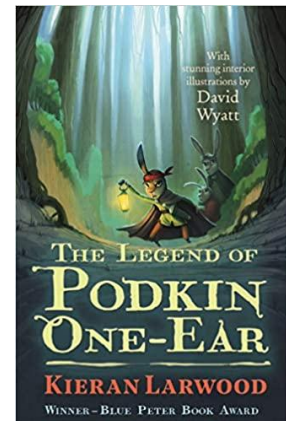


Welcome to our first reading for pleasure newsletter of the new school year. I hope you had a fantastic reading-filled summer!

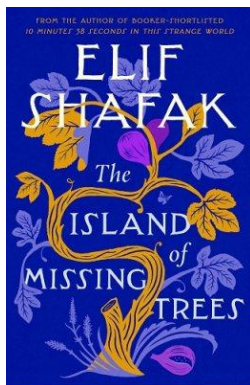
Malvern Community Book Club: The book club's next meeting will take place on Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm in the Bowring Park Pub. Our book for September is Patrick Gale's 'Notes from an Exhibition'. The book club is open to all adult members of our school community – parents, grandparents,

parents of former pupils, former colleagues and current members of staff. If you'd like a little bit more information, please come and see me. All are very welcome.

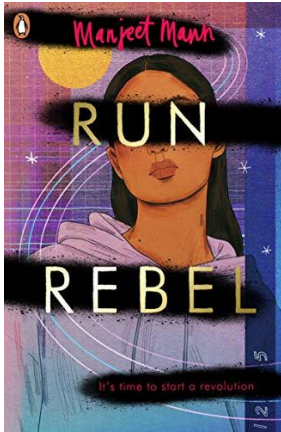
Reading Aloud: One of the key principles that underpins our school's reading culture is a daily story time, where teachers read aloud to the children. One of my favourite read aloud stories – and one that the children always enjoy – is Kieran Larwood's 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear'. I started reading this to my new class on the first day of term – and we're becoming very well acquainted with Podkin (who still has two ears at the moment), his sister Paz and his baby brother Pook.



But all is not well, because the terrifying Gorm have just arrived! Research shows that reading aloud to children is an important aspect of their development as readers. It also enables adults to model good reading and to enthuse the children.



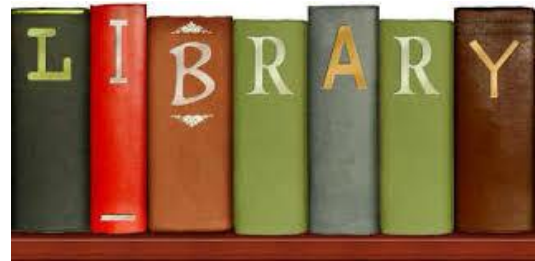
'The Island of Missing Trees' by Elif Shafak: Just before we returned to school, I had the pleasure of reading Elif Shafak's 'The Island of Missing Trees'. I can't recommend this amazing book highly enough. The story moves between the divided island of Cyprus in 1974 and contemporary London. With a fig tree as one of its central characters, it's a tale of love, trauma, nature and ultimately, renewal. In my opinion, a must read.



Recommendations: Many of the best books that I've read have been those recommended by friends. Before the summer holidays, Miss Fraser recommended Manjeet Mann's verse novel 'Run Rebel'. I finished reading it on Friday – and it's fantastic. Here's what The Guardian said: *'A tightly crafted series of punchy, often heartbreaking narrative poems...Mann's brilliant, coruscating verse novel lays out the anatomy of Amber's revolution, and the tentative first flowerings of hope*

and change.' 'Run Rebel' was the winner of the 2021 Carnegie Medal Shadower's Choice Award. In recent years, lots of verse novels – often aimed at the teenage / young adult market – have been published.

School Library: As we start the new school year, our library stands ready for use. Over the summer holidays, lots of new books have been added. We have a timetable in place so



that all year groups have a morning or an afternoon session during which children can access the library and borrow a book. We have a very keen and enthusiastic group of librarians from Year Six. These children will be undertaking some training this afternoon – and then will take responsibility for the day-to-day smooth running of the library. As a school, we subscribe to the Knowsley School's Library Service. During the coming week, all classes will be receiving boxes of books (and other resources) from the Library Service. These books supplement class libraries, support the children's learning expeditions and are used in outdoor reading boxes.



Get Involved: If you have any recommendations, book news, photos, thoughts, comments or ideas, please get in touch. Contributions from all members of our school community are welcomed and encouraged.

Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (6/9/21)

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At home I'm reading **Lean Fall Stand** by Jon McGregor.

In class I'm reading **Clap When You Land** by Elizabeth Acevedo.

I'm reading **The Legend of Podkin One-Ear** by Kieran Larwood to 4PK.

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