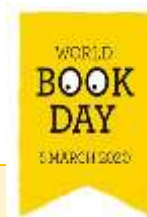




Northmead's Reading Newsletter

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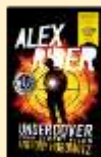
World Book Day

We enjoyed a session of DEAR- **D**rop **E**verything **A**nd **R**ead on World Book Day.



Remember your World Book Day book tokens are valid until **Sunday 29 March 2020**.

All you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller and swap it for one of the FIFTEEN exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books (a few are shown below) or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get **£1 off** any full price book instead.



Dates for your diary:

If you would like to join in our **parent and child book club** our next meeting will be held at 3.30 on **Monday 30th March** in the school library.

Next **Book Fayre** from **Tuesday 28th April** until Monday 4th May in the library, after school.

New date for the Reading Information evening to be confirmed.

Last month we were visited by Carol Pearce, our School Improvement Advisor. The focus of her visit was to provide an opportunity for Miss Lewis (Reading Subject Lead) to talk through our reading curriculum; how we currently teach reading and organise aspects of reading such as guided reading, home reading and comprehension; discussing strengths and areas for development. The visit confirmed current areas of good practice at Northmead and areas for further development.

This month we have also been visited by one of our governors, Charlotte Lacey, who has the responsibility for reading. Our reading link governor helps to ensure that reading remains a high priority on the school's agenda and she supports the governing body to have a better understanding of the reading policy as well as subject strengths and areas for development.

Visits to school enable link governors to:

- see the school at work;
- observe the range of attitudes, behaviour and achievements of children;
- get to know the staff and work in partnership with the staff;
- give active support to the staff and activities in the school;
- be aware of the effect of change and different approaches to teaching and learning;
- evaluate resources and discuss with staff any further requirements;
- gain first-hand information to assist with policy making and decision taking.

Charlotte spent time visiting classrooms, observing the teaching of reading and talking to children and the reading lead.

Her findings will be reported back to the governing body.



The winners of the Blue Peter Book Awards have been announced!

The winner of the Best Story is Wildspark by Vashti Hardy



Prue lives on her parents' farm, working with the mechanimals she helped to create. But when a craftsman from the big city comes to offer her brother Francis an apprenticeship, unaware that he recently died, she jumps at the chance.

Knowing that inventors have discovered a way to harness the spirits of dead people and revive them in mechanical animal bodies, she disguises herself as "Frances" and takes up the apprenticeship, determined to find a way to bring her brother back.

But with creepy creatures in the forest, the pressure of keeping her mission a secret and the fact that she has to share a dormitory with snooty Cora, Prue will be taking on more than she could possibly have imagined...

Book of the Month- March

What is the story about?

The Cogheart adventure books are fantastical action packed stories set in an alternative Victorian world. They feature three main characters: Lily, the fiery and quick-witted daughter of two world famous inventors, Robert a talented and thoughtful clock maker's son and Malkin, a scruffy and opinionated mechanical fox. These three heroes must use every ounce of their courage and cunning as they face a series of life threatening adventures.



Who is the author?

Peter Bunzl

Peter grew up in South London in a rambling Victorian house with three cats, two dogs, one little sister, an antique dealer dad and an artist mum. He always wanted to tell stories, and as a child, he found inspiration visiting TV and film sets including James Bond and Postman Pat, where his mum worked as a costume designer. After studying at art college and film school, he worked as an animator on commercials, pop videos and children's TV shows. He wrote and directed several successful short films before he became a children's writer.



He now lives in North London with his partner Michael.

Accelerated reader information

Cogheart

Quiz number for this book

231165

Book Level

5.7

Colour Band

Light Blue

Moon Locket

Quiz number for this book

232112

Book Level

5.6

Colour Band

Light Blue

Sky Circus

Quiz number for this book

234550

Book Level

6.0

Colour Band

Red

Other books written by Peter Bunzl



The last of the Cogheart Adventures



Peter contributed a story to this book