

More House Messenger

The Library Newsletter - September 2009

The number of entries was up by another three at the end of June and in spite of the tricky nature of the questions a very respectable 15 of these were completely correct. The correct answers were:

Jacqueline Wilson wrote *Girls Out Late*

Alem the *Refugee Boy* comes from Africa

Alex Rider is the spy hero created by Anthony Horowitz

Homer was the original creator of the story dramatised as *Troy*

Philip Pullman did not write *The Sorcerer's Stone*

Gerald Durrell wrote about his childhood in Corfu

Marjorie Blackman wrote *Pig- Heart Boy*

The successful entrants were Hadab Al- Homayed, Othaila Al-Saifi, Willemien Bardawil, Sophie Bensted, Amy Campbell, Lydia Hackett, Daisy Harvey, Emily Hildago, Charlie Holloway, Jamie Lagen, Jasmine Morton, Freya Purcell and Florence Robinson (then in 9S); Rosie Ritchie (then in 8B) and Miss Vardon (staff).

Two entries came with no name written on them – PLEASE put your name on your entry.

New Books

Last month you were promised that *Forget-Me-Not* by Barbara Haworth Attard would be in the Library this month. Sadly, it has been yet been possible to obtain a copy but we will keep on trying. Don't worry though - this month there are several new books to borrow including *Slumdog Millionaire* and *How to Worry Friends and Inconvenience People!* Don't forget to look at the new books display in the Library.

A Poem for Autumn

*As Summer into Autumn slips
And yet we sooner say
"The Summer" than "the Autumn," lest
We turn the sun away,*

*And almost count it an Affront
The presence to concede
Of one however lovely, not
The one that we have loved --*

*So we evade the charge of Years
On one attempting shy
The Circumvention of the Shaft
Of Life's Declivity.*

by Emily Dickinson

Emily Dickinson on Books:

'There is no frigate like a book to take us lands away'

*'If I read a book and it makes my whole body so cold
no fire can ever warm me, I know that is poetry'*

*Don't forget to keep your reviews coming
in. Send them in via your English teacher*

Facts About Books

Between 1986 and 1996, Brazilian author Jose Carlos Ryoki de Alpoim Inoue had a massive 1,058 novels published. He writes westerns, science fiction and thrillers. Did he ever sleep?

In 1939 an author named Ernest Vincent wrote a 50,000 word novel called *Gadsby*. The only thing unusual about the novel is that there is not a single letter 'e' in the whole thing.

It is said that Charles Dickens always slept facing North? And the sole reason for this was that he thought it improved his writing ability!

The longest title of a book is 1,433 characters (290 words) and was written by Davide Ciliberti (Italy) in July 2007. The book describes the idiosyncrasies of the PR world. The full title is:

Per favore dite a mia madre che faccio il pubblicitario lei pensa che sono un pierre e che quindi regalo manciate di free entry e consumazioni gratis a chi mi pare, rido coi vips, i calciatori le veline e le giornaliste, leggo Novella e mi fotografano i paparazzi, entro nel privé saltando la coda, bevo senza pagare, sono ghiotto di tartine e gin tonic, ho la casa piena di oggetti di design, conosco Paris Hilton, Tom Ford ed Emilio.

Famous Female Heroines Library Quiz

Circle the Answer You Believe to be Correct

The main character of a trilogy by Philip Pullman, she receives the gift of a truth-teller, that only she can read.

Lyra Pantalaimon Serafina Pekkala Mary Malone

This exceptional child can move objects with her mind. She makes a piece of chalk write on its own, terrifying her evil headmistress.

Sophie Violet Lavender Matilda

The oldest of three, she's a talented inventor who ties her hair up with a ribbon whenever she's devising a new invention.

Violet Sunny Esme Beatrice

This Homelander orphan discovers her hidden talents after she is kidnapped by Outlanders, becoming the laprun champion and a King's Rider, and wielding the legendary Blue Sword.

Lady Aerin Harry Crewe Beauty Lady Amelia

In the Lloyd Alexander fantasy chronicles she's an outspoken princess who fights in the battles and wields her magical "bauble," a light-giving sphere, to help save her friends.

Achren Orddu Hen Wen Eilonwy

After her father's death she is left a penniless orphan at Miss Minchin's mercy but she is a favourite amongst the other girls.

Mary Lennox Sarah Crewe Ermengarde Lottie

Your name:

Closing date: 25th September 2009