

# More House Messenger

The Library Newsletter - June 2009

30 entries were handed in for the Library quiz for May an increase of 4 entries over last month with an amazing 17 girls correctly identifying all five books. Congratulations and prizes have already reached them, and well done to all those who had a go. There is another quiz on the back of this newsletter. Please circle the answers you think are correct, hand the sheet in by 26th June and remember to write your name and form on your entry

The five books described in the quiz were -

*Pride and Prejudice*

*Stormbreaker*

*The Secret Garden*

*Inkheart*

*The Little Prince*

The winners are: 9S: Freya Purcell, Charlie Holloway, Jasmine Morton, Katherine Li, Willemien Bardawil, Florence Robinson, Gina Hargitay, Lana Dzadaeva.

8H: Jessica Christey, Rebecca Davies, Fatemeh Amini, Lucy Hegarty, Julia Iremonger, Marissa Lemos, Priscilla Llanos  
8B: Aneta Jaskulska, Kitty Mosley, Magda Pietrzyk, Natalia Punton, Anna Zaphiriou-Zarifi

7F: Natasha Waddell

Staff: Ms North.

As promised in last month's newsletter the library has now purchased four books by Scott Westerfeld. *Uglies*, *Pretties*, *Specials* and *Extras* are all available for loan. *Twilight* by Stephanie Meyers, which was very favourably reviewed last month, is also ready to be borrowed. Make sure you visit the Library and look at all the other new books on display for June.

## *A Poem for June*

*It's beautiful the Summer month of June  
When all of God's own wildflowers are in bloom  
And sun shines brightly most part of the day  
And butterflies o'er lush green meadows play.*

*Light hearted skylark songster of the wing  
High o'er the quiet and lonely moorland sing  
Above her nest cloaked by the tangled heath  
Her charming song so exquisitely sweet.*

*So mellow the gentle breath of june day breeze  
The birds rejoicing on the leafy trees  
And dappled trout in pool bed of the stream  
Bask in the sun their spotted skins a gleam."*

*Francis Duggan*

*The road to knowledge begins with the turn of the  
page*

*Anonymous*

## Book Facts

The English word *book* comes from the Danish word, *bog*, meaning birch tree, as the early Danes wrote on birch bark.

J K Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, had a first-run print of 8.5 million copies. This is about 80 times the average bestseller! This beat her previous book, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, which had a first-run print of 4.8 million copies.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter was *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

The most borrowed book, from libraries, in the UK 2007-2008 by adults and children combined was *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by JK Rowling

The UK libraries' most borrowed children's author in 2007-2008 was Jacqueline Wilson.

## Reviews

Another of your reviews has been so enthusiastic that the library will be adding works by this author to the shelves, this time in in September.

*Forget-Me-Not* by Barbara Haworth-Attard This is an exciting book that keeps you reading until you get to a great ending that shocks you and keeps you wondering for days after. Brilliant!  
*Hope Alves*

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

## **Library Quiz**

*Which bestselling author wrote 'Girls Out Late' in which Ellie and co struggle to cope with the curfews their parents impose?*

**J.K. Rowling Jacqueline Wilson Terry Pratchett**

*Benjamin Zephaniah's 'Refugee Boy' tells the story of Alem, who arrives in England to claim asylum. But which continent has he come from?*

**Europe Asia South America Africa**

*Who is the teenage spy hero created by Anthony Horowitz?*

**Alex Rider Alexandra Rider Alexei Roder Lex Luther**

*Adele Geras' book 'Troy' - like the recent film of the same name - is a dramatisation of an epic tale for a modern audience. But who is the original Greek creator of the story?*

**Homer Hoper Holer Hoaxer**

*Which book is not part of Philip Pullman's 'His Dark Materials' trilogy?*

**Northern Lights The Subtle Knife The Sorcerer's Stone The Amber Spyglass**

*Whose portrait of their own childhood on the island of Corfu was titled 'My Family and Other Animals'?*

**Kingsley Amis Gerald Durrell Lawrence Durrell**

*What's the title of Marjorie Blackman's tale of a boy who needed a heart transplant and was offered an unusual solution?*

**Pig-Heart Boy The Heart Transplant Kid The Boy Without a Heart**

**Your name:**

Closing date: 30th June 2009