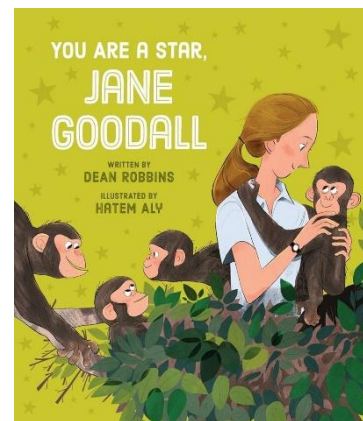


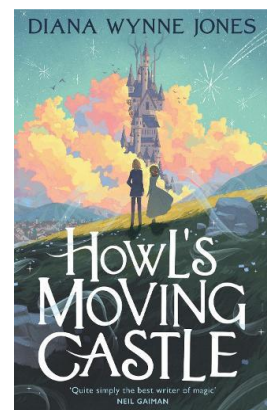
Welcome to the latest edition of our reading for pleasure newsletter! This week, our school library is featuring 'You Are a Star, Jane Goodall' by Dean Robbins (illustrated by Hatem Aly). Dean has been kind enough to send us a message – all the way from Madison, Wisconsin in the USA.



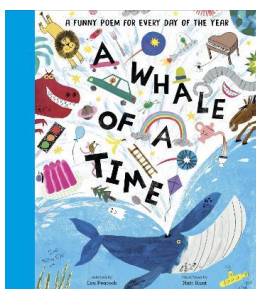
Hello Malvern students, I am so excited to have you read **You Are a Star, Jane Goodall**! Jane grew up in England, not far from you. She was the first person brave enough to study chimpanzees by living with them in the jungle. And guess what—she made friends with them! In the book, you will meet chimps named Flo and Goliath and learn about Jane's world-changing scientific discoveries. You will also laugh! The book is filled with funny stories, drawings, and comics. Jane had grand adventures while doing the work she loved, and I hope you will grow up to do that in your own lives. I have visited your beautiful city, and I liked it so much that I want to come back someday! I wouldn't be surprised if we saw each other strolling along the Mersey. Your friend.....Dean Robbins.



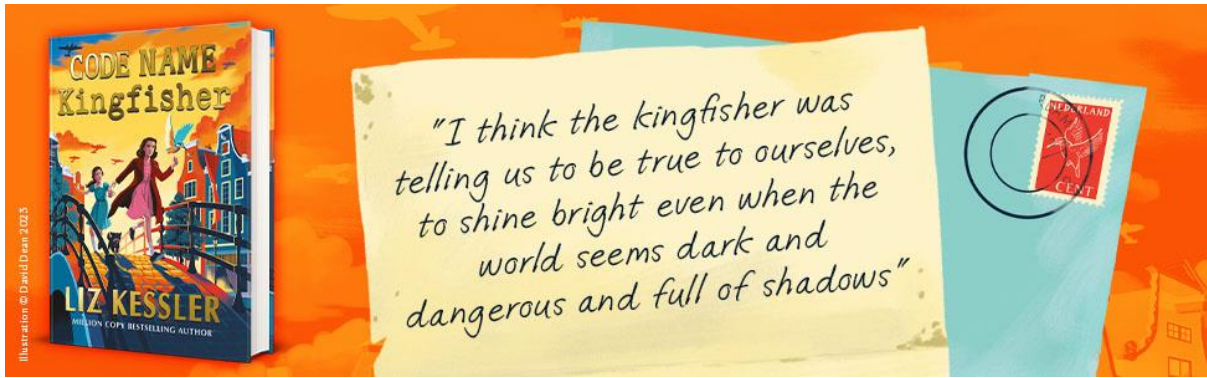
Diana Wynne Jones: This year marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of 'Wilkins' Tooth' – the first book that Diana Wynne Jones wrote for children. In an article in Saturday's Guardian, Katherine Rundell said: *When I was 21, I was elected a fellow of All Souls College in Oxford. I was about to begin a doctoral thesis on John Donne and so I was assigned, as an academic mentor, the renowned scholar of the Renaissance, Colin Burrow. He asked me what I planned to do with my years in college. I said that I wanted to write for children, in a dream world. I wanted to write books that offered children vivid realms and large ideas, and new jokes – something like Philip Pullman*



or Diana Wynne Jones. And he said: 'Diana Wynne Jones is my mother.' I had never been so joyfully startled in my life. Diana Wynne Jones is famous for her Chrestomanci sequence of novels and the Land of Ingary trilogy, which starts with 'Howl's Moving Castle'. Many well-known, respected authors have cited her as an inspiration.

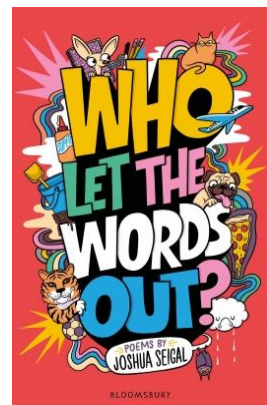


'A Whale of a Time' by Lou Peacock: Illustrated by Matt Hunt, this fab book was published last week. The website www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk says: *A brilliantly illustrated collection of 366 hilarious poems to keep you laughing all year round! From rib-ticklingly funny to wryly witty, each poem in this uplifting collection is guaranteed to put a smile on your face and is perfect for reading aloud.....Whether it's a poem about socks or spaniels, eggs or elephants, this bright and brilliant collection will bring you cheer and laughter every day.*



'Code Name Kingfisher': The excellent Liz Kessler (author of **'When the World Was Ours'**) published her brand-new book last week. The Simon and Schuster website says this about it: *When Liv finds a secret box from her grandmother's childhood she uncovers an extraordinary war-time story of bravery, betrayal and daring defiance. A story that will change Liv and her family forever... Holland, 1942. The world is at war and as the Nazis' power grows, Jewish families are in terrible danger. Twelve-year-old Mila and her older sister Hannie are sent to live with a family in another city with new identities and the strict instruction not to tell anyone that they are Jewish. Hannie, determined to fight back, is swept into the Dutch resistance as an undercover agent: Code Name Kingfisher. And though Mila does her best to make friends and keep out of trouble, there is danger at every turn and the sisters are soon left questioning who they can trust...*

'Who Let the Words Out?': Talking of brand-new books, Joshua Seigal's latest collection of poems was also published last week. The excellent website www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk says: *A marvellous new collection of poems by Joshua Seigal, winner of the Laugh Out Loud Awards - the UK's only prize for funny children's books. Someone has let the words out... and they're going to have some fun! In this brand-new collection of poems from award-winning poet Joshua Seigal, words take on a whole new meaning; enter a world of creative word play with silly, funny and downright hilarious poems! With poems about cuddling tigers, pesky pet fleas and even what to do if your teacher is ever turned into a chicken. Joshua Seigal's books are all brilliant.*



'Maggie Blue and The Dark World' by Anna Goodall: When it was first published, Anna Goodall's book was a LoveReading4Kids debut of the month. *Maggie is a child, isolated from her family....she is nominally looked after by her somewhat odd Aunt Esme. She befriends a rather battered old cat with torn ears and one eye – whom she is convinced hums tunes to her. But that is only the start of rather strange occurrences – Maggie sees her enemy from school apparently disappeared into a parallel reality by the new, odd, threatening careers mistress. What can she do – no one will believe her if she tells the truth... A sequel – 'Maggie Blue and The White Crow' – was published in March of this year.*



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

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I'm reading **Impossible Creatures** by Katherine Rundell.

The Malvern Community Book Club's current book is **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus.