# Reading Round Up

What a busy start to the new academic year!  The library is open from 8am until 4.30pm Monday – Thursday and 8am – 4pm on a Friday. Pupils are welcome to come into the library both before and after School, this can be to look at the books we have on offer for them to borrow or to join us to complete homework. They are also welcome during break to read, complete homework, or play games with friends.



## International Day of Literacy

The English department celebrated this day with Year 7 pupils writing letters to their future selves.

Such an amazing array of ideas were explored, I wonder what your future selves will think of them ...

## Silver & Bronze Reading Challenge Awards

We are absolutely delighted to be giving out so many reading badges at the start of term.  A huge well done to everyone:



Bronze: Abdullas, Tony, Mia, Ophelia, Nancy, Noah, Kaleb, Navaya, Arthur, Ollie, Charlie, Sarah, Faith, Muhammad, Jack, Kaynat, Lacey, Luke, Seb, Ashton, Lillie, Hanna, Eliza,  Emily, Isaac, Oscar, Freddie, Kahree, Aqeel, Lizzy, Heidi



Silver: Luke

Gold: Bella

Keep on reading!

Well done to all, keep up the excellent work!

In addition, Year 7 pupils who completed all transition reading activities were entered into a prize draw. Many congratulations to Ophelia, Year 7 who won the prize draw and was awarded with her prize!




**Reading Buddies**

Our Year 10 Reading Buddies are already hard at work, after their training sessions, they moved straight into supporting Year 7 and 8 pupils' reading fluency. Younger pupils have really appreciated their kind, welcoming manners and we are incredibly proud of their support of others.

**EPQ Talk from Newcastle University**

Year 12 EPQ pupils had a fantastic presentation from Newcastle University this week giving tips and tricks for identifying, evaluating and reading academic sources. Using the theme of 'penguins' they explored JSTOR, GoogleScholar, and Newcastle University online library learning about citations, referencing and reliability.

Top tips for academic reading were also welcomed by pupils to support their research phases. We can't wait to see their project proposals!



BookTrust Bookbuzz

Through Bookbuzz, organised by The Booktrust, all Year 7 and 8 pupils at Etone **choose and are gifted a book from a curated collection of 16 fantastic titles.**

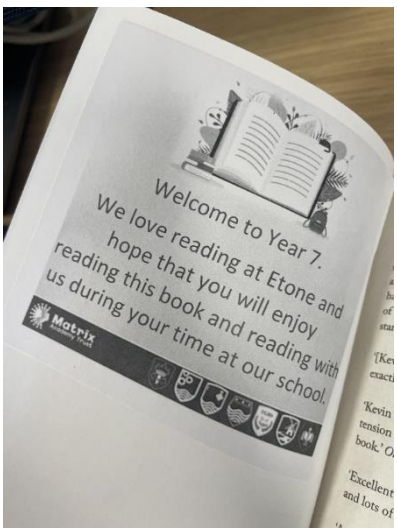
It has been an absolute pleasure to see our pupils engahing with the selection process. They listened to short pitches by each of the sixteen authors before making their final selections.

As part of Bookbuzz, Booktrust have launched their own competition which all Etone pupils are able to enter. Pupils are invited to design their own bookmark. Their design can feature characters or scenes from their Bookbuzz book, share reading tips with other pupils or represent what reading enjoyment means to them. We can't wait to see the designs come up with! Winning designs will feature in next year's Bookbuzz programme. The winner will also win £50 of book tokens; the second and third place runners up will £30 of book tokens each; and all three pupils will win a bundle of books worth over £100 for their school.

Students can create their bookmark either by hand or digitally. Paper-based templates are available from the Library or digital templates can be downloaded via this link https://www.booktrust.org.uk/how-we-help/teachers-schools/secondary-schools/bookbuzz-coordinator-area/bookbuzz-competition/

Entries should be handed in to the library by Christmas.






## Usborne Book Fair - Friday 25th November

On Friday, 25th November we had the pleasure of welcoming Emma from Cosy Corners Books to host our first book fair of this academic year. During the day Emma was able to showcase a collection of Usborne books to our pupils for them to purchase or order.

The day was a great success with so many purchases being made, earning us over £370 worth of free books for Etone's Library.

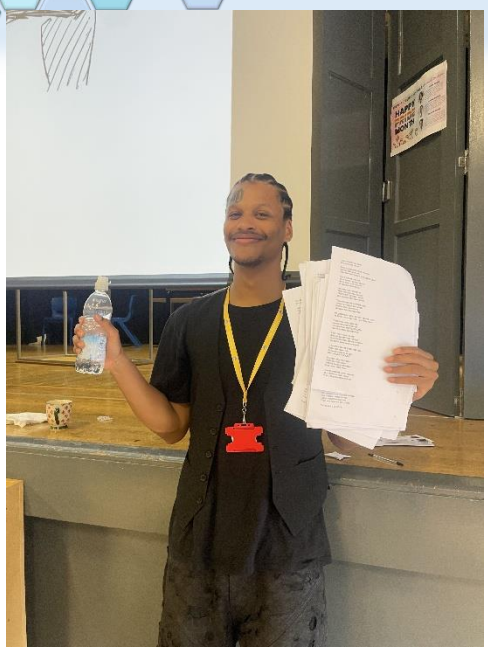
Many thanks to all parents/carers and pupils who supported the fair. It is greatly appreciated.

Emma commented on how respectful and polite Etone pupils are and that they are a credit to our School.



**Poet Visit**

On Thursday, International Poetry Day, Years 9, 10, and 11 were treated to performances by poet, Damani Dennisur. This is the third year that he has returned to Etone and he continues to impress. His epic poem entitled 'Tra La La La. Boom' enthralled Etone pupils who engaged and participated in the performance fully. We can't wait to see it on Netflix in 2028!





## Wanted Competition

With Halloween fast approaching we were celebrating all things VILLAINOUS by launching our 'WANTED' competition in October.

Pupils needed to tell us about one of their most VILLAINOUS characters from one of the books they had read and had the chance to win a £5 Amazon voucher, sweets and 15 reading points. All entries received 10 reading points. This is the last week for entries.

## Accelerated Reader Update

Here are the most up to date Accelerated Reader house competition results so far this academic year up to and including Wednesday 11th December:

| CENTAUR | DRAGON | GRIFFIN | PHOENIX |
|---|---|---|---|
| 564 | 624 | 454 | 403 |

**Well done to Dragon House for taking the trophy into the New Year!**

**Year 7 Most Quizzed Class – 7A/E3 – 77 quizzes & 7b/E3 – 119 quizzes**

**Year 8 Most Quizzed Class – 8A/E2 – 249 quizzes & 8B/E2 – 236 quizzes**

## Blue Peter Badges



It is so lovely to see our pupils with Blue Peter Reading Badges on their lapels. Applications can still be accepted. Pupils can obtain an application form from Mrs Whitmore in the Library or during their weekly Library lesson.

The Blue Peter Book badge will be awarded to children aged 5-15 who send in their thoughts on a book, draw a character or scene and share which other books and writers they love. Blue Peter badge holders gain free access to **over 200** UK attractions.

Our most recent pupil to receive their badge is Lucy (7G1). Well done Lucy!

## 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 |
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| 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.

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