



The Reading Corner

Library Newsletter

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Hello! Well done to everyone who took part in the Poetry Writing Competition, there were some wonderful pieces submitted and it has made judging extremely hard. The winning poem is included in this edition - I hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

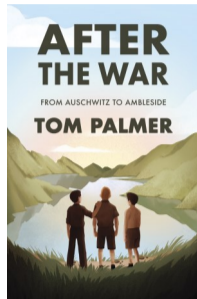
Have a restful Easter break. Happy reading!

Mrs Ackroyd and the Student Librarians

You should read this book!

After the War

By Tom Palmer



Summer 1945. The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can hopefully begin to recover.

But Yossi is haunted by thoughts of his missing father and disturbed by terrible nightmares. As he waits desperately for news from home, he fears that Mordecai and Leo - the closest thing to family he has left - will move on without him. Will life by the beautiful Lake Windermere be enough to bring hope back into all their lives?

I really loved this book, as it was touching and emotional and really painted a picture in your head, which made me enjoy the book so much more. I definitely recommend this book as it was funny, sad, emotional and heart-warming. And it's one of the best books I've read in a while.

Ellie Reilly 7i

<https://tompalmer.co.uk/>

This book was borrowed from the Blind Date with a Book display - all the books were wrapped in brown paper with only keywords and hints to their content.

My favourite book is...

For World Book Day students could strike a pose with their favourite book for our Photo Booth. Here's what they chose...



Alice Sobo-Allen

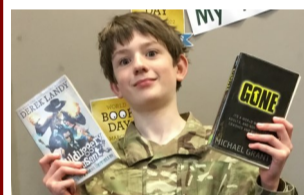
Murder in Midwinter
by Fleur Hitchcock

"I like murder mystery and I have watched a film like it"

Bethany Green

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
by J.K. Rowling

"I love Harry Potter and I love the challenges"



Jacob Roberts

Gone series by Michael Grant

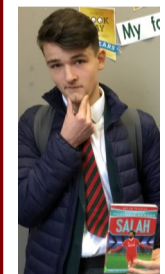
Skulduggery Pleasant series
by Derek Landy

"They are both magic, action packed and mysterious"

Amber Thompson

Fragments of the Lost
by Megan Miranda

"It's mysterious and fun!"



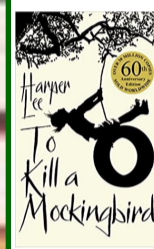
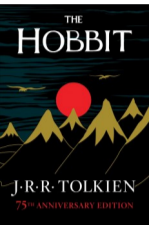
Jaiden Hill

Ultimate Football Heroes: Salah
by Matt and Tom Oldfield

"It's Mo Salah innit"

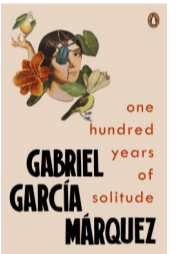
Mr Smith is reading...

When Mr Smith was younger one book that particularly stood out to him was *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien because he read it with his brother and dad. It also stood out because this whole new world created by Tolkien allowed his imagination to run wild.



When he was younger his favourite book was *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, it was the first book he read before he began studying it at school and it was the first book he really enjoyed and it was good at being able to deal with a really sensitive issue while still being humorous and engaging. It was able to deliver the morals across very effectively.

His favourite book now is *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez because it was one of the most influential stories in magic realism. There are so many intertwining stories in a world he didn't know before.



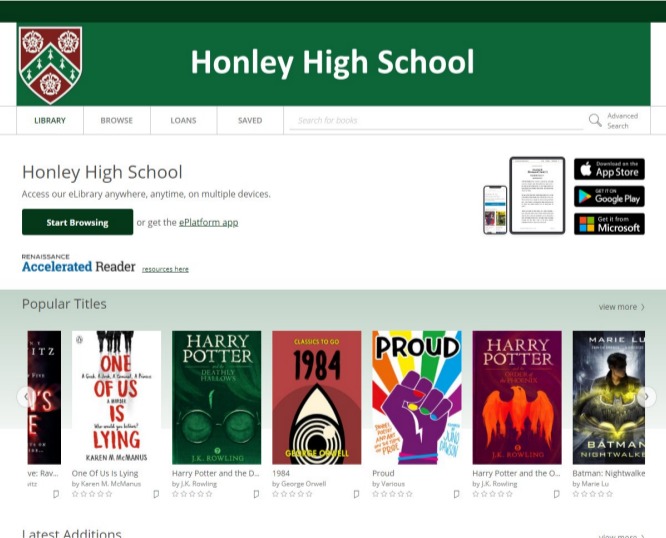
His favourite genres are Magical Realism, Coming of Age, Dystopian, Western, Classics and World Literature.

He is currently reading *Mountain Passage* by Jason Manning. It's about a young man who finds himself on the American frontier and his quest for survival. It is based in the 1800's.

Mr Smith's favourite thing about reading today is that it offers a form of escape and exploration of different worlds while remaining in his chair. He thinks reading is important because it allows people to see the world from other people's perspective and their view of the world.

Alyssa Everson 9H

Have you tried our eLibrary?



Did you know all students at Honley High School have access to our eLibrary platform?

