

More House Messenger

The Library Newsletter – March 2011

Library News

How many people noticed that February's *Messenger* claimed to be in 2010? Your Librarian obviously feels that time is passing too fast. However, the Quiz was definitely not the same as that designed for February last year. Congratulations to Isabella, Salomé, Maude, Katie and Elinor in 8B and Julia in 10FH for completely correct entries. The answers were:

- 1 Anna Sewell wrote about a horse called *Black Beauty*.
- 2 The third book in Philip Pullman's 'His Dark Materials' trilogy is called *The Amber Spyglass*.
- 3 *SilverFin* is about the young JamesBond series.
- 4 LM Montgomery's famous book is called *Ann of Green Gables*.
- 5 Dr Seuss wrote *Green Eggs and Ham*.
- 6 Sherlock Holmes appeared in *A Study in Scarlet*.
- 7 *The Silver Chair* is part of The Chronicles of Narnia.
- 8 Ellen Klarges published *The Green Glass Sea*.
- 9 There is a children's nursery rhyme which begins *How Now Brown Cow*.

Don't forget to enter this month's quiz and, once again, 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!).

I would be most content if my children grew up to be the kind of people who think decorating consists mostly of building enough bookshelves. ~Anna Quindlen

A Poem for March

March Lamb or Lion

When March comes in gently, with soft skies of blue
And warm happy breezes and crocus buds too
March begins like a lamb, sweet gentle and kind
But you'd better beware for you'll surely find
That the end of the month will be stormy and cold
Like a lion it'll roar, rough, growly and bold
If March begins windy, and stormy and gray,
If it's too cold outside, to happily play
The lion's here first, and he's not so nice
You should be indoors take my advice
But wonderful weather is coming they say
By the end of the month the lamb's here to stay.

~ Author Unknown ~

What is a great love of books? It is something like a personal introduction to the great and good men of all past times. Books, it is true, are silent as you see them on their shelves; but, silent as they are, when I enter a library I feel as if almost the dead were present, and I know if I put questions to these books they will answer me with all the faithfulness and fullness which has been left in them by the great men who have left the books with us.

- John Bright

WORLD BOOK DAY

Palm trees outside the Library? It can only be the hand of Ms North and the English Department, drawing attention to World Book Day with a range of devious and demanding intellectual pursuits.

The Great Book Hunt was a literary quiz with a difference. Clues were posted up around the School, with one clue for each academic subject represented in the School. This clue led to a particular book on that subject, kept in the Library and directed one to a particular page, line and word reference. The words, when collected together, provided another clue which, in turn, gave the answer. Many entered but few finished and in the end the overall winners were a syndicate from 8B.

The lunchtime highlight of World Book Day was an 'Open Mic' storytelling session held in the Studio. Anyone could get up and tell or read a three-minute story to the assembled audience. Stories ranged from the UVlth's re-telling of the story of *Death and the Three Brothers* as featured in one of the *Harry Potter* books complete with background mime through to *A Day in the Caves*, a true story told by Mr. Carlyle. Some of Year 11 read some of their works in progress, whilst the eventual winner, Faith from Year 7, read a poem she had written. The whole proceedings were neatly knitted together by the MC Ms North.

March's Quiz – *Using Shakespeare*

There are an incredibly large number of books that have titles taken from one of the works of William Shakespeare. Here are just a few, but from which play does the title come? See how many you can work out, then hand in (or email) the form, to the School Office, by March 31st.

1 Terry Pratchett's *Wyrd Sisters*

Macbeth Hamlet Much Ado About Nothing

2 Stephen Sondheim's *All That Glitters*

King Lear The Merchant of Venice A Winter's Tale

3 Susan Cooper's *King of Shadows*

Othello A Midsummer Night's Dream Henry V

4 Terry Pratchett's *Lords and Ladies*

Hamlet Macbeth A Midsummer Night's Dream

5 Rafael Sabatini's *Fortune's Fool*

Henry V Romeo and Juliet As You Like It

6 Agatha Christie's *Sad Cypress*

Twelfth Night As You Like It Othello

7 Mary Stewart's *This Rough Magic*

Macbeth The Tempest A Midsummer's Night Dream

7 Dorothy L. Sayers's *Gaudy Night*

The Tempest Anthony and Cleopatra Hamlet

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