walked on and was smiling and waving at everyone. It was fun watching them talk to each other live on stage." Zoe y5



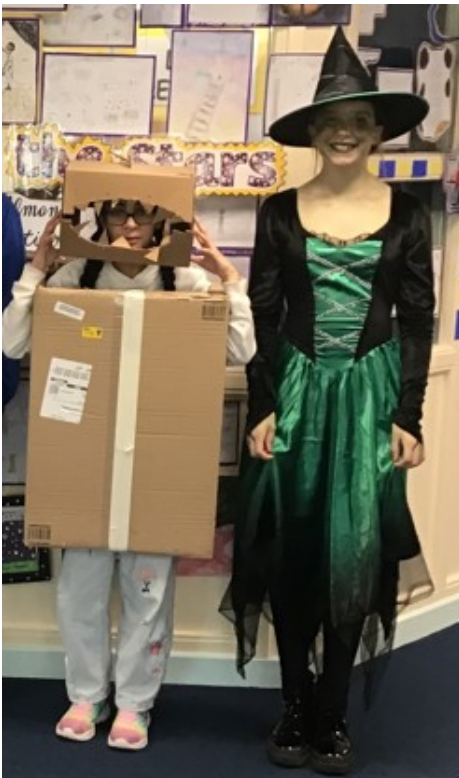
As part of our World Book Day (Week) celebrations, we will held a book swap in school.

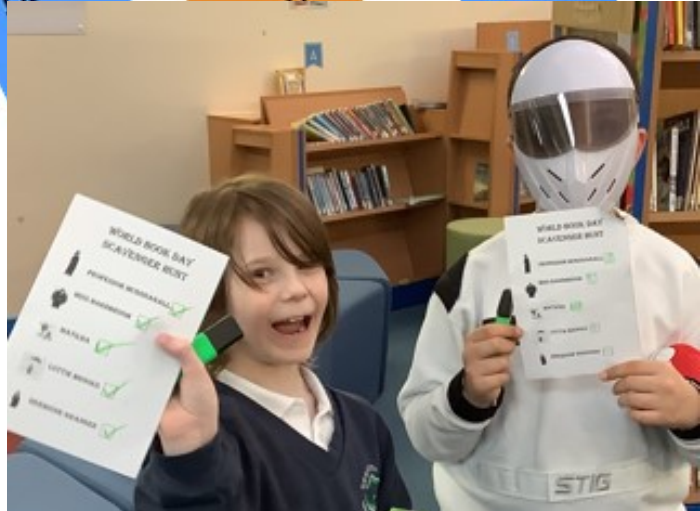
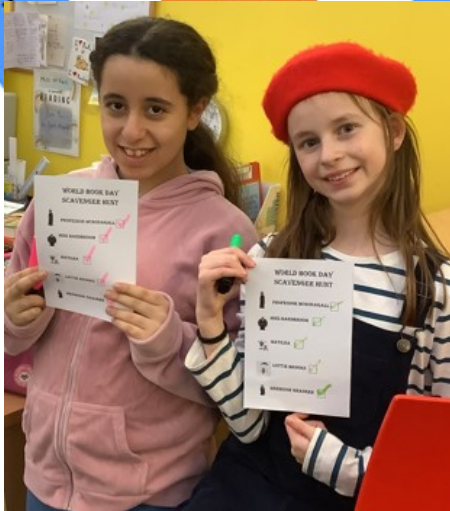


Any pupil who wanted to participate brought in a book that they are finished with. They were given a token in return, which they were able to swap for a book at the event.



WORLD BOOK DAY
WINNERS





Character hunt in the library! A fantastic World Book Day activity, planned by Ruby 6ER, for all to enjoy.

Reading Recommendations

Rosey:



Anaya:



Abigail:



Jacob:



Erin:



Nell:



Lauren:



Isobel:



James:



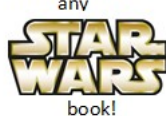
Miss McFall:



Emma:



Mr Hodgson:



The completely chaotic christmas of Lottie Brooks

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

I love this book because its so intresting when you start reading it you cant stop. Its about Lottie brook and her chaotic christmas im not spoiling the book but i love it you should definitely try read it, i rate it 5 stars Lottie brooks books are my favourite books ever that ive ever read.

By Lucy J

Hockey On Tuesday 11th March, our school hockey team played against three other schools: Grange Hill, Ravenswood and Hotspur. We played really well, we worked great as a team. We communicated well and listened to each other. We won two out of three games. 6-0 and 3-1. We lost one game 2-1. We are now preparing to play in the hockey final in April. By Oscar J and Henry F



“We also went to a competition on Wednesday 2nd April and Came 6th out of ten schools!” Lucy J y6

Year 5 Leadership Competition

A group of six people who went and there were five activities to take part in. One person got chosen for each challenge. On two challenges we received points and on three we came third, second and third. I enjoyed it because we were able to do sports and running challenges and communication challenges. By Joshua H

GEMS Hosted an American Football Tournament for the City

First we played Byker and Dame Allans and won against them both. Then we went on to play in the quarter finals and won! We played in the semi-final and won with three touch downs! The offence team was Archie, James, Sophia, Emily and Joel. The defence team was Sophia, Emily, Dixon, Joe, Henry and Oliver. I think we played very well. Joe, our coach, was very encouraging and came in to tell us all the plays and where to throw the ball. We have another match at Druid Park very soon! By Sophia A



On Friday we competed in the tournament and went unbeaten! After the tournament we got our medals and went into the gym to celebrate. Mr Stout was also there and was very excited for us! It is all thanks to Mr Cheetham and Mr Jordan for being there and supporting us the whole time. Now that we are in the regionals, we are training every Tuesday and Thursday. The first sessions have gone well. By Oliver S and Joel W



Football



In Newcastle City Cup Championship last year we came first, so this year the girls team played in a football competition at Kenton school. They played against Walbottle, St Mary's and Kenton. We won two of the three games and so came second in the competition! We are proud of ourselves. We think we are a really good team that plays well together. By Caitlyn, Lauren and Martha

If some of you don't know our school competed in a football match against Dame Allen's . We won 4 games all together. Everyone who played enjoyed it, some thought it was difficult others thought different. A lot of people did score so congrats to them. Thomas Y scored twice, Dexter scored twice and Hugo scored twice! By Ayomi

Wembley Win for the Toon!

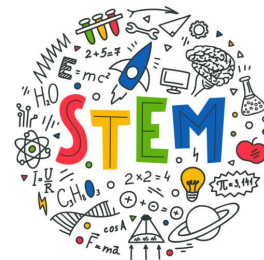


Wembley is now black and white and these 3 heroes helped us to win! In the 45th minute Dan Burn headed one in from outside the 6 yard box. Then 8 minutes later Isak belted the ball into the bottom bins! Newcastle's win was their first cup win for 55 years they also hadn't won at Wembley for over 70 years! By Sammy



Think that's good?... GEMS currently have **two** football trophies, one of which they have won for five consecutive years!

A STEM Day at Newcastle Eagles Arena



“STEM is short for Science, Maths, Engineering and Technology. We were there all day. My favourite part was playing basketball with Chloe and Abby who play for the Newcastle Eagles women’s team. The shooting drills were fun.” Ruby y6

Y6 went on a basketball trip at the beginning of the spring term the Vertu Motors Arena near Scotswood Road. We took the Metro. At Vertu, we went up to Room 2 on the first floor, where we met some Newcastle Eagles members (Sarah Birkett and Chloe Gaynor) and learnt about how STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) plays a part in sport. After lunch, we went to a basketball court and played some games. Overall, we had a great time. By Alex I 6ER

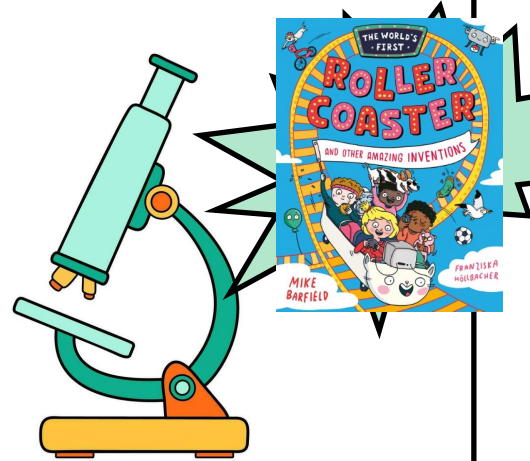
We were given activity booklets about STEM. It has Eagles players in. We watched videos of how shots for in and we had to work out the percentages of how many shots they made and how many shots they took but didn’t score. Afterwards, we went to the basketball court and had to bounce the ball and see how many times we could run under it. We used the booklet to see where we should shoot from and took ten shots from each position. Then we worked out the percentage for us. Now we have to design a shoe for basketball. The winner will win tickets for men’s or women’s games. By Yosif, Harriet and Freya.



“It was a really fun day. We did go on a long walk but it was pretty fun because we saw all the NUFC fans coming out of Central Station after the big win” Harriet

Science Fair 2025

On the 10th of March, a group of Scientists from year 8 and year 7 went to Newcastle University to take part in the Science Fair. Other schools like Sacred Heart, GCMS, Emmanuel College and Great Park came too.

