



March 2023 Spring into a good book!

WORLD BOOK DAY

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Carnegie Medal News!



Our Carnegie Medal shadowing group has started the 16 books on the longlist. On 15th March they will start the final 8 shortlisted books and associated activities. All books will be available in the library in the future but, in the meantime, keep an eye on the Carnegie notice board in the library!

World Book Day Winner!

Well done to everyone who entered the World Book Day competition. The lucky winner (Harry, Y8) now has a gigantic Cadbury's Mini Eggs easter egg to eat! Keep asking your teachers what they are reading and feel free to make some recommendations to them, too!



Alice Oseman (right) is one of our most popular authors of Young Adult books and secured her first publishing deal at the age of 17! Her *Nick and Charlie* characters are well-loved by millions of young people, especially the LGBTQ+ community. If you haven't already tried the books, start with *Solitaire* or Volume 1 of *Heartstopper* and see what you think.



Read for Good



Every few years, our caring, sharing students take part in a "Readathon" to raise money for very ill children who are in hospital for long periods of time. Sadly, our last one was cancelled due to the dreaded Covid, but this year we hope to make up for it!

The money raised is used to buy **brand new** books for the hospitals. Second-hand books cannot be used due to the risk of bacteria and infection to the children. For a child who spends most of their time in hospital, having a new book to keep, and to be read to them, can make a huge difference and brighten their day.

Year 7 and 8 students have received sponsorship cards in their library lessons, but anybody can take part. Just pop into the library and ask for one. Good luck and enjoy!

If you would like to see something specific in our newsletter, pop into the library and let us know. Our aim is to reach out to every single one of you and make sure that you are part of the remarkable JF reading community. Join a book group, start your own, ask for help, make a suggestion. Make sure that we have "Got you Covered"!



Wise Words

If ever you needed reminding about the importance of reading, this quote, from the wonderful Matt Haig, is a perfect reminder.

"Reading isn't important because it helps to get you a job. It's important because it gives you room to exist beyond the reality you're given. It is how humans merge. How minds connect. Dreams. Empathy. Understanding. Escape. Reading is love in action."