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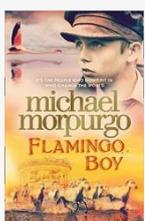
THE WEEK OF: 1st May 2018

EXCLUSIVE NEWS

BRILLIANT BOOKS!

All of us love books! It's a way to escape the world around you, and dig into a magical story that will keep you busy for hours. There are and are going to be many new books this year, which is what you will read about today! Here are four brilliant books that are new and upcoming to take you and your imagination on a journey.

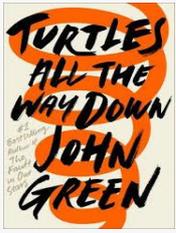
Skulduggery Pleasant books are always action-packed novels that will take you to a completely new world within your own. The 11th installment to this series will be no different. Picking up just after the best-selling book Resurrection left off, Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain are back in their most dangerous challenge yet. For many years, Valkyrie Cain has tried her upmost to keep her loved ones out of the magical world and harm's way. Every time, although coming out battered and bruised, she has been successful. But in this story she faces a ruthless killer who kidnaps her little sister so they can lure Valkyrie into a final battle. With Skulduggery and young sorcerer Omen scrambling on behind, Valkyrie has no more than twelve hours to find her sister Alice before it is too late. This story will shock all readers to death and will be an amazing addition to the growing Skulduggery Pleasant series. It will release around 31st of May this year.



For fans of the beautiful books Private Peaceful and The Butterfly Lion comes Morpurgo's new novel, Flamingo Boy. Like many of his novels, this story is set in World War 2. This potential classic is about an autistic boy that lives in a lovely place in the South of France. He lives on his family farm with many flamingos. He may not understand very much, but he can heal animals! He has a very special routine, too: every week he travels to the market in his town, and he goes on his special horse on the carousel. He also really enjoys music. But this perfect life all changes when the German soldiers come, with their lethal guns. They take his paradise of a town, and the carousel with it. A soldier shoots down one of his flamingos from the sky, and it falls down seriously injured. All seems lost for this poor boy, but every cloud has a silver lining. There is one kind soldier who is willing to help this boy. This stunning novel was released back in February this year.

Ah, Tom Gates. The young man we all know and love is back with a brand-new book, Biscuits, Bands and Very Big Plans! Liz Pichon has once again beautifully illustrated and written yet another book to add to the ever-growing series. This book is VERY important because it contains all of Tom's new plans for his band DogZombies, to make it the best band in the world, or at least that's what he says! All you Tom Gates fans can get your hands on this book later this year on the 3rd of May. This will be a great book that everyone can enjoy- whether they are dogs, zombies, or both!





The wait is finally over for all of you John Green fans with his brand new book, *Turtles All the Way Down*! The Guardian called this book a 'New Modern Classic'. This amazing author wrote the highly acclaimed book *The Fault In Our Stars* is back with this wonderful book, in which a 16 year old named Aza pursues a fugitive billionaire with her keen-to-investigate best friend Daisy- as there is a whopping 100,000 dollars in the bank for whoever finds him first. So, they begin their investigation with his son David. This is a must-buy book for all John Green fans. This was released back in October 2017.

So there you have 4 brilliant books that you can read wherever and whenever. A personal recommendation is Jeff Kinney's *Diary of A Wimpy Kid: The Getaway*, as I love the *Wimpy Kid* series. I hope you enjoyed reading about all of the new books out in 2018. Keep reading!

DANCE CLUB!

Dance club is a fun new club that anyone can come to. We do many different dances every two weeks but when it comes to competitions we work hard on one song. So far we have done *The Greatest Showman* and *7/11* by Beyoncé and now we are doing *Tiptoe* by Jason Derulo.

Our lovely dance teacher is Miss Hull and she is the one who choreographs the start and finish of our dances then we go and do our own group work.

Here are some of the things they have to say.

Basma says that "It's sassy and all the dances we produced are beautiful."

Chloe's input was that "it's fun and as well as doing stuff in a group you can do it in a pair."

THE BIG BANG SCIENCE TRIP!

On Thursday 15th March, a trip to Birmingham took place where 90 students from Year 8 went to a massive science trip called *The Big Bang*. It was in a massive hall with different science activities and talks about Computers, Engineering, Chemistry, Physics & Biology. This was a fun day for everyone who went.

