



Becontree's Reading Newsletter



Welcome back to the Spring edition of the Becontree's Reading Newsletter! We have lots to share in this issue on books and more.

Ms. Gaughran, Reading Lead

It's finally begun!

On Monday 24th March, the construction of our new library has started. Over the next few months, it is going to be a bit noisy as the builders lay the foundations and construct what will be a fantastic addition to our school.

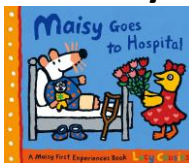
The work is likely to take us up to the end of the summer term if all goes well. The yet-to-be-named library will officially open in Autumn term 2025.



JCB digging the foundations

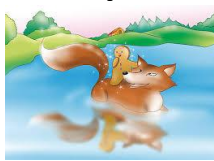
What We're Reading Now

Nursery



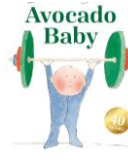
Lucy Cousins Collection

Reception



Traditional Tales

Year 1

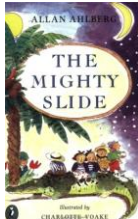


John Burningham Collection

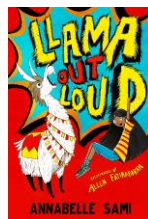
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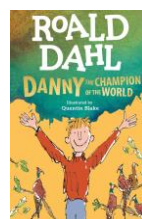
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Year 4



Year 5



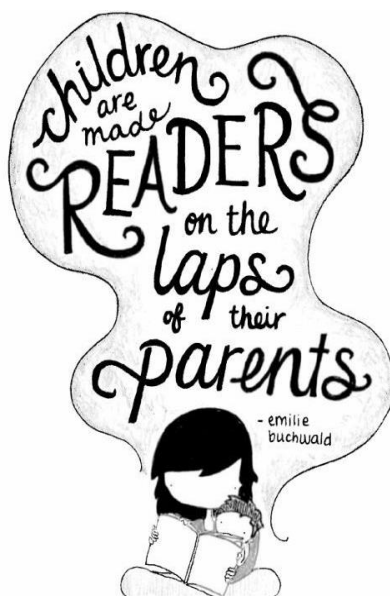
Year 6



Our Reading Cafés



For the first time, Becontree hosted Reading Cafés across Reception to Year 6 in the autumn and spring terms. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers taking part with their children.



Becontree is planning to host more of these kinds of activities in the future, especially once the new library is up and running!

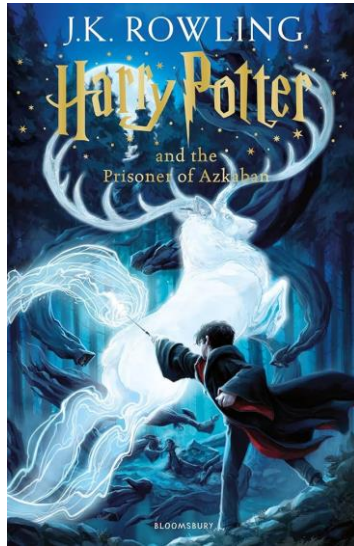
An Interview With Our Reading Champions



The Reading Champions have been hard at work behind the scenes as well as sharing good books in assemblies. Meet another of our team members: Yashna

Reading is a way to overcome the boredom that sometimes life brings and it's so easy to pick up a book and find yourself in a new, exciting world.

I absolutely love the Harry Potter Series, especially Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. The plot twists are definitely going to keep you on the edge of your seat. I got the first one when I was 7 and read it in a day. It was that good!



JK Rowling is, of course, my favourite author too. I love reading her books. I must have read them at least ten times each.



I would recommend that children in years 5 and 6, who love fantasy, will also really like Chris Colfer's series A Tale of Magic. There are three books so far and this is the first in the series so a good place to start.

Book Recommendations

Here are the Reading Champions' recommendations for what you could be reading next.

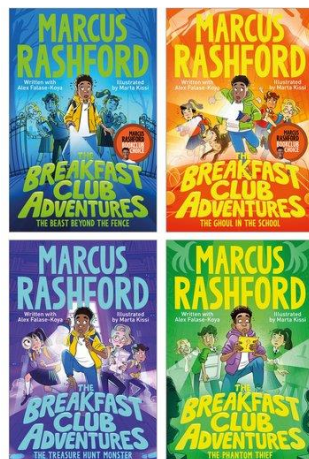


Liz Pichon's Tom Gates series has great creativity in doodling and in her characters as well!

These books are great for older children Year 4 to 6.



Rachel Renee Russell's character Nikki in the Dork Diaries series has many problems that are relatable to girls, particularly as we get older. It's set up as a diary similar to Jeff Kinney's Diary of a Wimpy Kid so great for those children who want to read more books in this style.



Marcus Rashford's Breakfast Club Adventures series are great adventure stories, which also have amazing illustrations to match.

I thoroughly recommend these for Year 4 and 5.

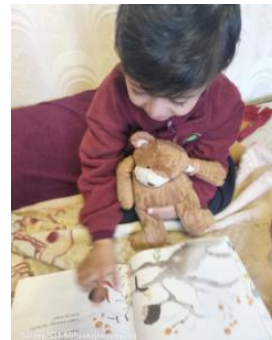
The Reading Champions will be back soon with even more recommendations!

Reading Suitcases



In EYFS, the children in Reception and Nursery have been taking home each week a special red reading suitcase filled with a book and a teddy or a doll to enjoy some special reading time together.

Some children, along with teddy, have been reading at restaurants, on buses and even at the shops!



Thank you to all the parents and carers who have been sharing the photos with the school.



World Book Day Celebrations!



Every year, Becontree celebrates World Book Day and again this year the children had lots of fun engaging in book and reading activities. Lots of photos were taken during the day. Some are shown here, and the rest can be seen in the gallery on the school website.



As always, there was lots and lots of reading take place. All the school took part!



In the ARP and Y2, the children made bookmarks.



In KS2, they were thinking about their identities as a reader.



In KS2, the children designed book vouchers for the National Book Token competition.



They even had some time for some Book Talk.

Half-Term Reading Project



Over lunch time on the 6th March, the Reading Champions judged all the entries to the half-term reading project. The book character plates looked fantastic, and they found it hard to select overall winners for each phase with so many to choose from. Nonetheless, here are the winning entries:



