

Student Newsletter

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Dear Reader,

A new academic year! Welcome to the new Student Newsletter. After a restful, sunny summer, we have returned to the school site together. Whilst we have had to make adjustments with everyone's safety in mind, we hope that you have enjoyed your first term back in the school building as much as we have.

This edition will focus on some of the work that our students have completed this term, as well as suggestions for activities for the upcoming half-term.

As always, your contributions are what make this newsletter; make sure you have joined the Google Classroom Student Newsletter group so you can contribute your content, take part in questionnaires and get involved in this Student Voice project.

Enjoy your break, read lots and we look forward to seeing you on the other side of half-term.

Mr. Dyer



Rights Respecting Schools

For those of you now in Year 8, you will remember the fantastic journey the school embarked upon in order to achieve the Gold Rights Respecting Award back in 2018. The time has come around for us to reapply for this award and we are very excited to work together towards this goal. This week, Mrs. Evans delivered a fantastic assembly reminding you of your rights and what it means to be a Rights Respecting School. All teachers have been designated a particular article to champion so look out for some more super assemblies after the half term break along with many more exciting opportunities to promote our Rights Respecting Schools ethos.



Article 12 states that every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. Therefore, it was fantastic to have a group of Year 6 pupils work alongside members of staff in order to produce a promotional video for our virtual open evenings. Many thanks to those Year 6 children who were involved in this and thank you to Mr. West for his technical wizardry!

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**



**Children's rights are learned, understood
and lived in this school.**



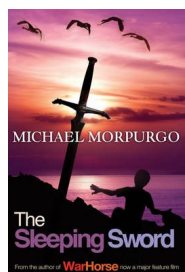
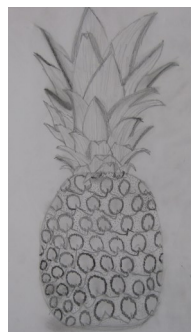
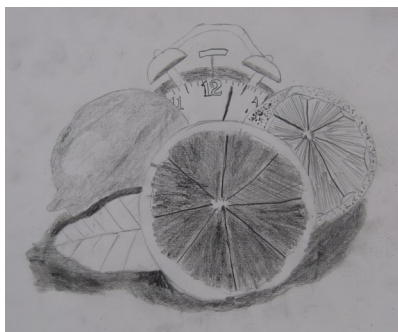
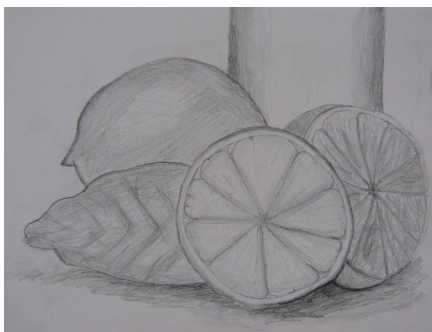
Awesome Autumn Term Lockyer's Learning



Art

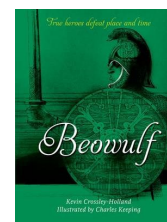
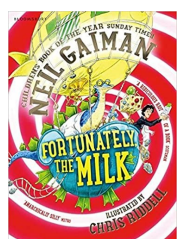
This term in art, Year 6 have been completing animal drawings with a focus on the skill of colour-blending.

Year 8, on the other hand, have been working on their still life drawing, with a particular focus on the skill of tonal shading.



English

Year 8 have been studying Michael Morpurgo's First World War novel, *Private Peaceful*, as well as looking at the historical context in which it is set. Year 7 had a go at writing a persuasive speech their teachers using a range of techniques before moving on to the study of *Beowulf*. Year 6 have read *Fortunately the Milk* by Neil Gaiman as well as writing our own adaptations of *My Teacher's Secret Life* by Stephen Krensky. Our newest students, Year 5, have been reading *The Sleeping Sword* by Michael Morpurgo and working on improving their persuasive writing.



Computing

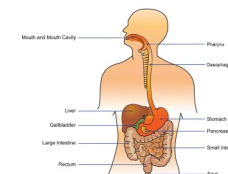
This term in computing, students in Years 5, 6 and 7 have been learning about E-Safety.