Visit <https://honleyhigh.eplatform.co/> or download the app from your App Store and start borrowing books today!

To login you need your school ID (e.g. 16abcdef) and the password included in the library newsletter email.

Please reset your password when you first log on.

22 in 22 Reading Challenge

Read one book from each of the 22 categories. Earn achievement points for every book you read.

Recommend books to others.

All students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate and prize, and will be entered into a draw for one lucky reader to receive a £30 gift voucher.

Ends Friday 8th July.

For more information or to join the challenge see Mrs Ackroyd in the library.

NEW BOOKS

The Library is always getting new books for students to borrow. Here are a few of our recent additions...



Library Open Monday to Friday 8.20am - 4.10pm

All years can return or renew books, buy stationery and collect revision guides any day.

Break and lunch rota: Monday - Year 7, Tuesday - Year 8, Wednesday - Year 9, Thursday - Year 10, Friday - Year 11



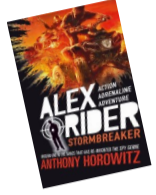
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Miss Baron is reading...

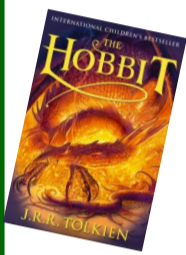
Are there any significant books you remember from when you were younger?



The books Miss Baron remembers from when she was younger are the entire *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling and the *Alex Rider (Stormbreaker)* books by Anthony Horowitz. She grew up with both series and remembers the large queues of people outside bookshops waiting to purchase the latest copy.



What was your favourite book as a child and why?

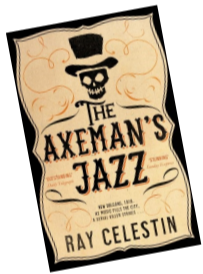


Miss Baron's favourite book from her childhood is *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien, as this was the book that got her into reading fantasy. She still to this day loves to read that genre although she reads a variety of other books too. She also remembers loving the *Molly Moon* series by Georgia Byng and being thoroughly engrossed in it as a child.



What's your favourite book now?

Miss Baron's immediate answer to this question was that it was a very hard question; that she would struggle to pick just one as there have been many books she has enjoyed, but currently, her favourite book is *The Axeman's Jazz* by Ray Celestin. It's a historical fiction novel but it differs to other historical fiction in the sense that it is mainly a murder mystery and isn't set in Britain. She also said that it was extremely well written so it was easy to picture being there in the story.



What genre do you enjoy reading now?

The main genre that Miss Baron currently reads is historical fiction. She first began to read this genre at university when she began studying earlier time periods, such as the medieval period, but she does like to read other genres including crime, and thriller. She said that she knows she'll love a book when it is all three of those genres combined into one book - just like *The Axeman's Jazz*!. Miss Baron also still loves to read fantasy books despite her difference in taste since her childhood.

Why do you think reading is important?

Miss Baron thinks that reading is important as it is something that can take all stress away as it is enjoyable, and a great pastime to help you relax rather than watching TV. She also said that reading is important as it helps you develop vocabulary and become more articulate, as well as being educational but fun.

Erin Brenton 10F



Poetry Writing Competition Winner

For World Poetry Day 2022 students were asked to write a poem with a theme of Peace or Tolerance. There were some excellent poems submitted, with special mentions going to:

Beatrix Archer 7B, Olivia Clarke 9G, Harry Wakefield 9G, Freya Smith 9H, Sophie Johnson 9I, and Hannah Maudling 9I.

But after much deliberation the winner is **Molly Tiernan-Martin 11B** for her poem *What is Peace?*

What is Peace?

Is peace the forgiveness we give someone when they make a mistake?

Is peace going to the beach to take a well deserved break?

Is peace the union of countries that were once at war?

Is peace the population of whom follow every law?

Is peace a tangible creation which we can take and give,

Or is it just the rule of how we are supposed to live?

Is it the metaphorical answer book that can help us see,

The kind forgiving world this was supposed to be?

Maybe it was:

Suppressed by the villains who think they know best,

Those who want power and will not rest.

We are all born with peace - an incredible prize,

But it's up to us to make sure it doesn't die...

...Book Club...Book Club...Book Club...Book Club...Book Club...

Do you love reading?

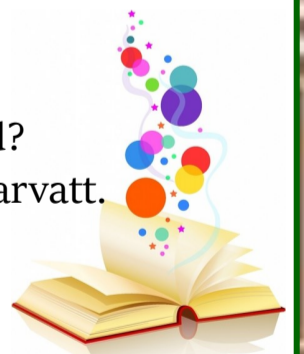
Do you want to try some different books?

Are you looking for somewhere quiet to read?

Then come along to **Book Club** with Miss Harvatt.

First half of lunch, every Friday in C6.

All years welcome!



Coming soon...

Get Caught Reading!

Earn achievement points and more!



Love a book? Recommend it!

If you would like to submit a book review for the newsletter just email Mrs Ackroyd c.ackroyd@honleyhigh.co.uk with your name, your form, the book title, author and your review. Without giving away any spoilers briefly say what the book is about, why you like it and why you would recommend it.

I have a passion for teaching kids to become readers, to become comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage - Roald Dahl