



Reading Newsletter.

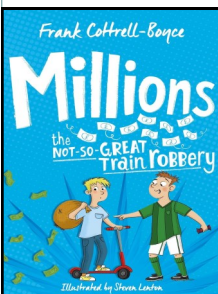
Welcome to the **first** Newsletter of the school year. We love to celebrate and promote reading at NJS. If you are reading our Newsletter for the first time, I hope you enjoy the wonderful books being shared. Remember, if you wish to contribute yourself to the newsletter, please see Mr R. A big thank you to Mrs Wood for her contribution this time too. Happy Reading!

Lets' start with two recommendations. The first one is by a first time author- **Rowan Foxwood**. Her book **HeartSeer- The Tale of Anise Star**, is a captivating tale of magic and adventure. A HeartSeer is able see the daemons and spirits that live in our world- they are everywhere , but only a true believer like Anise can see them and help. Their world is suddenly thrown into danger by the wicked Mr Babbitt who wishes to destroy all daemons. Anise, with the help of her loyal daemon-dog Wolf, Anise sets out on a spellbinding

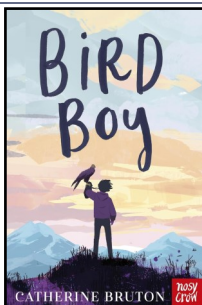


and treacherous journey to save the daemons of White Wood. A fantastic first book!

Next, is a wonderful book called **Millions** by **Frank Cottrell-Boyce**. This was the first children's book written by this popular author. Frank Cottrell Boyce is the Children's Laureate. Millions is a heart achingly funny tale about Damian, the boy who is so obsessed with saints- that he decides he wants to become one. So what will he choose to do when a sack full of cash is discovered, containing one million



pounds?? He has just days to spend the money- time is running out and he needs to find a way to help his family, who are all still coming to terms with the death of his mother. Tragic and comical at the same time. A great book.



Bird Boy by **Catherine Bruton** is "Unputdownable. A gift to nature loving young people" says author Hilary McKay. A wonderful story of the bond between Will and his rescued Osprey chick named Whitetip.



Birdsong by **Katya Balen** Annie, whose life has been changed by a car crash. She can't play her flute anymore, and is sad and angry. She meets Noah who shows her a blackbird's nest which is the start of Annie finding her music again. Beautifully written and so moving.



I love these series of **MG Leonard's** Bird Watching Detective books. **Twitch, Clutch and Spark**. This new one is called **Feather**. Fast paced and exciting fun.



Author Profile- M. G. Leonard has made up stories ever since she was a little girl. Back then, adults called them lies or tall tales, so she didn't think to write them down. Now, she makes up stories about beetles, birds, trains or anything that sparks her imagination. Her books have been translated into over forty languages and won many awards. She lives by the sea with her family, her dog called Nell and a variety of exotic beetles.



My Book Choices

By Mrs Wood

What was your favourite book to read when you were a child?

I loved reading all the Beatrix Potter books but my favourite was the 'The Tail of Mr Jeremy Fisher' because he wasn't as cute as the other Beatrix Potter characters, he looked very elegant standing on his lily pad. He was also very accident prone which made me laugh.

THE TALE OF JEREMY FISHER

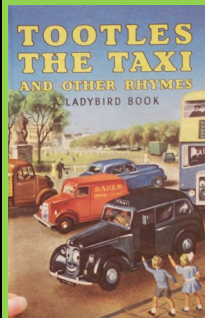


Beatrix Potter

Who was your favourite character in a story and why did you like them?

My favourite character was George from 'The Famous Five' She was the first female character I'd read about that wasn't girly and I loved that. She wanted to do the same things as the boys which was great as I wanted to be like that too, so I could really relate to the character.

If you only keep one book, which one would it be?



'Tootles the Taxi' is the first book I remember owning and I was very fond of it. I loved how the vehicles became characters and the rhymes that went with each one. I think I still

have it in the attic.

Is there a children's story you would like to read that you never got around to reading?

