

More House Messenger



The Library Newsletter - October 2009

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.

Henry Ward Beecher

New Books

This month's new books are on display as usual – they can be borrowed straight away. Don't feel you must wait till next month.

If you want to check up on the recent arrivals in the Library you will find a ring binder on the Librarian's desk, labelled *New Arrivals*, which lists the new books purchased for the Library over the year.

Book Reviews

Reviews of these new books – or any that you have read recently – are very welcome. It is very helpful, for library users, to see what other people think of a book that they might be considering reading. Reviews will be added to the catalogue in addition to being included, when space allows, in this newsletter.

September's Library Quiz

We were delighted to see that one of the entrants into the September quiz had only joined More House this term – **Alaia De Santis** (7S). The Quiz was really tough and nobody gained full marks but prizes have been awarded to **Alaia De Santis**, **Marisa Lemos** (9H) and **Rebecca Davies** (9G).

Answers to last month's Quiz:

1. *Philip Pullman's heroine, gifted with a truth teller, is Lyra*
 2. *The girl who can move objects with her mind is Matilda*
 3. *The talented inventor is Violet*
 4. *The orphan with the legendary blue sword is Harry Crewe*
 5. *The princess with a magical 'bauble' is Eilonwy*
 6. *The penniless orphan at Miss Minchin's is Sarah Crewe*
- How many people noted that two of these heroines, created over a hundred years apart had the same surname?*

Interesting Facts About Books

Several bestselling books were rejected, a lot, before they were finally published so if you have a novel somewhere in your desk or on your computer don't be put off ~ keep sending it in!

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling
The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Several great works were written while the author was in prison.

Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes
The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
The Prince by Machiavelli
Le Morte D'Arthur by Thomas Mallory

A Poem for October

It Was One of Those Fine October Days

by Richard Greene

It was one of those fine October days
free from summer's heat and haze
but not yet gripped by autumn chill.

It was one of those fine October days
when the sky's so clear
you can see the moon
through the atmosphere
at midday.

It was one of those fine October days
when the trees sport yellow and red
instead of everyday summer green.

It was one of those fine October days
when one draws a deep breath
and is grateful
to be resident on Earth.

Library Quotations

The true university these days is a collection of books.

Thomas Carlyle

A library is thought in cold storage

Herbert Samuel

*Nothing sickens me more than the closed door of a
library*

Barbara Tuchmann

Library Quiz
A Mixed Bag of Questions

1 In Anthony Horowitz's book *Skeleton Key*, who was the insane Russian planning to use a nuclear bomb?

General Olga General Sarov General Vladimir

2 In Richard Adam's *Watership Down*, what is the name of the despotic leader of Efrafa?

General Hazel General Bigwig General Woundwort

3 How many Bennet daughters are there in *Pride and Prejudice*?

Four Five Six

4 In *An Series of Unfortunate Events* who was after the Baudelaire orphans' family fortune?

Count Olaf Count Otis Count Orin

5 What is the name of the city where Cosmo Hill lives in *The Supernaturalist*?

Comet City Satellite City Sun City

6 Who wrote *The Wee Free Men*?

Terry Brooks Terry Nation Terry Pratchett

Your name:

Closing date: 15th October (please hand in to The School Office by this date)