

More House Messenger



The Library Newsletter -

A Happy New Year to all who use More House library. How many of you made a New Year's resolution to read more books?

The Christmas Quiz proved quite a challenge but two keen members of 7S managed to get 11 out of 12 answers correct – interestingly enough they did not get the same question wrong.

So that you all improve your knowledge of *A Christmas Carol* here are the correct answers:

- 1) Scrooge does not suggest that the appearance of Marley's ghost could be blamed upon 'a morsel of cracker'
- 2) Marley told Scrooge to expect the second spirit at One.
- 3) Scrooge remembers the books *Arabian Nights* and *Robinson Crusoe* from his childhood.
- 4) Scrooge's fellow apprentice was named Dick Wilkins
- 5) Belle was Scrooge's former girlfriend
- 6) The Ghost of Christmas Present is a giant
- 7) Tiny Tim declared 'God bless us, everyone'
- 8) Scrooge does not see the distribution of his wealth to the poor in the visions of Christmas Yet to Come
- 9) Scrooge's nephew is named Fred
- 10) The Ghost of Christmas Present declared that he had about 1,800 brothers and sisters
- 11) The first line of the book is "Marley was dead: to begin with"
- 12) When the Ghost of Christmas Present repeats Scrooge's words about decreasing 'the surplus population' he is referring to Tiny Tim.

Congratulations to Margaret and Aliai – their prizes have already been handed out.

A Poem for the New Year

New Year's Reality Check

Another year, another chance
To start our lives anew;
This time we'll leap old barriers
To have a real breakthrough.
We'll take one little step
And then we'll take one more,
Our unlimited potential
We'll totally explore.
We'll show off all our talents
Everyone will be inspired;
(Whew! While I'm writing this,
I'm getting very tired.)
We'll give up all bad habits;
We'll read and learn a lot,
All our goals will be accomplished,
Sigh...or maybe not.
Oh well, Happy New Year anyway!

By Joanna Fuchs

Quotations for the New Year

*Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your
neighbours, and let each New Year find you a better man.*

Benjamin Franklin

*Drop the last year into the silent limbo of the past. Let it go, for
it was imperfect, and thank God that it can go.*

Brooks Atkinson

New Books In The Library for January

Amongst this month's new additions to the library are three new books in the ever popular 'My Story' series: *Voyage on the Great Titanic; Battle of Britain; Bloody Tower*. Romance and humour are covered with *Ooh la la Connie Pickles* by Sabine Durrant and, for the older members of the School, a new look at a very old story - *The Penelopiad* by Margaret Atwood

Don't forget that there is a folder listing, by month, the new books that have been placed in the Library – check it out to see if there is a new book that you have missed.

Book Facts

William Caxton (c.1422 - 1492) was the first English printer and a translator and importer of books into England. In the early 1470s Caxton spent time in Cologne learning the art of printing. In 1472, in Bruges, he and Colard Mansion, a Flemish calligrapher, set up a press. Caxton's own translation of *The Recuyell of the Histories of Troy* was the first book printed in the English language. In 1476 Caxton returned to London and established a press at Westminster, the first printing press in England. Amongst the books he printed were Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, Gower's *Confession Amantis* and Malory's *Le Morte d'Arthur*. He printed more than 100 books in his lifetime, books which were known for their craftsmanship and careful editing. He was also the translator of many of the books he published, using his knowledge of French, Latin and Dutch.

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

New Year Library Quiz- Pen Names

Which authors wrote under these pen names? Underline the correct answer:

1. Lewis Carroll

Charles L Dodgson Fran Burns C S Lewis

2. George Eliot

Mary Shelley Mary Ann Evans Mary Pickford

3. Mark Twain

Joseph Conrad Samuel Clemens Hector Munro

4. 'A Lady'

Charlotte Bronte Anne Bronte Jane Austen

5. Ellis Bell

Charlotte Bronte Emily Bronte Anne Bronte

6. George Orwell

Eric Blair George Sand Rudyard Kipling

7. Boz

Aldous Huxley Charles Dickens G K Chesterton

8. Lemony Snicket

Daniel Handler Anne Bronte Erin Hunter

Your name:

Closing date: **22nd January 2010**