Year 8 have been looking at hardware, including the different components of a PC and their role in its functioning.



Science

In science this term, Year 5 have been studying the digestive system and have now moved on to look at Earth and space.



Year 6 have been looking at the circulatory system, with a particular focus on the heart and lungs before moving on to think about healthy living.

Year 7 have been studying particles and the differences between liquids, solids and gases. They then used this learning to help them understand the nature of solutions and how they can be separated.

Year 8s have been studying cells and reproduction, both human and animal.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month; we have been learning about people from history whose contributions have been marginalised or forgotten. Here are some examples of figures from the black community who our students have researched.

Rosa Parks

On the 1st of December, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat in the “coloured section” of a bus to a white passenger when the “whites only” section was full. She was arrested for this.

Rosa Parks wasn't the first person to stand up against segregation; she was supported by the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People) to challenge her arrest in court. This led to protests against Alabaman's segregation laws, including acts of civil disobedience and boycotting buses.

Rosa inspired many in the black community to fight against injustice and in November 1956, bus segregation was banned. Rosa Parks died in 2005, aged 92.



Roseanna W (Year 7)



Why not take some time to research another person from the picture below?

Bring your research to Mr. Dyer and you will receive some E-Praise points!

Bob Marley

Bob Marley is a famous Jamaican singer songwriter and had an amazing career in music. He sadly died at the age of 36 on May 11th, 1981 but is still remembered for the great music he made. Some of his songs are 'Buffalo Soldier', 'One Love' and 'Get up, Stand up.'

Jacob C
(Year 7)



Reviews

As always, we want to hear what you've been reading, watching and playing. Here are some reviews of books that students have read this half term. Have you read them too or will you find some recommendations for next term?

Bookbuzz 2020

This year, students in Key Stage Three have been given the chance to select a book from the Bookbuzz Scheme. After interacting with each of the fifteen books on offer, students selected the title that they would most like to read and Mr Legge has ordered it for them! We can't wait for them to arrive!



The Amber Spyglass (His Dark Materials Trilogy—Book Three)

by Philip Pullman
Genre: Fantasy

A very interesting and exciting book. At this point in the trilogy, Lyra is able to read the Alethiometer and Will is 'The Bearer of the Knife'.

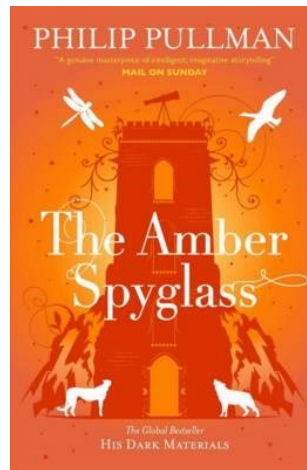
I really love this book as it is the last book in the His Dark Materials trilogy and it puts an end to the story.

I give this book a rating $\frac{4}{5}$ because it is a great book but it is very long.



Remember, this is book three of three; perhaps start with 'Northern Lights'.

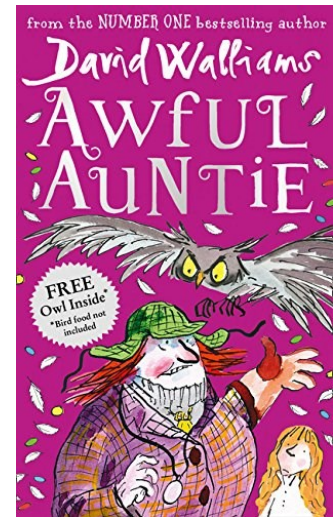
Reviewed by **Isabella W** (Year 5)



Awful Auntie

by David Walliams
Genre: Comedy

It's about the inheritance of Stella's relatives, who have passed down an estate. Stella's parents get the estate rather than her Auntie. Her Auntie really wanted it so she decided to poison her parents and say they died in a car accident. Then, once they were dead, she rummaged through the house for the deeds of Saxby Hall. But a ghost called Soot helps Stella to stop her Aunt from stealing it.



My favourite character was Soot because of the slang he kept using.

