



# Reader of the Week

Welcome! Very well done to all of last week's Readers of the Week. They included Vaughn from 1LM, Sarina from 2CW, Josh from 4CF and Megan from 4PK. All of the amazing bookworms received a bookmark and a sticker.

Empathy Day: Promoted by EmpathyLab and now an annual event, this year's Empathy Day is June 10<sup>th</sup>. From EmpathyLab's website: 'Young people are growing up in a society with a major empathy deficit; hate crimes are at their highest level since records began and there are increasing concerns about the negative effects of social media. EmpathyLab is the first organisation to build children's empathy, literacy and social activism through a systematic use of high-quality literature. Our strategy builds on new scientific evidence showing the power of reading to build real-life empathy skills.' This year, Empathy Day calls for everyone to focus on other people's feelings and perspectives, and put themselves in someone else's shoes. Please visit: [www.empathylab.uk](http://www.empathylab.uk)



READ	CONNECT	ACT
<p>Use empathy-rich books to deepen your understanding of other people.</p> <p>Join in the massive #ReadForEmpathy social media campaign.</p>	<p>Go on an Empathy Walk and connect to the reality of your local community.</p>	<p>Use your increased understanding to help change things.</p> <p>Make an Empathy Resolution.</p>



I have downloaded the Early Years and Primary toolkits/resources. Please let me know if you'd like to have a look. A variety of authors and illustrators will be leading an 'Empathy Day LIVE' programme of events. A family activity pack is also available.

**POP UP**  
**FESTIVAL**  
**PRESENTS**

Featuring **Sophie Anderson, A.M. Dassu, Jamila Gavin, Emily Gravett, James Mayhew, Karl Nova, Axel Scheffler, Andy Stanton and Smriti Halls** with more to be announced soon.

Pop Up: This free live-streamed literature festival will take place between 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June. The summer showcase will feature over 20 authors reading from their best-loved and newly-released books, along with original and exclusive content, including interviews, performances, workshop activities and resources for use in classrooms and at home. Please visit [www.pop-up.org.uk](http://www.pop-up.org.uk) for further information.



'Harklights' by Tim Tilley: This a May debut of the month on LoveReading4Kids and was published last week. Here's what [www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk) has to say about it: 'Tim Tilley's charming fantasy adventure set in a green forest world combines fairy tale magic with a powerful ecological message. Wick lives in Harklights Match Factory and Orphanage.

Run by the cruel and wicked *Old Ma Bogey*, it is a terrible place of suffering for all the children who live there. When Wick escapes to the dangerous 'outside', he is adopted by the Hobs – tiny people who live a green life and devote themselves to looking after the forest and everything that lives in it. But Wick soon discovers that there are great dangers in the forest, too. And *Old Ma Bogey* has a hand in them. Guided by the Hobs, Wick discovers that he has a special role to play in saving the environment and all who live in it from the forces of evil.' For age 9+.

Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (17/5/21)

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At home I'm reading **Ted Hughes: The Unauthorised Life** by Jonathan Bate.

In class I'm reading **The Truth of Things** by Anthony McGowan.

I'm also reading **Brand New Boy** by David Almond to 4PK.