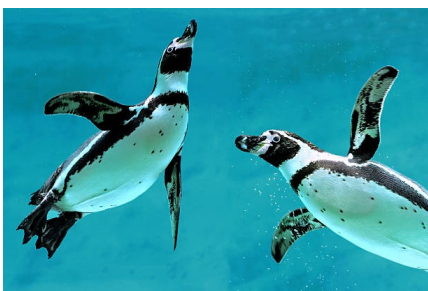


Our school won 1 award, the big winners were Sacred Heart who won many awards like best design for their robotic spider. By Millie

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

THE THEME THIS YEAR WAS...

CHANGE AND ADAPTATION



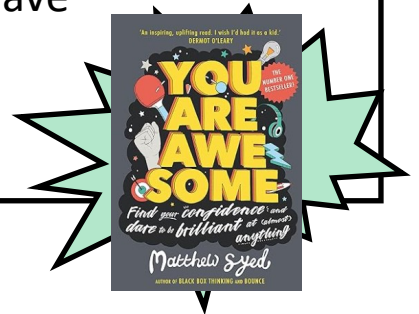
Animals are the best example for this because their adaptation to the planet is amazing like penguin's adaption to the freezing water and moths' adaption to the air.



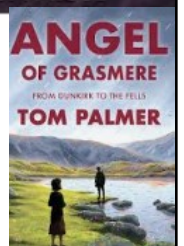
In Science, we did yoga poses based on animals. For example a bridge to represent the crab. When you did the pose we were told facts about the animal. It was relaxing." Ayomi y5

BODY CONFIDENCE CLOTHES

We found some people from key group and we spoke to them about what their ideas were for this project. They said the key group wanted to do a fashion show but some people were scared so they came up with the idea of doing body confidence. They have got 6 different t-shirts. They have made over £600 with the line so well done to all the people who played a part in key group! B Lola



AUTHOR LIVE EVENTS! We tuned in to listen to J.P. Rose talk about her book Birdie that is in the 9+ shortlist. We even got to interact with her and ask her questions!

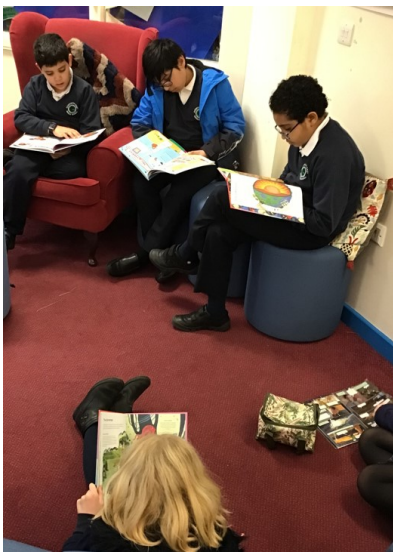


Some of us were VIP guests in the library while others watched in their classes. We also attended a live event where Tom Palmer talked about his shortlisted book, Angel of Grasmere. We got to ask him questions too!



SPARK 5 2025 BOOK CLUB

We meet every Monday lunch time at 12.35pm to share our excitement for the Spark Book Awards!



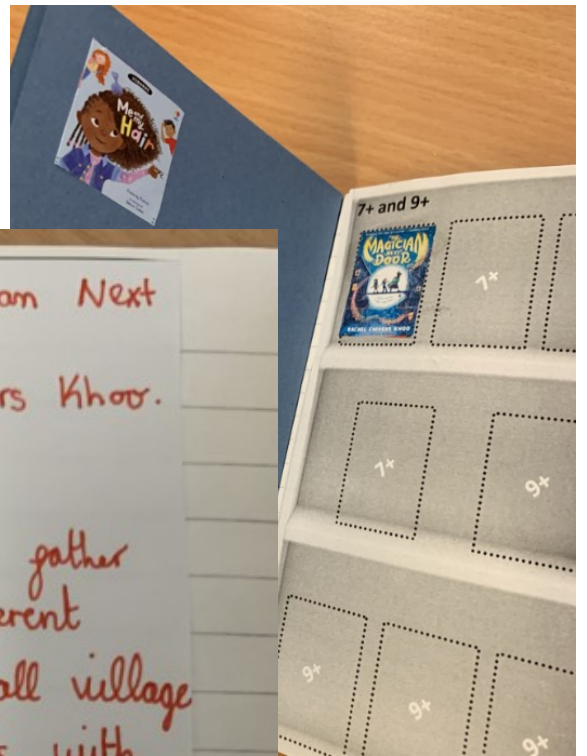
Book: *The Magician Next door.*
By Rachel Chivers Khoo.

Brief summary:
A girl and her father move to a different house in a small village. She makes friends with a boy and they have loads of adventures.

What did you like?
I liked how there was a house that was upside down. And I liked all these wonderful adventures.

What could be improved?
I can't really think of anything it could be improved on.

