

Reader of the Week

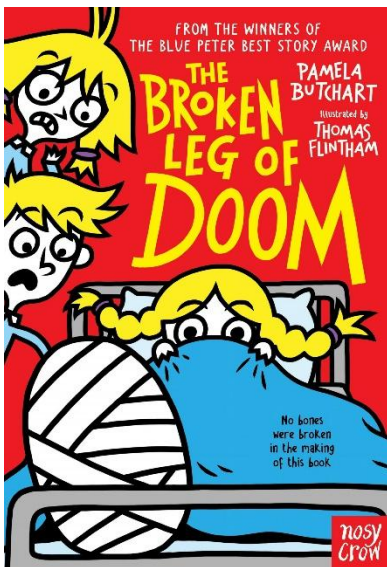
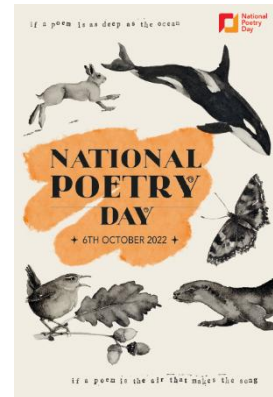
3/10/22 – Welcome to this week’s reading for pleasure newsletter. We have an exciting week ahead of us – book fair, a visiting poet and National Poetry Day.

Congratulations to last week’s Readers of the Week ! They included: am Nursery – Huey M, pm Nursery – Harley S, 1CF – Alice B, 1LM – Alfie E, 3NM – Oscar A, 3AP – Evie M, 4OB – Nathaniel D, 4CW – Ben H.



National Poetry Day:

Thursday of this week is National Poetry Day and this year’s theme is ‘the environment’. Celebrations will begin on Tuesday when poet Matt Abbott will be spending the day in school with us.



Book Club: As reported last week, our Thursday Book Club children are reading Pamela Butchart’s ‘The Broken Leg of Doom’. Pamela very kindly sent the children a message:

Thank you SO MUCH for choosing THE BROKEN LEG OF DOOM! I really hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed writing it! I LOVE the idea that things can be CURSED. Like, imagine your cat or pencil and big toe were cursed?! And I always wanted a big CAST on my leg (but I didn’t want a broken leg, just a pretend one I suppose). So I put those two things together and came up with idea that a HUMAN LEG attached to an ACTUAL HUMAN could be cursed. And there you go. Enjoy! Love and pugs.....Pamela x x x

Reading Research: Studies have found that reading for pleasure enhances empathy, understanding of the self, and the ability to understand one’s own and others’ identities. For example, reading Harry Potter has been shown to improve children’s attitudes toward stigmatized groups such as immigrants, refugees, and members of the LGBT community. (Billington, J, (2015) Reading Between the Lines: the Benefits of Reading for Pleasure & Vezzali, L. et al (2015) The Greatest Magic of Harry Potter: Reducing Prejudice – Journal of Applied Social Psychology)

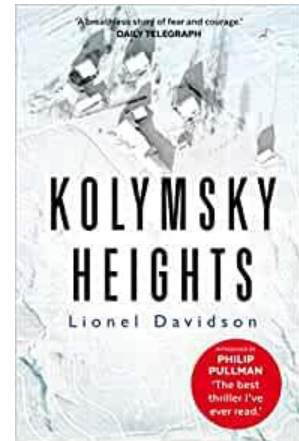


'Paper Boat, Paper Bird' by David Almond: A stunning new story from the bestselling and prize-winning David Almond, that unfolds the magic of the everyday. Mina, from the unforgettable *Skellig* and *My Name is Mina*, journeys to Japan and discovers the wonders of the world around her.

Kyoto, Japan. Mina is on a bus. Everything is strange and beautiful. Mina watches as a woman folds a piece of paper into an origami boat, then floats it over to her. As Mina discovers the magic of origami, her eyes are opened to the wonders of the real city around her.

David Almond says: "Mina always seems very real to me, and is a powerful force in my imagination. I've been several times to Japan, and have felt weirdly at home there." The book includes an afterword exploring where the story came from. It's beautifully illustrated by Kirsti Beautyman.

Malvern Community Book Club: Our community book club meets once a month in the Bowring Park Pub. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 13th October at 7.30pm. Our current book is: Lionel Davidson's 'Kolymisky Heights'.



The Faber website says: A sensational classic: this chilling tale of Siberian espionage is 'the best thriller I've ever read' (Philip Pullman), ranking with The Silence of the Lambs, Casino Royale and Smiley's People' (Spectator). 'Hugely thrilling, brilliantly written, perfect ... I didn't want this book to end.' (Anthony Horowitz). Kolymisky Heights: a Siberian hell lost in endless night: the perfect setting for an underground Russian research station. It's a place so secret it doesn't officially exist; once there, the scientists are forbidden to leave. But one scientist is desperate to get a message to the outside world. So desperate, he sends a plea across the wildness to the West in order to summon the one man alive capable of achieving the impossible ...



'The Zebra's Great Escape': Mink doesn't believe in rules. She loves running wild and free. So, when a zebra appears in the square where she lives and she finds out that his parents have been captured by the evil Mr Spit, she knows that it's up to her to help. This is a timeless picture book about bravery, friendship and the importance of taking action – from the excellent Katherine Rundell.

'Books crowbar the world open for you.' (From 'Roftoppers' by Katherine Rundell)

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At home I'm reading **Tombland** by C.J.Sansom.

I'm reading **The Zebra's Great Escape** by Katherine Rundell to Year One.

I'm reading **The Bolds** by Julian Clary to Year Three.

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