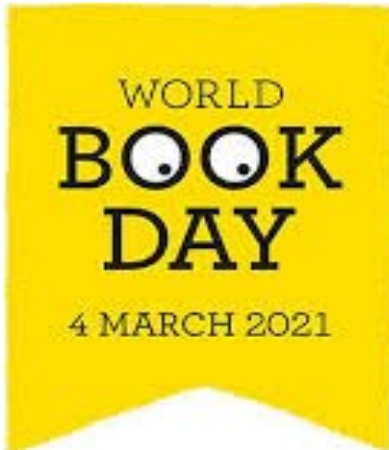


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World Book Day was a little different this year with lots of students celebrating from home.

Hoglets Theatre performances

Key stage 1 and 2 students both in school and at home were treated to a virtual performance by Hoglets Theatre Group. Key stage 1 took part in a workshop about what are our superpowers and what kind of superhero would you be. This was based on the story of 'How Thor got his Hammer.'

Key stage 2 students enjoyed the story of 'When Thor went fishing', a workshop from Hoglets about overcoming challenges.

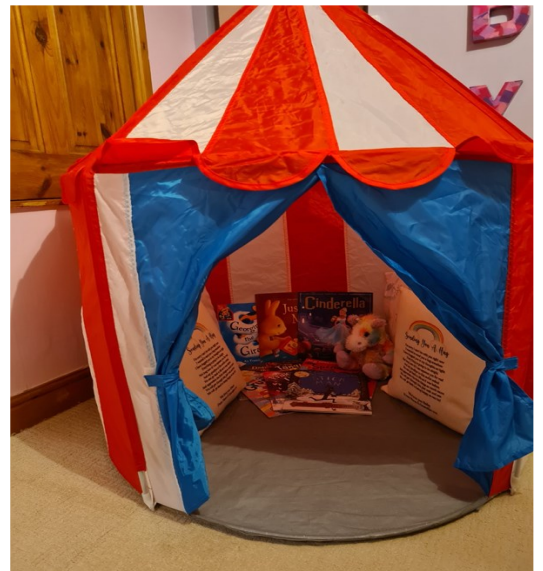


Competitions

We held a number of competitions this year and the winners are below:
Key Stage 1 'My Reading Corner' winner was Ruby Cowman of ISA



Key Stage 2 'My Reading corner' winner was Isaac Leach of 3CR



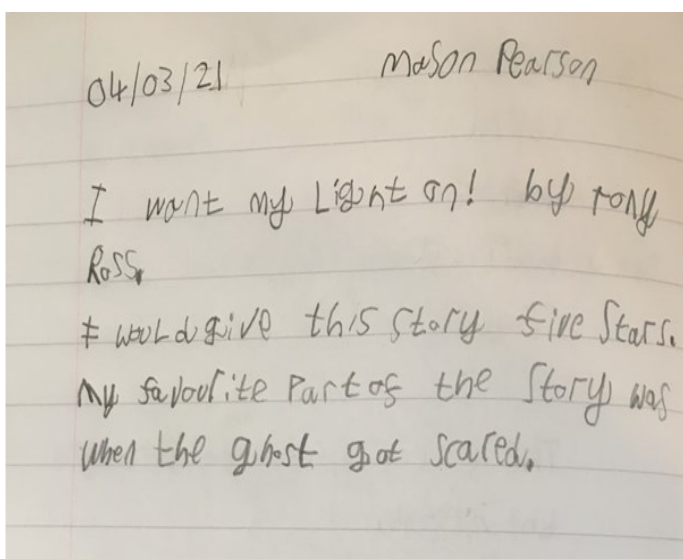
**Key Stage 1 Fancy Dress winner was
Eliza-Rose Salt 1JB**



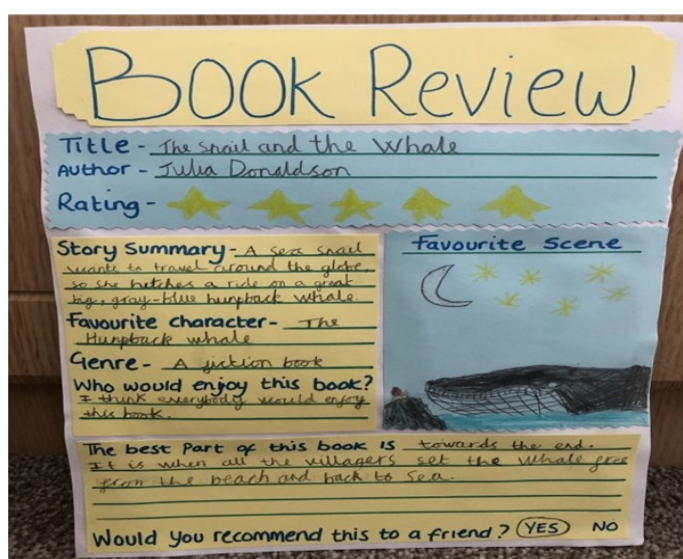
**Key Stage 2 Fancy Dress winner was
Amy-Rose Collins 4JM**



**Key Stage 1 Book Review Winner was
Mason Pearson 2RM**



**Key Stage 2 Book Review Winner as
Robby Sowden 3EH**



Secondary Students

Our secondary students were introduced to the first book in the new Chris Bradford 'Soulhunters' series. Students took part in the virtual book launch, completed the reading challenge and had the chance to take part in the Soul Quest competition. You can access the virtual launch here:

<http://www.thesoulprophecy.co.uk/lockdown-visit.html>



Digital world book day tokens were also made available to all students to download on their preferred device.

Students across school were also encouraged to watch Kwame Alexander, author of *The Undeclared*. A powerful and important ode to black history: the strength and bravery of everyday people and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest artists, athletes, and activists.



READING FRIENDS

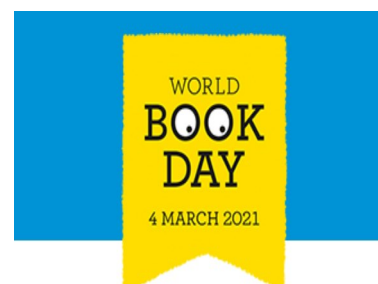
This term has seen the launch of a new virtual reading group for secondary students. The group works in partnership with Bradford Libraries using a grant from The Reading Agency. Students meet weekly to chat about books and all things literary. The grant allows students to choose their own books to read and review. The books are delivered directly to their homes together with a delicious snack to have during our sessions.

The first pack sent home was a selection of World Book Day books.



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YOUNG WRITERS SHOWCASE

MC'ED BY DEAN ATTA

Year 11 student Chloe Carter, along with eight other inspiring young writers from First Story participating schools performed her own piece, 'Invasion of our Lives' and received personalised feedback from best-selling YA author and poet (and former First Story Writer-in-Residence) **Dean Atta**.

Dean's debut novel, **The Black Flamingo** won the Stonewall Book Award. His work often deals with themes of gender, identity, race and growing up. A patron of LGBT+ History Month, he has been named one of the most influential LGBT people in the UK.

You can watch the showcase here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4Up_BJCYsg&t=421s



School Closes: Friday 26th March
Re-opens: Monday 12th April