The 90 people went with some science teachers from the school who went around with us and were our team leaders. The science trip had sections from music to airplanes. There were more schools there touring around as well seeing the magnificent places in there. Lastly, they showed us different things that are very rare and take a long time to make or has been studied for years.

INTERESTED IN ART?

To begin, art club is on a Wednesday and is open to any year. It is located in the art rooms but it may be outside if the day is nice enough! When this is the occasion, the teacher will wait for everyone, leave a note or send a message out for members in the day so they know for after school. In the class, there is a wide variety of art mediums that are for anyone to use or to try out. This is great because not everyone has access to the more unusual mediums. There are no guidelines for what to draw so you can really use the materials for what YOU want. The only exception to this is when you're outside where the teacher may set a task or a theme. From my experience, the entire club is very welcoming and no one will make fun of anything you create and instead they will give you amazing tips and encourage you to continue with your art. To conclude, I think the art club is an amazing place for artists to meet, draw and get advice or to try out all of the mediums that are available. So if you have time, come to the art club and give it a go!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Your school needs you! Do you want to change something about the school? Do it! Want to make a difference? Do it! Join student leadership! Email Kate at kate.moody@jagschool.org OR have a look at the timetable on page 5.



A WELCOME TO THE NEW HEAD TEACHER

As most of you know, Mr Gunston will be leaving at the end of this academic year and will be replaced by Mr Skipp. There will be many changes to the school and we hope it will only make our school stronger. Several children interviewed the six candidates and it was clear that Mr Skipp was the best fit for the job. Mr Skipp said "I am delighted to have been appointed to the post of Head teacher. The John of Gaunt School has a long and successful history and I am thoroughly excited at the prospect of working with the whole community as we strive for even greater success."

It will be sad to see Mr Gunston go, but we all can't wait to see where these new changes take us.

Good luck to Mr Gunston for his future endeavors.

St Georges Day Parade

On Sunday 22nd April, a St Georges day parade and activity event was held at the Trowbridge Rugby Club in Hilperton village.

Every scout group from across the West Wiltshire district sent representatives from their Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer Units to the parade which was accompanied by a wide variety of activities for all age ranges, a cake stall, a ice cream van and a hot food hut. Beavers, the youngest age group, participated in crafts and a sword and dragon activity. Cubs, the age group for those aged from beavers to 10.5 years olds, took part in many water based activities. Scouts, the age group for 10.5 years olds to 14 years of age, took part in a hike through Hilperton village, Whaddon and the canal and a competition also based around water. Finally, explorers, for those aged from the end of scouts until eighteen years old, took part in a locked box activity.

Next year, this parade and activity day will be held in the town of Warminster.

What happens at Newspaper Club?

At Newspaper Club we write articles for students and parents to read to see what is going on in school but, in Newspaper Club, we look at what happens in and outside of school and what is interesting for people to read. We go through all fun things like recent activities (for example, The Big Bang science trip), recommended books or movies, and lots of other exciting things. This is a great society.

Secondly, we decide what we should and should not put in and how we are going to present it. Year 12 student, Emmie Carr, is the person who edits all the newspapers and makes them look great and presentable. Miss Stork supervises and encourages us after school every Tuesday to write our articles.

Lastly, we decide what we want to do next and if the work needs improving, making it look amazing and really nice for all people to read and enjoy. This is a great club and is used to make people enjoy hearing things that are going on in the school.

GET INVOLVED!

Are you interested in journalism? Or reporting on the school? Or simply just want to help? If you're interested in writing stories like the ones you have been reading today, come along the School Newspaper clubs! Tuesday lunchtimes for Year 11s, and Tuesday afterschool for any other years (all in L2). To get involved email: Miss Stork (ESTork@jogschool.org)

Drama Club

Miss Regan is happy to let us know that she is leading drama club in Gloucester drama room. Drama Club is an extremely fun environment Miss Regan would like to have a larger group of students to attend drama club so she can host a play around January or February. Drama club is on a Thursday. Regularly, you will be given a theme in groups to practice and show the rest of the club. However, in on one of our recent gatherings, we did improve which was one of my favourites.

Calling all Creative Minds!

Do you write stories and poems in your free time? Show off your talents to our lovely English teachers Miss Harwood and Mrs Johnson; they're dying to hear your work.

Every Friday in L25, 3 - 4pm. The fun awaits!