Links to other books I've read: Matilda because Miss Honey's aunt (Miss Trunchbull) killed her Dad so she could keep the house.

I would recommend Awful Auntie because it's funny and easy to read. Also it has very likeable characters. I would

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a
rating
5
of



stars.

What I'm reading next: A Middle School Story, I Funny

Reviewed by **Edward G** (Year 7)



Halloween COVID-Style

This year, as you know, Halloween is going to be a tiny bit different. So here are some top tips to make a 'Spooky Spectacular' in your home without walking up close to people in your local area shouting "trick or treat".

Tip One

You could make bunting out of paper and string drawing scary patterns or pictures. If you're lucky enough to have any other resources, maybe you could stick some other arts and crafts on it...

Tip Two

Have you ever watched a scary movie and seen eyes moving from inside a painting? With this tip you could do this in your house... All you need is some thin cardboard, googly eyes, paint or felt tips. First, draw a picture of a person (or any creature with eyes), then stick the googly eyes in the place where the painted or drawn eyes are meant to be, and voila! Whenever you move the painting just the tiniest bit, the eyes will mysteriously move...

Tip Three

There's a new way to trick or treat this year - 'The Great Dorset Pumpkin Trail'. Every time you spot a pumpkin at someone's house, your parents or guardians will award you a sweet. So you can still do a trick or treating(ish) activity risk free!

That's it for now, hope you enjoyed these spooky ideas to create a 'Scaretacular' Halloween!

by **Amelie R** (Year 5)



Halloween Jokes

The skeleton couldn't help being afraid of the storm - he just didn't have any guts.

Poppy B (Year 5)

What happened to the teddy bear who ate too many sweets?

He was stuffed.

Jacob C (Year 7)

Staying Safe this Halloween

A quick safety reminder for everyone this Halloween.

- Maintain social distancing
- Regularly wash/sanitise your hands
- If you are out and about after the sun has set, make sure you have an adult with you
- Be aware of the roads
- Walk on the pavement
- Do not use electronic devices while crossing
- Ask an adult for help if carving a pumpkin; lots of accidents at Halloween involve injuries sustained in carving.



Reading at Lockyer's

Reading rocks at Lockyer's! Here's a snapshot of what we've been reading!

Accelerated Reader

We've made a fantastic start to our Accelerated Reader quizzing; 71% of our students have taken a quiz since the end of September.

In total, students at Lockyer's have read 28,920,454 words in 793 books!

Following half-term, we will be focusing on the accuracy of our quizzing, ensuring that we are reading carefully and quizzing as soon as we can once we've completed a book.

What you said about our class readers!

"We're already on a second book in our class; A Series of Unfortunate Events was excellent!"

"I wonder what we're going to read next? I love it!"

"It's an amazing book; it's adventurous!"

"It's full of twists but it's funny as well!"

"Treasure Island is amazing. My teacher does a great pirate voice."

"Every time you think it's ok, something else happens!"

"You don't know where it's going to go. It's sad sometimes too."



