

More House Messenger

The Library Newsletter – February 2010

Library News

Sadly this month Mr Carlisle did not have time to enter – post mock GCSE interviews intervened – perhaps he will find time for the summer quiz if not any of those before! Years 7, 8 and 9 did have time and of the many entries there were 9 that were correct. Alaia (8Z), Anna (9C), Carolina (8Z), Celeste S(8Z), Hattie (8Z), Lauren (8Z), Lizzie (9C), Molly *(8Z), Nicole (9D) . The correct answers were:

- 1 1984 is set in Oceania.
- 2 Jules Verne wrote *Around the World in 80 Days*.
- 3 Joseph Heller wrote *Catch 22*.
- 4 Athos, Porthos and Aramis are *The Three Musketeers*'
- 5 Charles Dickens wrote *A Tale of Two Cities*'.
- 6 John Buchan wrote *The Thirty Nine Steps*'.

Don't forget to enter this month's quiz and do remember to put your name in the box at the bottom of the page – no name means you can get everything right but no prize (your librarian cannot recognise your handwriting!).

A book is the only place in which you can examine a fragile thought without breaking it, or explore an explosive idea without fear it will go off in your face. It is one of the few havens remaining where a man's mind can get both provocation and privacy. ~Edward P. Morgan

Afternoon in February

The day is ending,
The night is descending;
The marsh is frozen,
The river dead.

Through clouds like ashes
The red sun flashes
On village windows
That glimmer red.

The snow recommences;
The buried fences
Mark no longer
The road o'er the plain;

While through the meadows,
Like fearful shadows,
Slowly passes
A funeral train.

The bell is pealing,
And every feeling
Within me responds
To the dismal knell;

Shadows are trailing,
My heart is bewailing
And tolling within
Like a funeral bell.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

February is a month that seems to invite melancholy poetry (always excluding St Valentine's Day verses of course). Do you know a cheerful February poem, or could you write one? Send [any poems to librarian@morehousemail.org.uk](mailto:librarian@morehousemail.org.uk)

Interesting (London) author related facts (3)

1 There was a famous author, historian and biographer with a name only one letter away from Mr Carlyle – this was Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881), who was a Scot who moved to 24 Cheyne Row, Chelsea in 1834, the same year that he began work on his first historical work, *The French Revolution*.

2 Arnold Bennet (1867-1931), the novelist and playwright, lived at 75 Cadogan Square, from 1921-1930.

3 Kenneth Grahame (1859-1932), author of *The Wind in the Willows* lived at 16 Phillimore Place in Kensington, from 1901-1908.

4 Famed as the author of *Winnie the Pooh*, but also a skilled novelist and playwright, A A Milne (1882-1956), lived from 1920-1939 in Chelsea at 13 Mallord Street, Chelsea, which was where his son Christopher Robin was born on 29th August 1920.

5 Irish born Bram Stoker (1847-1912), famed as the author of *Dracula*, lived at 18 St Leonard's Terrace SW3 from 1896-1906.

6 American author Mark Twain (1835-1910) lived in 23 Tedworth Square, Chelsea, from 1896-1897.

7 Historical adventure writer Rafael Sabatini (1875 - 1950), lived for a while at No 22 Pont Street, more commonly know to us as 'Chapel side'!

A good book should leave you... slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading it. ~William Styron

March's Quiz – Colours

There are countless books and stories that include a colour in their title. See how many you can get then hand in (or email as an attachment to the Librarian librarian@morehousemail.org.uk) the form, to the School Office, by February 28th (that's the Monday after Half Term finishes)

1 Anna Sewell wrote a book that reduced readers to tears about a horse called _____ *Beauty*.

2 The third book in Philip Pullman's *His Dark Materials* trilogy is called *The* _____ *Spyglass*.

3 _____ *Fin* is the first novel in the Young Bond series that depicts Ian Fleming's superspy James Bond as a teenager in the 1930s. It was written by Charlie Higson.

3 LM Montgomery's famous story set on Prince Edward Island, Canada, is called *Ann of* _____ *Gables*.

4 Dr Seuss wrote the young children's book _____ *Eggs and Ham*.

5 One of Sherlock Holmes' famous cases was *A Study in* _____.

6 *The* _____ *Chair* is part of *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis.

7 Ellen Klarges published *The* _____ *Glass Sea* in 2006.

8 There is a children's nursery rhyme which begins *How Now* _____ *Cow*.

Name _____

Form _____