



Reading for Pleasure Newsletter Issue 4 30/6/2022

Welcome

Since we last had a Reading for Pleasure newsletter, there have been many exciting reading-related things happening around the school. Refurbishment of the school library is well underway and we are all excited to reopening this space in September, lots of children across the school visited the Wimbledon BookFest Sunrise Festival and votes for the Spark! School Book Awards have been cast with the winner due to be announced this week. Remember to let us know what you are currently reading and if you would like to have a review included in this letter, see Mr Surkitt in 6B. Happy Reading!

EYFS Recommendation

A funny story about what happens when dinner decides that it doesn't fancy being eaten. Just as hungry little boy Banjo is about to tuck into his sausage, it jumps right up off the plate and runs away! But the sausage – whose name is Melvin – isn't alone... He's followed by the fork, the knife, the table, the French fries and even the peas. And so the chase is on!



KS1 Recommendation

The first in a fabulously funny series about a dragon who has lost his flame – but may just find fire elsewhere . . . Perfect for fans of The Dinosaur That Pooped series.

KS2 Recommendation

Edinburgh is a city filled with magical creatures. No one can see them... until Ramya Knox – the dyspraxic lead character.

As she is pulled into her family's world of secrets and spells, Ramya sets out to discover the truth behind the Hidden Folk with only three words of warning from her grandfather: Beware the Sirens.

What's coming out this month?

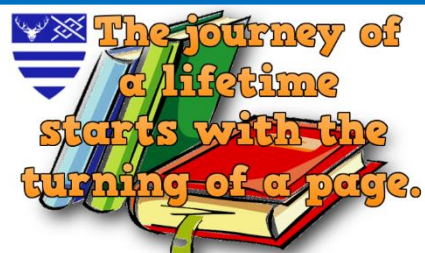
Check out BookTrust's recommendations of new books coming out this June. We are particularly excited about *Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun* and *Smile Out Loud* this month. You can find the full list here: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books/> There is something for everyone!

WIMBLEDON
BOOKFEST

Wimbledon Bookfest

Across the month of June, children nominated by their teachers as Reading for Pleasure champions got to

attend a number of author events hosted by Wimbledon BookFest on Wimbledon Common. Children from years 4 and 5 listened to Sir Lenny Henry talk about his first children's book *The Boy With Wings*, a group of year 3s saw the iconic Dame Jacqueline Wilson discuss her reimagining of *The Magical Faraway Tree*, year 6 were entertained by Ross MacKenzie introducing his latest middle grade novel *The Colour of Hope* and a group of year 5 and 6 were inspired by Elle McNicholl – who closed the event – by exploring the representation of neuro-divergent characters in children's books and in particular through her story, *Like a Charm*. A great time was had by all!



Spark Votes

This week sees the Spark! School Book Awards come to a close with an award ceremony on Thursday. Teachers across KS1 and KS2 met with reading enthusiasts who had read one or all of the books in their age category. Our school winners were **Pirate Mums**, **Grimwood** and **The Valley of Lost Secrets**. Look out for the overall winners announced in the next RFP newsletter.