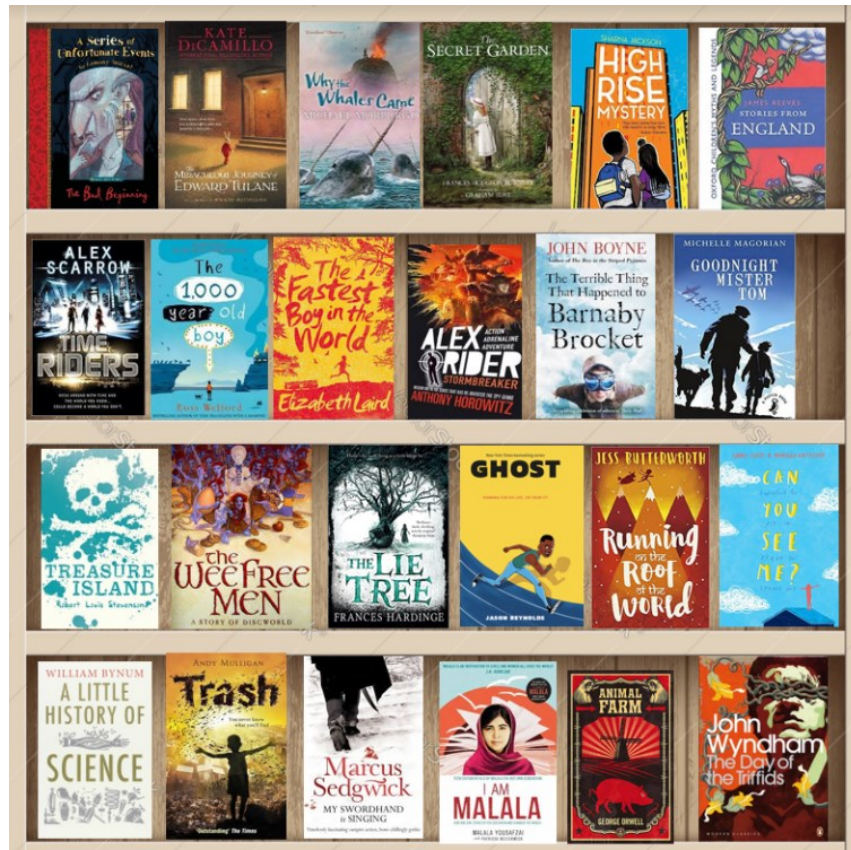
Top Reader: Charlie P (Year 5):
1,194,754 words read, 11 quizzes passed!

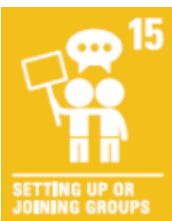
Top Year Group: Year 5: 8,783,391
words read, 317 quizzes passed!

Top Tutor Group: 5NB: 3,004,038 words
read, 85 quizzes passed!

The Lockyer's Bookshelf 2020/21

This year, every class in every year group is reading a book together each morning. Below is the Lockyer's Bookshelf, showing the texts that we have been, are and will be enjoying next!





Extra Curricular Activities at Lockyer's! Week One Experiences

This week we launched our Autumn Term Clubs! With a wide range of activities on offer, there truly is something for everyone. Which clubs are you going to join?

Autumn Term Club Overview

Monday - Year 6	Tuesday - Year 8	Thursday - Year 5	Friday - Year 7
Quad kids/fun games Mr Miller	Athletics/fun games Mr Miller	Quad kids/fun games Mr Miller	Athletics/fun games Miss Patino
Multi-sports Miss Sanders	Dance/Fitness Mrs Hastings	Multi-sports Miss Sanders	Multi-sports Miss Sanders
Samba Mrs Rice	Art Club Mrs Gould	Drama/Music Club Mrs Seddon	Bands/Ensembles <i>(for those who participated in peri lessons in 2019-2020 by invitation only)</i> Mrs Rice
Art Club Miss Patino	French club Mrs Glassbrook and Mrs Lockhart		Buggy making <i>(For those who started making a buggy last year and did not finish)</i> Mrs Spittle
Science Club Mrs Snaith			Make your own stocking in time for Christmas! Mrs Shivas and Mrs Bryant <i>Limit of 10 pupils</i>

Here's what you had to say about your first taste of our Autumn Term Clubs.

"Art club with Miss Patino was really fun!" **Amelia P** (Year 6)

"We looked at different painting techniques and next week we are going to do a landscape!" **Isabella M** (Year 6)

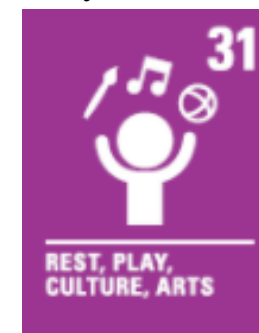
"We played capture the flag! I can't wait for next time to try a different sport." **Will H** (Year 6)

"It was very fun. There were lots of people there " **Ed C** (Year 6)

"I enjoyed designing my stocking; it was fun!" **Heidi H** (Year 7)

"I've learnt some new words, like applique and embroidery" **Emma M** (Year 7)

Keep an eye out in next term's Student Newsletter for an update on what you've been getting up to in the clubs you chose to attend.



How many articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) can you find in this term's Student Newsletter?