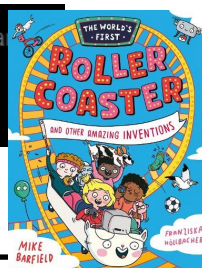
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Pupils have special books to track their progress and record their thoughts.



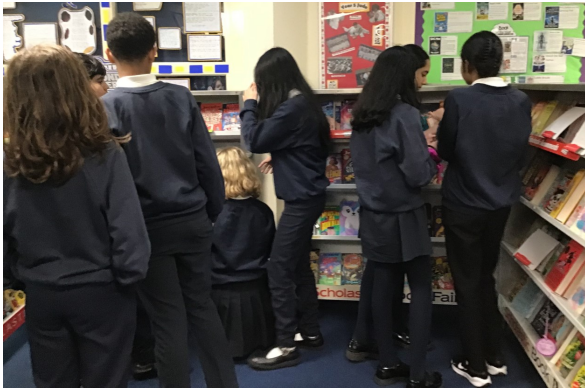
Isobel y5 designed this fantastic bookmark for our club. When pupils have read all books in all categories, they will be rewarded with this very special bookmark. Mike Barfield thinks it is great too!



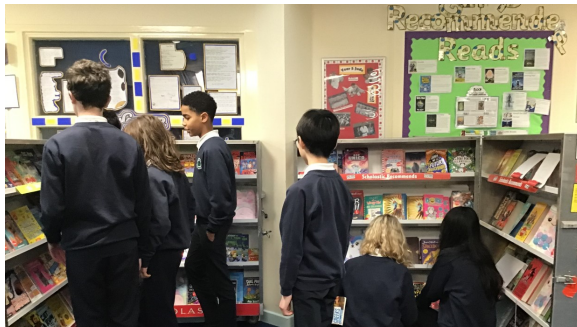
SPRING BOOK FAIR

Wednesday 12th — Tuesday 19th March

We raised £774.15 for Scholastic!
That means we earned £309.66
to spend on books for our school!



"I liked how there was a lot more stationery than last time and much more choice. It didn't all run out in one day. There were also Spark books available!" Zoe



"I love the finger pointers, so did everyone else— they all sold out! But not to worry, I ordered one!"

Rosey



Ransom Manor Part 4

It's the Hughes's. I'm not

who I think I am, I will never be myself again ...

"Grace! Grace! Open up! Please." I say as tears roll down my cheeks. The harsh truth is painful. Grace appears at the door her face smothered with a bright purple face mask. "What is it? Remember? I told you to never speak with me again." she taps her foot impatiently and rolls her eyes. I don't want to speak to her either. So I give her a hug. Seeing me in distress must have brought back memories and she hugged me too. "What do you need?" She's almost yelling in my ear. So I do the obvious thing and wince noticeably. In the house, a cosy little kitchen sits squat. Her mum waves me over and her dad ignores me and continues eating silently. We walk over to the cream living room with white furniture, a large hearth burning away. A tall, mahogany bookshelf stands in the corner. A book called 'History of Pharaohs' written in cursive and gold embellishments. "I recognise this." I mutter under my breath bordering silence.

There was a tugging feeling that told me to run as fast as I can. Grace's hand rests on my shoulder "What's wrong Pen?" My name is Penelope, and since I don't like penny, she calls me pen. Penny make me sound weak and helpless. "I recognise this book. Where did your dad get it from?"

I say this, knowing the answer. The book came from the Hughes's house. I saw it just recently when I snuck in last week. "My dad got it on one of his excavation trips ages ago, its been sitting there for at least 4ish years." The way she exaggerates the word 'ages' I know she's lying. He must have got the book between last Tuesday and yesterday. Is he stealing from the manor? That manor is cursed you know... [To be continued.](#)

By Millie A

Dog School!

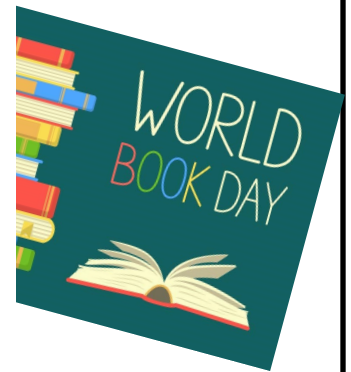
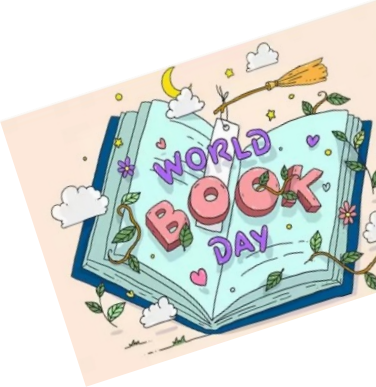
THE SQUIRREL!!!



by Lily and Ivy 7KD

World Book Day

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