Gymnastics competition

Our school's gymnastics club recently went to a competition however we didn't come first but we came second. The team who came first was Clarendon because they were a good team and they were very organised. At first we were all scared incase we forgot the routine or fell. Luckily we didn't and we represented the school well. In the competition we had to compete in many activites including vault and the floor routine, given to us from the head of the competition.

There is a upcoming competition coming on the 2nd of May. We're really nervous, but hopefully we'll take the win!

Young Voice of Trowbridge!

On the 25th April 2018, 'The Young Voice of Trowbridge' took place and it was a triumph for the Year 12's; they made an amazing speech, delivered it and won. The speech was about "What a degraded environment tells us about ourselves?" The Year 12's talked about the massive change that has happened and what it tells us about ourselves. The subject changed many people's opinions about how we can make a change.

We interviewed one of the participants in the winning Year 12 team, Joshua Keaveney (Head Boy), and here is what he had to say, "I really enjoyed the whole process as I enjoyed writing, revising and delivering the script to a varied audience. My whole team, Annie West, Ellen Hoare and myself, were great and I am really proud of what we have achieved. Since the competition, we have delivered our presentation to Year 9's and Year 10's during assembly to encourage other members of the school to recognise the scale of environmental problems and public speaking as a valuable skill. Hopefully, we have inspired them to do 'The Young Voice of Trowbridge' competition."

Other years were there too, Year 8 and Year 10. The speeches were interesting and about how we are destroying the world with plastic, deforestation and other things. The main subjects talk about the changes that we are doing to our environment; this leading to tragedies and other bad things that means that our planet may not be safe because of issues such as littering.

All years did very well, but the Year 12's did a great speech about how it affects us. The Year 10's and Year 8's also did fantastically. However, none of this could have been achieved without Miss Harwood, so a big thank you to you Miss!

TUTOR CHARITY EVENT

Last term all Year 7 tutors decided to partake in a competition to raise as much money for charity as possible. The tutor groups decided on a charity and then selected an activity such as a bake sale or a lemonade stand. All the money raised will go to the charity. The charities are:

7A: Hope Nature Centre

7B: Dorothy House

7C: Wiltshire Air Ambulance

7D: People against poverty

7E: Alzheimer society

7F: Bath Cats and Dogs Home

7G: Max appeal

The winner of the Year 7 tutor charity event was Miss Parkes' 7E. They won by doing a cake sale and a three-legged race where they raised nearly £300! They were the winners of the quiz board and have the top attendance of all Year 7 tutors, so a massive well done to you! We would like to say well done to all the tutors for taking part and showing great resilience.



Do you want a job to start earning some cash?



GOFISH's monthly free newsletter will offer you useful guides to support you in finding and getting a job

To sign up to our newsletter please go to gofishteam.co.uk/newsletter

Many students may decide to get a part-time job to earn some cash and gain valuable experience. However, research has shown that since the 1990's teenagers with Saturday jobs have halved. It is becoming much harder to find and get these jobs! Local organisation, GOFISH, whose sole aim is to support people in preparing them for the World of Work, are offering a brand new free monthly eNewsletter to encourage and support young people in helping to find and getting their own local part-time jobs. To sign up to GOFISH's newsletter please visit gofishteam.co.uk/newsletter



Student Leadership (lunchtimes)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week 1	Year 8	Year 7	Year 9
Week	Year 10	Year 11	Full Board



Expressive Arts Faculty - 2017/2018 Extra-Curricular Activities

Aspire, Create, Express



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Times 1:05-1:35pm	<p>Strings - NMA in G1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Choir - EST in G9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Flute Group - NMA in G1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Folk Group - EST in G9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Hand Chimes - NMA in G1</p> <p>KS3 Keyboard Club - EST in G9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p>
After School 3:15-4:15pm	<p>GCSE and A Level Computer Access - in G5</p> <p>Year 11 Acapella Singers - NMA/EST in G1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p>	<p>GCSE Drama Rehearsals/Revision- GBR/JRE in D/Studio</p> <p>Yr 11 GCSE Art Support - MGI in C1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>GCSE Music Support - EST in G5</p>	<p>Orchestra - NMA/EST in G1</p> <p>KS3 Drama Club - JRE in Drama Studio</p> <p>KS3 Art Club - HSN/CLA in C10</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>GCSE Art Support - MGI/HSN in C1/C9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>GCSE Music Support - EST in G5</p>	<p>GCSE Art Support - MGI/HSN in C1/C9</p>