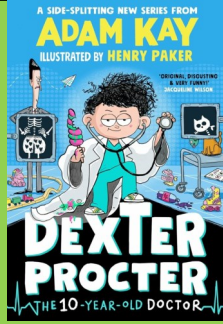
'What Katy Did' was on our shelf for as long as I can remember, it had a red and gold cover but no picture. I always wondered what she did, but the cover didn't appeal to me, so I never found out



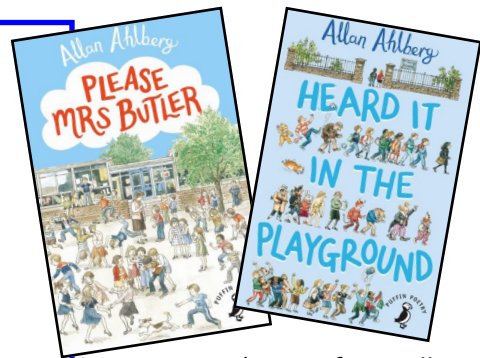
ONCE upon a time there was a frog called Mr. Jeremy Fisher; he lived in a little damp house amongst the buttercups at the edge of a pond.

Dexter Procter- the 10 year old Doctor by Adam Kay

Dexter is a genius and was destined to do great things! He could speak when 4 seconds old and by 10 was working in the local hospital. But can this boy genius save everyone, including all his teachers when they struck down by a bad case of diarrhoea!!



Scissors by Alan Ahlberg.
 Nobody leave the room.
 Everyone listen to me.
 We had ten pairs of scissors
 At half-past two,
 And now there's only three.
 Seven pairs of scissors
 Disappeared from sight.
 Not one of you leaves
 Till we find them.



We can stop here all night!
 Scissors don't lose themselves,
 Melt away or explode.
 Scissors have not got
 Legs of their own
 To go running off up the road.
 We really need those scissors,
 That's what makes me mad.
 If it was seven pairs
 Of children we'd lost,
 It wouldn't be so bad.
 I don't want to hear excuses.
 Don't anyone speak.
 Just ransack this room
 Till we find them,
 Or we'll stop here...all week!

Two poetry classics from **Allan Ahlberg**. **Please Mrs Butler** and **Heard it in the Playground**. These poetry collections sum up perfectly life in a primary school. Enjoy reading Scissors. They are highly recommended reads. My favourite is Please Mrs Butler... if you have never read it why not check it out!

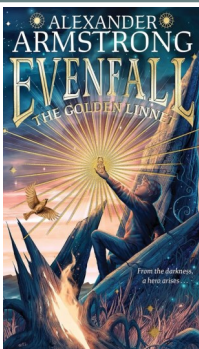
Did you know, Allan Ahlberg grew up in a house with no books, and very little conversation! Today he is a famous author but he has also been a postman, a teacher and even a grave digger!

Mallory Vayle and the Curse of Maggoty Skull by Martin Howard.

Just in time for Halloween. A true spooky tale to make your hair stand on end! It is funny and scary at the same time. There is plenty of spookiness and humour cunningly scattered throughout the entire story.



Maggoty Skull is the perfect lovable rogue.



Alexander Armstrong (Yes the man who presents Pointless) has written this wonderful adventure story called **Evenfall—The Golden Linnets**. An ancient magic. A deadly enemy. A reluctant hero. Sam's world is blown apart when he discovers that his family was once at the heart of a secret society that had the world. Now a powerful enemy is closing in, destroying all in its path. Only Sam can stop them. But first, he must bring the Order together again. Enter a world of magic, intrigue, danger and glory ... if you dare!

Can you guess the book from these clues. There are 5 clues. How many clues do you need before you can guess the title?

1. The main character makes friends with Chloe.
2. The main character likes sausages and so does his dog.
3. The main character ends up living in a shed.
4. Chloe's mum wants to be Prime Minister.
5. The main character is a rather scruffy, smelly tramp.

Guess the book?

If you know the book. Do you know the author? How many books do you know by the same author?

Mr Stink—David Williams

Keep reading! Get ready for our Christmas Special next time. Mr R

The Great Food Bank Heist by Onjali Q Rauf, the author of the Boy at the Back of the Class, is a story of crime solving fun. Nelson thinks the town Food Bank is best kind of bank there is. But there's a thief in town and the shelves of the food bank are getting emptier each day, leaving people hungrier than ever. Can Nelson and his friends catch the thief before they strike again?



Three great non fiction books about Science...



My final recommendation this time is a collection of books by **Joan Aiken** about a pet Raven called Mortimer who belongs to a girl called Arabel. **Arabel's Raven**



was read aloud on Jackanory, a story programme for children. You can listen to the story here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>