EYFS Winner:
Jordan, RH



ARP/ Zen Den winner:
Raheem, 4WH



Year 1 and 2 winner:
Julian, 1L



Year 3 and 4 winner:
Ali, 4P

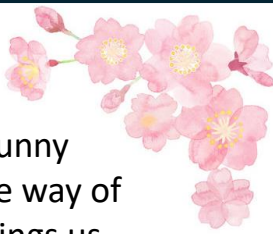


Year 5 and 6 winner:
Netanya, 6R

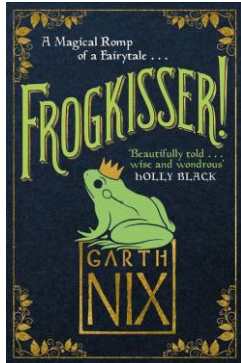
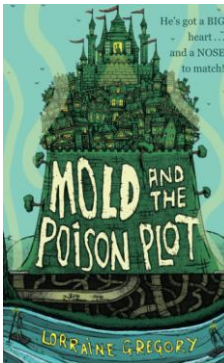
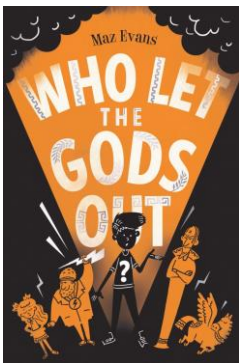
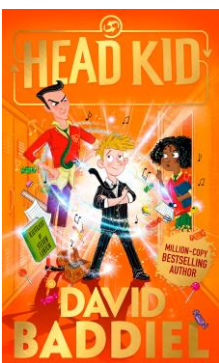
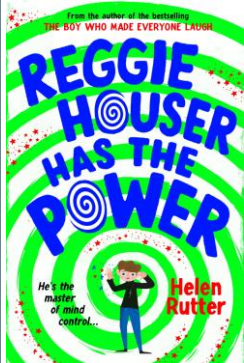
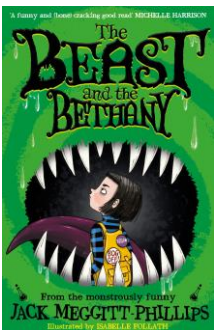
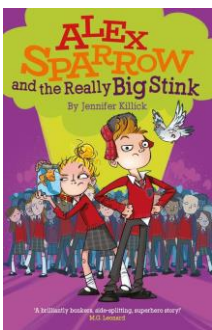
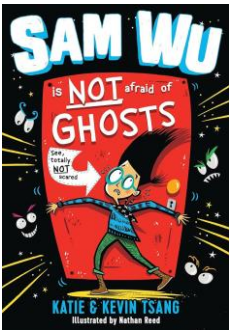
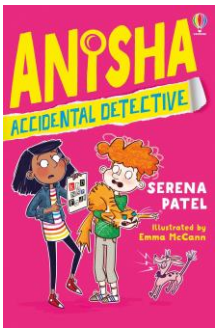
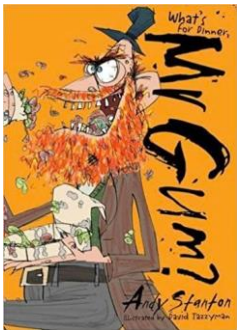
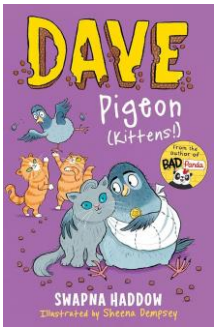
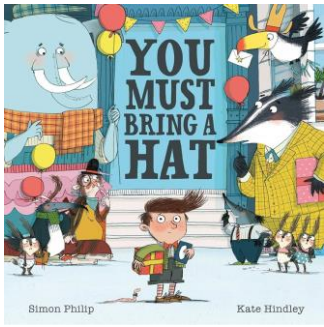
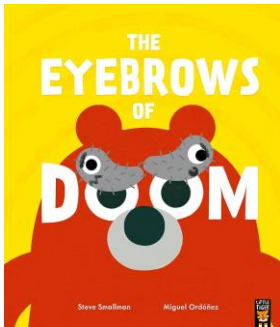
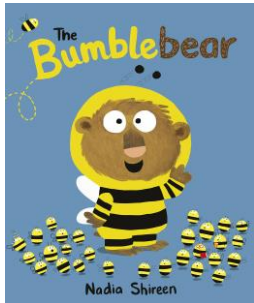
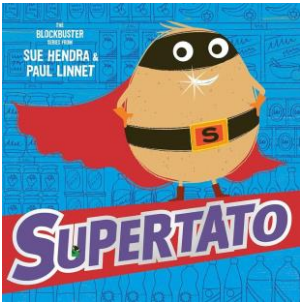
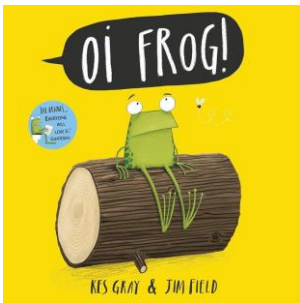
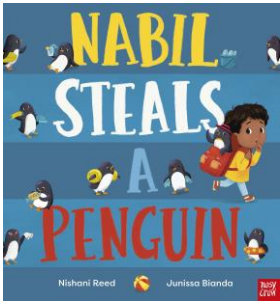


Each of the winners received a voucher they could use at the Book Fair.

Seasonal Reads



Humour can change the way we think and how we act – a funny story about something that interests you can be an effective way of coping with all the good and the bad that life sometimes brings us. So, check out some of these fantastic titles this spring and have a good laugh!



Year 3 and 4 Met Guy Bass and Pete Williamson



On Wednesday 12th March, year 3 and 4 had the opportunity to meet author, Guy Bass, and illustrator, Pete Williamson, at Goodmayes Library.



Guy and Pete talked to the children about how the graphic novel was created.



Pete challenged the children to describe an imaginary creature that he would draw based on their descriptions.



Here is the finished character. He will be displayed in the new library.



The children then had the opportunity to get their books signed by both Guy and Pete.



The March Book Fair



Thank you for supporting the March Book Fair. You helped to raise £201.81 in reward points, which we can use to purchase books from Scholastics.

The Reading Champions are busy preparing the books and book shelves ready to go in to the new library space, which will open in September. This is a huge project, which we will share more details about in our next issue.

Next Issue Coming Soon in the Summer Term

In this issue, you'll be able to



check out what the Reading Champions have been up to in their preparations for the new library;



find out about the Summer Reading Challenge;



meet some more Reading Champions and, obtain even more book recommendations;



see the final results of a special competition that will be run in the summer term (more details will be shared soon on how you can get involved).

