

Library Newsletter

St Patrick's High School
November 2024

Author of the Month

Our Author of the Month for November is Tom Palmer. We are lucky to have a great selection of Tom's books in the library. He has written over 60 books and writes mainly about sports and history, often combining the two. Many of his books are published by Barrington Stoke, making them particularly good for Dyslexic readers. Visit Tom's website for more information and to read the first chapters of all of his books.



The Book Club is waiting for you!

The Book Clubs are still enjoying the Graphic Novel Challenge. Having finished reading our books, our next step is to create our own Graphic Novels with the help of the Art Department. Year 8 & 9 Book Clubs meet Tuesday lunchtimes.



Library Clubs

Monday

Period 5 Lunchtime - Yr 8 Lego Club
Period 6 Lunchtime - Yr 9 Lego Club
After School - Pets Club 3.15-4.15 Years 8-10

Tuesday

Period 5 Lunchtime - Yr 8 Book Club
Period 6 Lunchtime - Yr 9 Book Club

Wednesday

After School Board Games & Chess Club - 3.15-4.15
Everyone Welcome

Thursday

After School Lego Club 3.15-4.15 Everyone Welcome

Friday

New After School Dungeons and Dragons Club
3.15-4.15 - Limited numbers

Reading Focus



867 Read and Reviewed Maisie vs Antarctica by Jack Jackman. Thank you to Nosycrow and The Reading Agency for supplying the books.

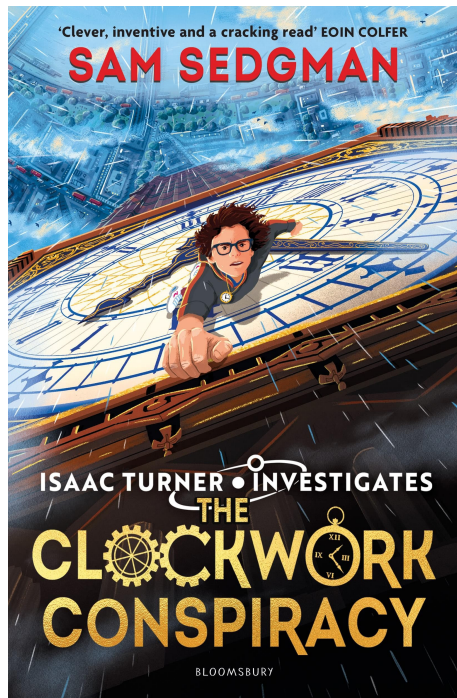


950 and 906 have been busy reading about and creating their own Fantastic Beasts and Mythical Creatures. Their work will be on display in the library at the end of the month.



Anti-bully Week
The theme for Anti-bully Week was Choose Respect. We had a range of fiction and non-fiction books relating to bullying on display for students to choose from.

KS3 Book Recommendations



Twelve year old, aspiring inventor Isaac Turner lives with his dad, the horologist in charge of the famous clock Big Ben in London. But when his father vanishes from the belfry on the night the clocks go back, leaving behind only a smashed pocket watch and a cryptic message, Isaac determines to find him.

Hunting a trail of clues through London's landmarks, Isaac uncovers a sinister plot in the gears of government and embarks on a race against time to save his father - and time itself.

A fantastic book full of roof top chase, hidden clues and mind-bending science.

A must read for all mystery lovers.



Thirteen-year-old Anna loves Gaelic football, and she's good: focused, skilled and strong.

But then everything changes; after a terrible loss, Anna and her family move to a new town. How will she cope with a new home, new school and new GAA club?

It seems like even football can't give her comfort, maybe some help from an unexpected place is just what she needs.....

Football, friendship & family forever



A boy with no memory. A world searching for a hero.

Casander Darkbloom has no memory, lives outside a curiosity shop, and experiences random surges of uncontrollable energy in his limbs. When he inexplicably brings a stuffed raven to life, he unravels a strange and thrilling magical world. A world waiting for Cas to save it.

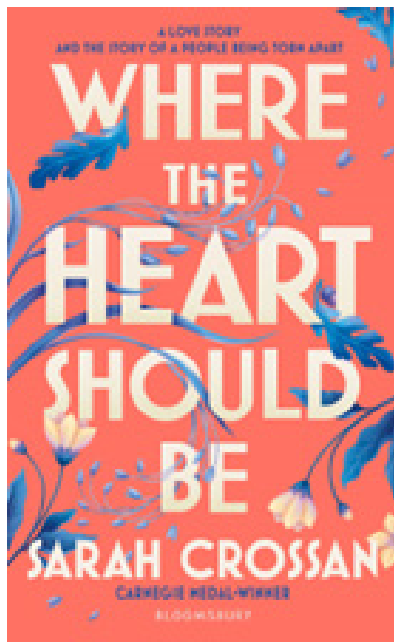
Cas is the Foretold, the one prophesied to defeat the malevolent Master of All. Under the protection of Wayward School, Cas must learn to master his magical abilities. But, as he soon discovers, all may not be quite as it seems – and Cas will need to take control of his own destiny if he is to find the strength to fight the powers of evil.

Spectacular and imaginative, this thrilling fantasy novel celebrates difference and how what makes us unique is also our greatest strength.

KS4 Book Recommendations



The Diverse Book Awards celebrate diversity in books for every age. The 2024 Young Adult Award was won by Jenny Ireland for her book *The First Move*. This romance novel centres on Juliet who live with arthritis and feels on the edge of her friends' social lives, missing parties to play online chess where she has unwittingly been in touch with good-looking new kid Ronan...

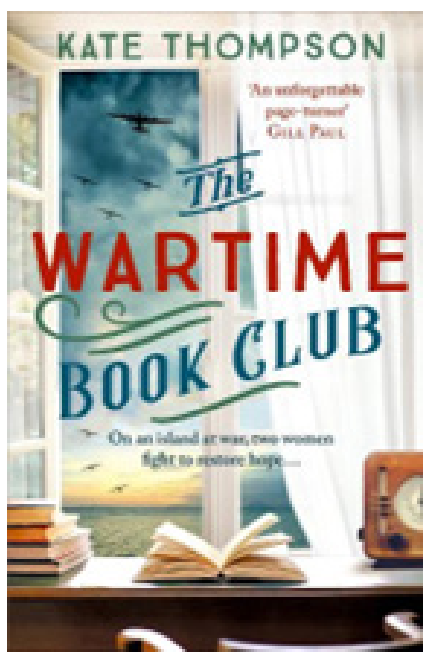


It is 1846 and Ireland is starving.

The potatoes are black, people are dying and in the midst of it all Nell must do everything she can to keep her family together, and everyone she loves alive. Even if it means giving up her every want, dream and desire.

From multi-award-winning author Sarah Crossan comes a stirring, heart-wrenching novel that explores the value we place on humanity and asks can you survive on love alone?

Staff Book Recommendations



Based on astonishing real events, during the WW2 Occupation of Jersey, *The Wartime Book Club* is a love letter to the power of books in the darkest of times – as well as a moving page-turner that brings to life the remarkable, untold story of an island at war.