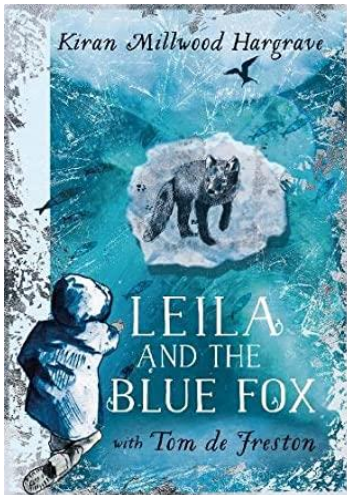


Welcome to the **200th** edition of our reading for pleasure newsletter. The first edition hit the streets (so to speak!) over seven years ago on 1st September 2015 ! Books featured in that first edition included Michael Morpurgo's 'My Father is a Polar Bear', 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers – and 'The Tear Thief' by Carol Ann Duffy.

Congratulations to our recent readers of the week ! Book worms have included: Ben from 2CB, Libby & Maisie from 3AP, Richie & Archie from 4CW and Isaac from 6IP. Readers of the week receive a sticker and a bookmark – and they may have received the accolade for a wide variety of reading-related achievements. A huge well done to all recipients !

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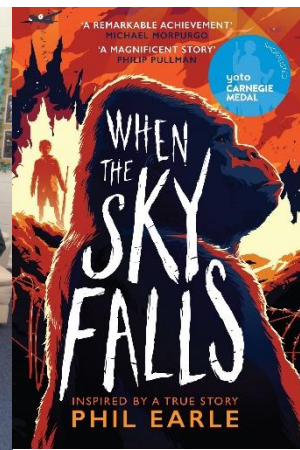


'Leila and the Blue Fox' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave:

I recently read this moving and beautifully illustrated book. The Waterstone's website says: *Come with an Arctic fox on a breath-taking journey... an enthralling story from the bestselling, award-winning creators of 'Julia and the Shark'. With dazzling blue and black illustrations and presented as a deluxe hardback with tracing paper inserts, this is perfect for 9+ fans of 'The Last Bear' and 'A Wolf Called Wander'. Fox wakes, and begins to walk. She crosses ice and snow, over mountains and across frozen oceans, encountering bears and birds beneath the endless daylight of an Arctic summer, navigating a world that is vast, wild and wondrous. Meanwhile, Leila embarks on a journey of her own - finding her way to the mother who left her. On a breath-taking journey across the sea, Leila rediscovers herself and the mother she thought she'd lost, with help from a determined little fox. Based on the true story of an Arctic fox who walked from Norway to Canada in seventy-six days - a distance of two thousand miles. This is a compelling, emotional and beautifully illustrated story.*

Quote: The American children's and young people's writer Beverly Cleary once said: 'Children should learn that reading is pleasure, not just something that teachers make you do in school.'



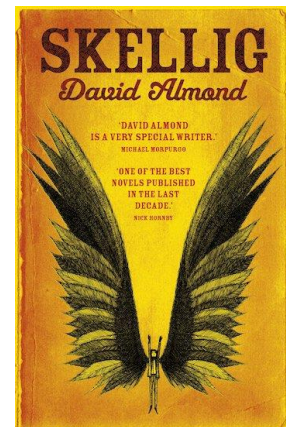


Phil Earle @ Malvern: Last week, we were delighted to welcome children's author Phil Earle to school. Phil inspired and entertained during a special assembly for key stage two children. He talked about his most recent books and the power of reading for pleasure - and how comics and magazines are still 'proper' reading. Phil told the children all about his journey as a reader and a writer - and the influence that 'Holes' by Louis Sachar has had on him. Children also discovered that Phil is a big fan of Frazzles (the crisps) and Hull City FC ! After the assembly, Phil spent time in the library talking to children and signing copies of 'When the Sky Falls' and 'While the Storm Rages'. Our thanks to Phil - and we hope to see him again at Malvern.



The Malvern Community Book Club:

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 9th February at 7.30pm in the Bowring Park Pub. We are currently reading David Almond's Carnegie Medal winning 'Skellig' and Penguin's 'Poems for Life'. Our monthly book club is open to all adult members of the school community: parents, grandparents, members of staff, parents of former pupils and local residents.



Research: 'Our conclusions: read to children and focus on the story; provide access to interesting reading; give students time to read; and allow them to self-select their own reading material.' (p83 - 'Comprehensible and Compelling: The Causes and Effects of Free Voluntary Reading' by Stephen Krashen et al.) Stephen Krashen is Emeritus Professor of Education at the University of Southern California.

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

Paul Kynaston : Assistant Head Teacher : Reading Advocate : Malvern Primary School : Liverpool

At home I'm reading **The Wasteland: A Biography of a Poem** by Matthew Hollis.

The children's book that I'm reading is **Glassheart** by Katharine Orton.

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