

More House Messenger



The Library Newsletter - October 2010

The 'Massive Summer Quiz' entries have been marked and the list of prize winners is Nicole Hausdorff (9D) who even managed to spot the typing error! Since the list of answers would fill the whole *Newsletter* please send an email for a copy of the answers to librarian@morehousemail.org.uk

The answers to the September Quiz were

Bill Sykes' dog in *Oliver Twist* was called Bulls-Eye.

In the *Five Find Outers* series Buster belonged to Fatty.

The hellhound in *The Haunting of Hiram* was named Cyril.

Fluffy was the name of the 3 headed dog in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*.

In the *Discworld* Novels, of Terry Pratchett, Gaspode was the talking dog.

Babe is befriended by Fly in *The Sheep Pig*..

Laura Ingalls Wilder's dog was called Jack.

Toto was the name of the dog in *The Wizard of Oz*

Mr Rochester owned Pilot in *Jane Eyre*.

10PH came to the fore in the Quiz, for which there was an increased number of entries. Priscilla Llanos (10PH) came first with Eman Quisay (10PH) , Dredheza Maloku (10PH) and Rosie Ritchie (10PH) following close behind in second place.

Don't forget to hand in your quiz entry, for October, before November 2nd (that's just after half term).

October Poetry

To remind us of the beauty of Autumn - here is an extract from the poem *Autumn* by John Keats

*“Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss’d cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o’er-brimm’d their clammy cells.”*

John Keats (1795-1821) is known as an English lyric poet. He felt that the deepest meaning of life lay in the appreciation of material beauty, although his later works also show a fascination with death and decay.

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

Interesting Facts(!) – Authors (part 3)

When **Thomas Hardy** died on January 11, 1928, his literary contemporaries decided he was too important to be buried where he had died. The inhabitants of Dorset, where Hardy had spent nearly all of his 88 years, did not agree. So the two groups had to compromise. His body was cremated, and his ashes were interred in the Poet's Corner of Westminster Abbey. Hardy's heart, on the other hand, was placed inside a small casket and buried beside the grave of his first wife. [*nb To this day, a rumour persists that the author's heart was accidentally devoured by his housekeeper's cat, and that the heart of a pig was buried in its place*]

Edith Wharton, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for her 1920 novel *The Age of Innocence*, is famous for her books about American upper-class society in the late 19th century. She knew this society well, coming from a wealthy and distinguished New England family. However, this was not all that she achieved. During the First World War, she traveled to the Western Front in France, both to write about the battlefields for American publications and to help the Red Cross create hostels and schools for those displaced by war. In 1916, she was awarded the Legion of Honor, France's highest civilian appointment, years before she achieved fame for her literary work.

Arthur Ransome was an author best known for writing the *Swallows and Amazons* series of children's **b**ooks. However, he also worked as a journalist especially in Russia and met both Trotsky and Lenin. He provided some information to the British Security Services and was given the *codename* S76 in their files.

October Library Quiz

Feline Friends!

1 In the *Harry Potter* books what was the name of Hermione's half cat/half kneazle?

Carbonel Clarence Crookshanks

2 To whom did Greebo belong in Terry Pratchett's *Discworld* series of books?

Nanny Odd Nanny Ogg Granny Weatherwax

3 Name the disobedient cat Beatrix Potter's *The Roly Poly Pudding*?

Tom Kitten Tom Kitten Top Cat

4 Name the character, in the *Harry Potter* books, who can turn into a tabby cat.

Professor Binns Professor McGonagall Professor Snape

5 Name the cat belonging to *Mildred the Worst Witch*.

Toddy Tibby Tabby

6 Which cat grins in Alice's *Adventures in Wonderland*?

The Yorkshire Cat The Scottish Cat The Cheshire Cat

7 Name Mia's cat in the *Princess Diaries* series.

Fat Louie Thin Freddie Slim Gary

8 Name the lion in the *Narnia* novels.

Aslan Bulgy Reepicheep

9 Who was the tiger in the *Jungle Book*?

Mowgli Shere Khan Baloo

Your name: