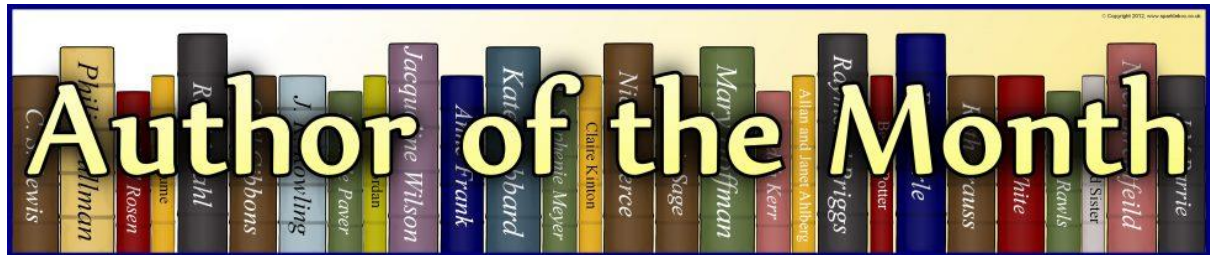


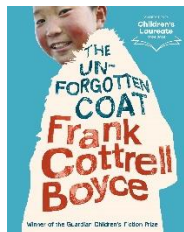


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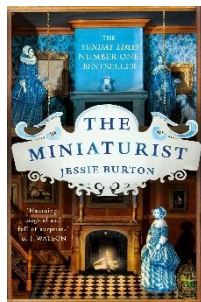
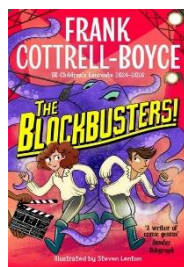
Greetings ! Welcome to the first newsletter of a new school year ! I hope the summer holidays provided lots of interesting and exciting reading opportunities. Enjoy



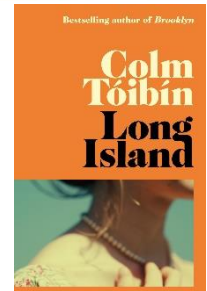
Author of the Month: Our reading for pleasure newsletter will be shining a spotlight on a different author each month. Our chosen author for September is the current Children's Laureate **Frank Cottrell-Boyce**. Frank was born in Bootle, wrote the script for the opening ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics and won the Carnegie Medal in 2004 for his book

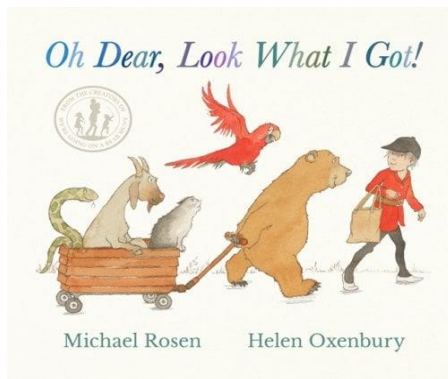


Millions. My favourite Frank Cottrell-Boyce books are *The Unforgotten Coat*, *Framed* and *Millions*. Over the past few months, I've read two of his recent titles: *The Wonder Brothers* and *The Blockbusters*. I really enjoyed both. *The Blockbusters* is partly set in and around the Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescott. Remember to check out the all-new Frank Cottrell-Boyce section in our school library.



Malvern Community Book Club: Our long-established monthly community book club will hold its next meeting on Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm in The Derby Lodge. We are reading *Long Island* by Colm Toibin. All welcome. We have recently read Jessie Burton's *The Miniaturist*. The book club is open to all adult members of the Malvern school community.





'Oh Dear, Look What I Got !': This is a new picture book by the creators of the bestselling *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. "I went to the shop to get me a carrot. Oh dear, they gave me a parrot! Oh dear, look what I got! Do I want that? No I do NOT!" From the author and illustrator pairing of Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury comes a brilliant new book that will delight a new generation of children. Each visit to the shop brings an animal surprise in this playful read-aloud book. It has a final twist and

a joyful ending. Young readers will love the rhyming text and guessing what comes next. This hilarious Rosen/Oxenbury collaboration is sure to become a timeless classic.



'Small Wonder' by Ross Montgomery: This is a September Book of the Month on www.love4reading4kids.co.uk Ross Montgomery's new book is an honest to goodness adventure story. It follows two young brothers - Tick and little Leaf - as they travel across the kingdom of Ellia on their loyal steed Pebble (the name does not do her justice, and that's an important clue) to reach the safety of their king's castle before the arrival of the terrifying dark armies of Drene. Along the way, Tick is tested in all sorts of ways as he struggles to protect Leaf. But he has been well trained by his beloved grandfather and has huge reserves of courage and fortitude. By the time they arrive at the Keep, he's more than ready to take up a place alongside his country's army as they face the invaders. This terrific story offers excitement at every turn and allows all readers to indulge their dreams of being a hero - and it has a particularly satisfying twist at the end !

'Sammy Feels Shy' by Tom Percival: Sammy LOVES having fun. But at school there are so many people - and he doesn't always know what to say. When a whole load of things go wrong and Sammy feels like EVERYONE is staring, he starts to go pink, and then pinker . . . until he's bright pink ALL OVER ! Can Sammy learn how to tackle his feelings - and go back to his usual colour ? This reassuring and funny book is the perfect springboard for talking to children about shyness and feeling self-conscious. Tom Percival's Big Bright Feelings series is the ideal starting point for discussions about mental and emotional health, positive self-image, building self-confidence and managing feelings.



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

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I'm reading *My Soul, A Shining Tree* by Jamila Gavin.

The Malvern Community Book Club's current book is *Long Island* by Colm Toibin.