

St Patrick's High School
September 2025

Library Newsletter

Welcome back!

One book, One school, One BIG READ



The Big Read is a whole school reading project, where we invite staff and students to read a specific book during the course of the year. This year the book is *Stitch* by Padraig Kenny. As the cover says it's "An electrifying Gothic adventure about finding your place in the world". A wonderful book by a popular Irish author, which just might make you think differently about the people you meet every day. Get your copy from the library and don't miss out on the book everyone will be talking about!

Library open times

The library is open everyday 8.30-4.30
and at break-time.

Clubs

Lunch-time and after school
clubs will be starting soon.

Lego Club

Games Club

Book Clubs

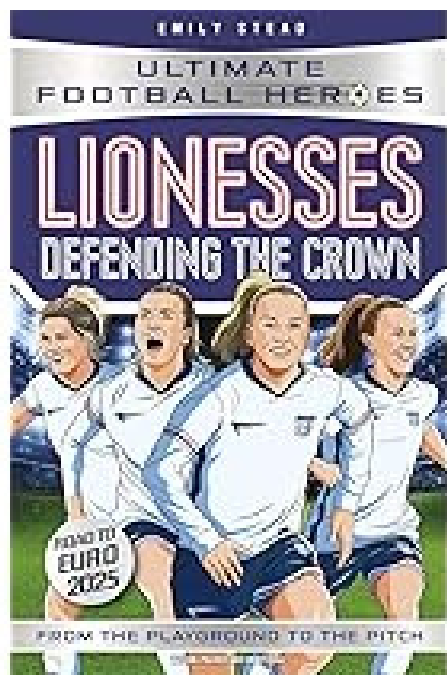
If you are interested in joining
any of our clubs please give
your name to Mrs McArdle in
the library.



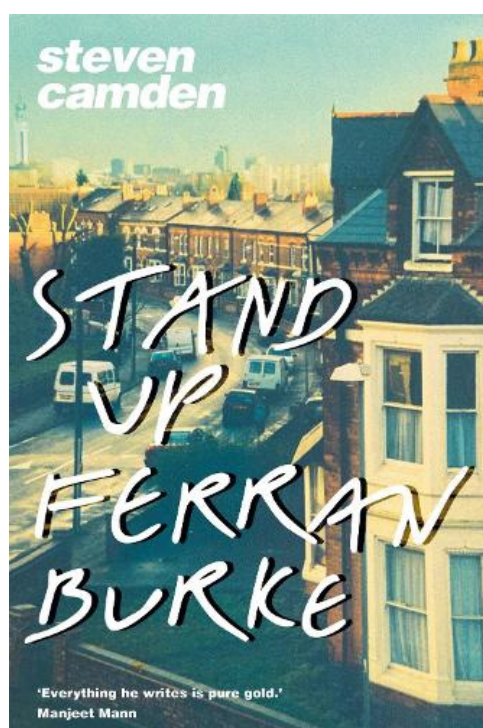
This year to celebrate
Roald Dahl Day we held a
poster competition for our year
8 classes. Students were asked
to create a poster to advertise
the school library featuring a
Roald Dahl quotation.
A display of the winning posters
can be seen outside the library.



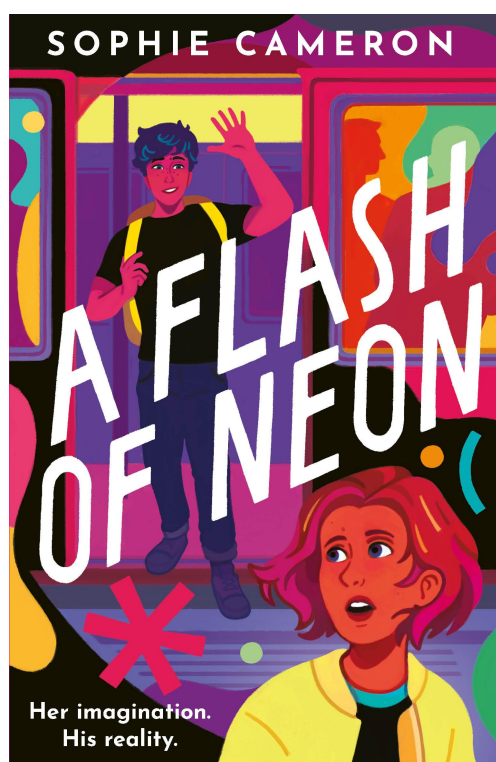
KS3 Book Recommendations



*Over the summer the Reading Agency sent us a copy of **Ultimate Football Heroes: Lionesses** along with a great activity pack. Borrow this book and read all about four girls who shared a love of football and shone at youth academies before going on to represent their country on the winning UEFA Women's Championship team.*



*We recently won a copy of **Stand up Ferran Burke** by Steven Camden courtesy of Macmillan and Empathy Lab. It's a time capsule coming-of-age story spanning five years of one boy's life as he navigates the chaos of friends, fights, family and food and trying to find himself. A verse novel as unique as the boy at its heart. Suitable for Year 10+*

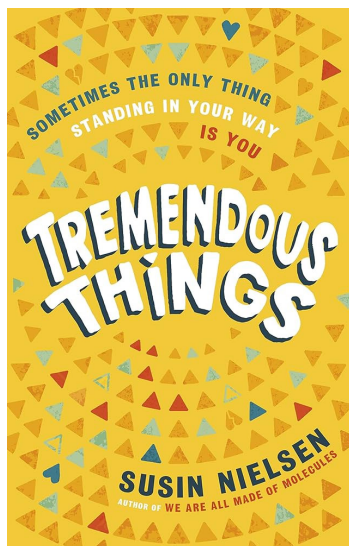


Laurie loves stories. She loves reading them in her mums' bookshop in their small Scottish town. She loves sharing them with new readers. She also loves telling stories about people she's not yet met and places she's not yet been. But when one of these people comes crashing into Laurie's world, it turns her whole life upside down.

Neon is the boy Laurie's been dreaming of for the last six months, and he's exactly as she had created him – down to his ability to play any instrument he picks up. And when he steps off the train and into Laurie's world, he teaches her what it means to be real.

A fantastical story about imagination and friendship from an award winning author.

KS4 Book Recommendations



Nominated for the Carnegie Medal

Wilbur is sure he's a loser: he spends his life being bullied, his best friend is 85 years old, and his only talent is playing the triangle in the school band. But things start to look up when he gets the chance to be part of the French exchange. Wilbur's billet Charlie arrives to spend the week with him and his family . . . and it turns out that Charlie is a girl. An amazing, sophisticated, French girl who Wilbur instantly falls in love with. Keen to win her heart, Wilbur agrees to a total life makeover before he sees Charlie again on the return trip to Paris. But the course of true amour never did run smooth . . .

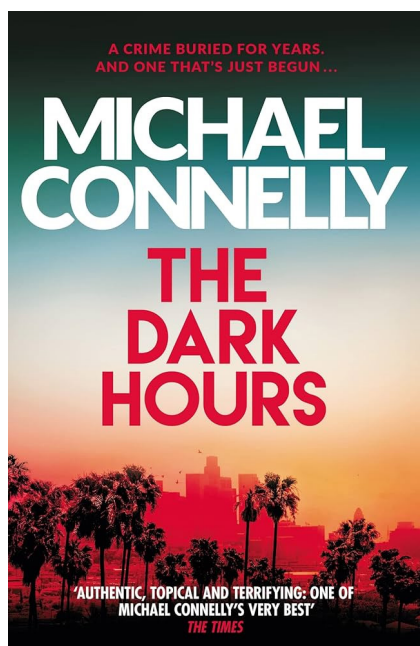
A gripping YA novel set in Northern Ireland 2019.



Tara has been raised by her mam and nan in Derry City. Faith lives in rural Armagh. Their lives on opposite sides of a political divide couldn't be more different. Until they come face-to-face with each other and are shocked to discover they look almost identical. Are they connected?

In searching for the truth about their own identities, the teenagers uncover more than they bargained for. But what if finding out who you truly are means undermining everything you've ever known?

Staff Book Recommendations



A MURDER YEARS IN THE MAKING

A murder in the middle of a street party seems a senseless tragedy. But the victim had a dark past which came back to haunt him.

THE DEEPER YOU LOOK

Detective Renée Ballard connects the killing to an unsolved case last worked by ex-LAPD legend Harry Bosch. But then a new crime shatters the night shift...

THE DARKER IT GETS

The Midnight Men are a deadly pair of predators who stalk the city during the dark hours and disappear without a trace.

Ballard once believed her job was to bring the truth to light. In a police department shaken to the core by protests and pandemic, both cases have the power to save her - or end her...

All the books suggested in this newsletter are available in the library