

# More House Messenger

The Library Newsletter – October 2011

It's October already and time for another newsletter. The first quiz of the year got off to an excellent start with Alaia DS (9J) and Charlotte DV (10H) tying in first place (is there something about the letter D and prizewinners?). Their edible prizes should have reached them by now.

The answers to the quiz were all numbers found in book titles and were -

- 1 A Tale of *Two* Cities – Charles Dickens
- 2 The *Three* Musketeers – Alexandre Dumas
- 3 The *Four*-Storey Mistake - Elizabeth Enright
- 4 The *Thirty Nine* Steps - John Buchan
- 5 Around the World in *Eighty* Days – Jules Verne
- 6 *1984* – George Orwell
- 7 *20000* Leagues Under the Sea - Jules Verne
- 8 Catch- 22 - Joseph Heller
- 9 Fahrenheit *451* – Ray Bradbury

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 quiz page. No name in the box means that you can get everything right but still receive no prize (your librarian does not know how to recognise your individual handwriting!).

A Poem for October  
**October**

**O hushed October morning mild,  
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;  
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,  
Should waste them all.  
The crows above the forest call;  
Tomorrow they may form and go.  
O hushed October morning mild,  
Begin the hours of this day slow.  
Make the day seem to us less brief.  
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,  
Beguile us in the way you know.  
Release one leaf at break of day;  
At noon release another leaf;  
One from our trees, one far away.  
Retard the sun with gentle mist;  
Enchant the land with amethyst.  
Slow, slow!  
For the grapes' sake, if they were all,  
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,  
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost--  
For the grapes' sake along the wall.**

*Robert Frost (1874 – 1963)*

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers. -  
**Charles W. Eliot (1834 - 1926),**

## *Why Your Librarian Says She Prefers Traditional Books To A Kindle*

I like to see myself as open to new ideas and I have and will again read items on computer (or Mr Carlyle's i-pad!) However, if offered use, or even better possession, of a library or use of a kindle I know which I would choose. My reasons are as follows:

I accept that E-books on a Kindle are great for travel being light weight, compact, and easy to carry with the display screen on a Kindle reducing glare and easily read in strong sunlight – but probably best not to put them down on a beach as sand, suntan oil and sea water would be harmful

I like to read on a plane because of my claustrophobia but at my most vulnerable time, when the plane takes off and lands, flight attendants will ask you to turn a Kindle off.

If I were to feel so inclined it is clear that hitting someone in the head with a Kindle does not have the same effect as attacking with a solid hardback book (without fear of damaging the book either!).

My books have never run out of battery power – whether they have been put down for a minute but left instead for several hours – or if I have been reading them for ages at one time.

A Kindle does not smell of new paper and have that lovely pristine, untouched feeling that you get when you open a new book.

I cannot tell anything about a person by looking at the cover of their Kindle whilst by standing by their bookshelves I can tell quite a lot!

You cannot lend an e- book that you have just read without handing over the Kindle!

*Visit the School Library and borrow a good, old fashioned book!*

## A Quiz For October

1 What does the BFG stand for?

Big Fat Giant    Big Friendly Giant    Big Fearsome Giant

2 For whom does George mix his marvellous medicine?

His mother    His aunt    His grandmother

3 How many golden tickets does Willy Wonka hide in his chocolate bars?

1    3    5

4 What does Mrs Twit put in Mr Twit's beer?

Her glass eye    A worm    A frog

5 What is the name of Matilda's headmistress?

Miss Truncheon    Miss Trunchbull    Miss Snatchbull

6 Which one of these is NOT the name of one of James' aunts (in James and the Giant Peach)?

Aunt Spiker    Aunt Stodge    Aunt Sponge

7 What sort of animal is Esio Trot?

A giraffe    A crocodile    A tortoise

8 In Fantastic Mr Fox, who are Boggis, Bunce and Bean?

Foxes    Farmers    Rabbits

9 What does the Grand High Witch want to turn all the children in England into?

Mice    Frogs    Rats

10 Where did Roald Dahl write most of his books?

In his dining room    In a hut in his garden    In bed

Circle your answer and hand this quiz to the office, or email your answers to [librarian@morehousemail.org.uk](mailto:librarian@morehousemail.org.uk) before the end of Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_