

More House Messenger

The Library Newsletter – April/May 2011

Library News

Since the Easter holiday, Royal Wedding and the first few days of half term all fall within the months of April and May this newsletter and quiz covers both months. The quiz picks up the nuptial theme by considering fictional weddings – successful or not! Chocolate eggs don't appear in enough well known books as yet for them to be the topic for a quiz! Last month's quiz was based upon books with titles taken from one of the works of William Shakespeare (and there are an amazing number of books that have such titles, even if the choice is restricted to his plays alone). Congratulations to Nicole H (9D) and Eleanor N (7E) for their entirely correct entries. The answers were:

- 1 Terry Pratchett's *Wyrd Sisters* takes its title from *Macbeth*
- 2 Sondheim's *All That Glitters* is a common misquotation from *The Merchant of Venice* (it should say glisters)
- 3 Susan Cooper's title *King of Shadows* comes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 4 Terry Pratchett's *Lords and Ladies* also comes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 5 Rafael Sabatini's *Fortune's Fool* takes its title from *Romeo and Juliet*
- 6 Agatha Christie's *Sad Cypress* comes from *Twelfth Night*
- 7 Mary Stewart's *This Rough Magic* is a quotation from *The Tempest*
- 8 Dorothy L. Sayers's title *Gaudy Night* comes from *Anthony and Cleopatra*

Don't forget to enter the Spring quiz and, once again, do remember to put your name in the box at the bottom of the quiz page. No name in the box means that you can get everything right but still receive no prize (your librarian cannot recognise your handwriting!).

A Poem for Spring

Spring, the sweet spring, is the year's pleasant king,
Then blooms each thing, then maids dance in a ring,
Cold doth not sting, the pretty birds do sing:

Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!

The palm and may make country houses gay,
Lambs frisk and play, the shepherds pipe all day,
And we hear aye birds tune this merry lay:

Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!

The fields breathe sweet, the daisies kiss our feet,
Young lovers meet, old wives a-sunning sit,
In every street these tunes our ears do greet:

Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to witta-woo!

**Taken from *Summer's Last Will and Testament* by
Thomas Nashe (1600)**

*These are not books, lumps of lifeless paper, but minds
alive on the shelves. From each of them goes out its own
voice... and just as the touch of a button on our set will fill
the room with music, so by taking down one of these
volumes and opening it, one can call into range the voice
of a man far distant in time and space, and hear him
speaking to us, mind to mind, heart to heart.*

by Gilbert Highet

A Loyalty Card for the Library!

Next term will see the trial of a new scheme for our Library. Just as when one shops it is possible to gain *loyalty points* which can be redeemed for various rewards, so those of you who use the Library can gain points that will be turned into book tokens that you can use towards buying books of your choice.

You will not need to carry a card as the Librarian will keep all the records safe for you. All you need to do is use the Library.

How to gain points:

1 - Borrow a fiction book and email a brief review to the Librarian via librarian@morehousemail.org.uk or put it in the Librarian's tray in the school office [one point]

2 – Borrow a non-fiction book for interest/research and email a note about what lead you to use this book to the Librarian via librarian@morehousemail.org.uk or put it in the Librarian's tray in the School Office [one point]

3 – Use a book for homework (either in the Library or borrowing it) for your homework and let the Librarian know who had set this work and what this homework was about, via librarian@morehousemail.org.uk or put the information in the Librarian's tray in the School Office [two points]

This will enable the Librarian to add to the bank of reviews for fiction books and learn more about the books that you find most useful.

A Wedding Quiz for Spring

1 In *Pride and Prejudice* who was told "Your mother will never see you again if you do *not* marry Mr. Collins, and I will never see you again if you *do*."? _____

2 In *Jane Eyre* what was the objection to the marriage between Jane and Mr. Rochester?

3 Whom does Theseus marry in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?

4 In *Great Expectations* why does the spinster Miss Havisham wear an old wedding dress?

5 To whom does Samwise Gamgee get married in *The Lord of the Rings*? _____

6 Which Weasley brother married Fleur Delacour?

7 What was the colour of the dress in which Laura Ingalls married Almanzo Wilder? _____

8 Which Bennet sister married Mr. Bingley?

9 Which Bennet sister married Mr. Darcy?

Name _____ Form _____
