

Reading Round Up

We have had another great term here in Etone's library! So far this academic year, our pupils have read a total of **14,818** books and articles – what an achievement!

Gold, Silver & Bronze Reading Challenge Awards

Etone pupils have a fantastic opportunity to work towards receiving their Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum reading badges by completing challenges, entering our competitions or earning reading points for Accelerated Reader quizzes. We are proud to announce that this half term, we have awarded one gold badge, well done to Chloe (year 8), three silver badges to Jessica (year 7), Thomas and Lacey (year 8). What an achievement! In addition, we have awarded an astonishing forty four bronze badges. Here are our worthy reciprocates in year 7, Ava, Emilija, Sophia, Lottie, Raihan, Lola, Bella, Filip, Sana, Joshua, Nikolas, Lawson, Raihan S, Emmah, Eliot, Charlotte, Inaaya, Hollie, Sophie, Zuzanna, Alfie, Kian, Joey, Lexi, Dana and Archie. Pupils awarded their bronze badges in year 8 include, Umaymah, Ruby, Noah, Amber, Sharifa, Riley, Stanley, Seth, Phoebe, Harry, Zaye, Muhammed, Fatima, Molly, Abdur, Sasha, Isaac and Adam. Well done to all our pupils who are constantly working towards receiving their reading badges.



Bali Rai – Author Visit



On Friday, 8th May, Year 7 were joined by author, Bali Rai. The day began with a whole year group talk on the theme of empathy with which pupils engaged with curiosity and courtesy. Then many pupils took part in author writing workshops through which they explored their own identity through 'human pizza'. As always, Etone pupils displayed their supportive nature and open minds while they listened to Bali's stories and shared their own sense of identity through precious memories, special places, people, activities and objects. In sharing their sense of self with each other, year 7 dug deep showing self-belief and acceptance.

All pupils had the opportunity either at the end of their workshop or at lunchtime to have specially printed bookmarks signed as a memento of the day. Etone's competition to create a 'human pizza' opened following the visit and runs until Friday 26th June with prizes of Bali Rai's signed books.

Name _____
Form _____

Me as a Character Competition

This competition encourages you to:

- Reflect on your own identity;
- Imagine yourself as a character in a story;
- 'show not tell' the reader about yourself.


Prizes: signed books, bookmarks, chocolate

Planning

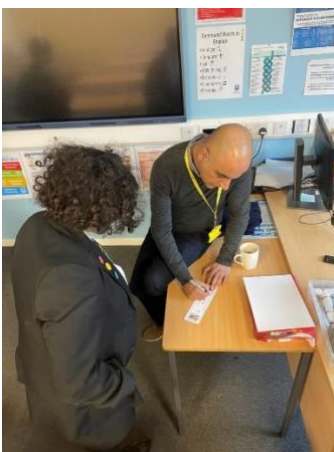
What makes you, you? Select three things about yourself. They could be:

- Foods that are important to you – why are they important? How do they make you feel? What do they make you think of?
- Places that have meaning – where do you like to go? What do you do there? How does it make you feel? Who do you go there with?
- Special people – who is important? Why? What do you do with that person? How do they make you feel?
- Hobbies or activities – what do you like to do? Why? Who with? How does it make you feel?
- Or anything else you can think of ...

My human Pizza – Three Key things important to me



Bali Rai was born in Leicester where he grew up in a multicultural community dreaming of playing football for Liverpool FC, being Bob Marley or becoming a writer. He writes the books he would have enjoyed as a teenager and Rani and Sukh is a set-text for GCSE English. His novel *Killing Honour* won the North East Teenage Book Award and was described as “utterly compelling” by The Bookseller; *Now or Never* was shortlisted for the Little Rebels Prize in 2020.



Warwickshire Secondary Book Award - Celebration

During our final celebration meeting, each pupil who had taken part received a certification of appreciation, along with a small gift as a big thank you for their efforts in taking part with this award. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this celebratory event.



Pupils involved were asked to write what they had enjoyed about being involved with this book award. Here are some of their responses:

'Reading all the books'

'Meeting all the authors, they were kind and funny'

'It was trying out new books. I loved being part of this team – thank you'

'I enjoyed listening to the authors giving their speeches'

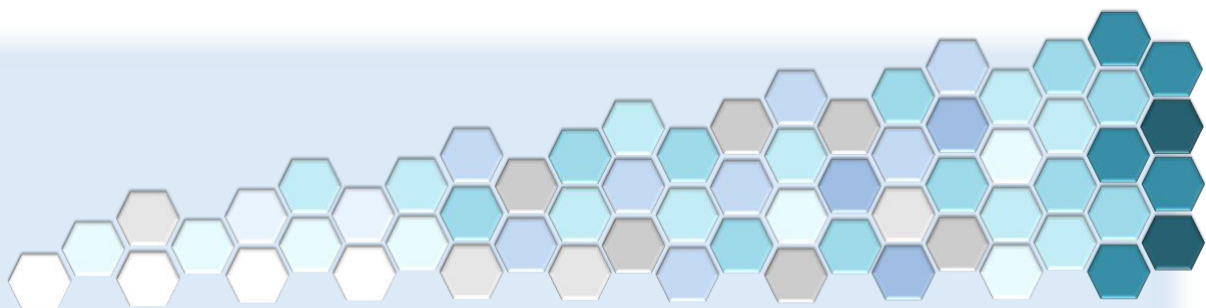
'I really enjoyed attending the award ceremony'

'I really enjoyed going to the award ceremony and getting a book signed by a real published author'

'That I was able to meet the author of my favourite book'

Egg-citing Easter Competition

Our pupils recently took part in our egg-citing Easter competition. Pupils answered quiz questions about Easter, were challenged to see how many 3 letter words they could make from a tasty Easter based phrase, and asked to share some of their favourite things about reading. Our winner, Zak (year 8) received a £5 Amazon voucher, 15 reading points, and chocolate. Our runners up Fatima (year 8) and Antonia (year 7) received a chocolate-based prize. All entrants received 10 reading points.





Careers Week Competition

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our students who recently took part in our Careers Competition, held as part of our Careers Week celebrations at Etone College.

A huge **congratulations** to our winner, **Emily (8P2)**, whose outstanding work earned her the top prize of a £10 voucher and sweets! 🍬

Well done also to our runners-up, **Libby (7P2)** and **Jessica (7C1)**, for their fantastic entries and hard work.



The competition was hosted in the library, giving students the opportunity to explore a wide range of career pathways using our newly developed, dedicated careers section. This area includes books and leaflets covering different qualifications, educational establishments, career options, CV writing, and more—supporting students in making informed choices about their futures.

This event reflects our ongoing commitment to careers education at Etone College, helping students build knowledge, confidence, and ambition for the world beyond school.



New Books

We have recently had the privilege of purchasing books that have been requested by pupils. These include some more of the extremely popular Little People, Big Dreams series, Five Night at Freddy's graphic novels and a set of Formula 1 racing legends, including Lewis Hamilton and Max Verstappen.



STAR Test Prize Draw

Our year 7 and 8 pupils recently completed their final Accelerated Reader STAR test.

An astonishing 288 pupils made progress either within their current band or moved up to the next band. Each pupil who made progress was entered into a prize draw to win a £5 Amazon voucher.

Well done to our winners Daniel and Ariana (year 7) and Amy and Ayva (year 8). A big achievement for all 288 pupils.



Accelerated Reader Update

Here are the current house competition results up to and including Friday 15th May:



2820



2568



2820



2839

Year 7 Most Quizzed Class – 7a/E1 – 165 quizzes & 7b/E3 – 598 quizzes

Year 8 Most Quizzed Class – 8a/E1 – 321 quizzes & 8B/E3 – 170 quizzes

Coming soon ... LGBTQ+ Pride Month June 2026



Pride month in June provides a platform for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies to celebrate diversity, raise awareness about LGBTQ+ rights, and foster a sense of community and acceptance. Here at Etone to celebrate Pride we have launched a LGBTQ+ trail competition where pupils are invited to come and have a look at the curated selection of LGBTQ+ themed books and answer the trail questions, with 10 reading points for each entry and prizes to be won.



Name: _____

LGBTQ+ Trail
10 Reading Points for each entry & Prizes

We will celebrate equality and diversity during the month of June for school diversity weeks. Have a go at our page and head your entry into the library/SLC of next.
Write your answers next to the books/slides

Find 3 words from the word cloud

What is one of the text messages that Jeremy and Eric use?

What is one of the questions asked in the poem on Page 181 –
Conversations with Myself

In Chapter 8 what are the 3 reasons that School has been rubbish?



Blue Peter Badges

Applications can still be accepted. Pupils can obtain an application form from Mrs Whitmore in the Library or during their weekly Library lesson.



Partnership with Nuneaton Library

As part of our commitment to engaging Etone pupils in reading for pleasure, we would like to make you aware of the excellent library facilities available at Nuneaton Library. These facilities are available beyond the school day, at weekends, and throughout the school holidays:

Day	Opening hours
Monday	10am to 6pm
Tuesday	9am to 6pm
Wednesday	9am to 6pm
Thursday	9am to 6pm
Friday	9am to 5pm
Saturday	9am to 4pm
Sunday	10am to 2pm

We would strongly advise Etone pupils join Nuneaton Library to make full use of facilities, which includes books, computers and iPads. The library also has study areas where pupils could complete study and homework. Membership is **free of charge** and can be completed online:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jointhelibrary>

Membership of the library also brings free use of the app. 'Borrow Box' which enables the loan of eBooks and audiobooks **free of charge**. The app can be downloaded onto phones and tablets.

