

# Broseley Booktime

Welcome to our first reading newsletter. This will be a half termly newsletter where we will share our love of books with you. New releases, book reviews, chats with authors and an opportunity to share our reading news. I hope you enjoy sharing Broseley Booktime with us!

## Message from the Head

We are extremely proud of the reading culture in our school. Ms Young and Miss Howell, along with other staff, have worked hard to provide a wonderful, well resourced environment where children have the opportunity to enjoy a range of books. Reading is vital for children to give them knowledge of the world and improve their vocabulary, however, they can also entertain and amuse and provide a great deal of pleasure.

Any support you can give at home to this will be hugely beneficial to your child.

## Introduction to Reading Patron

We are delighted to introduce our Patron of Reading: Eloise Williams. We are looking forward to working with her in a number of ways. She will be a regular contributor to the newsletter and become a familiar face around school, through displays, social media contact, video calls and hopefully visits. Eloise is the author of Elen's Island and, most recently, Gaslight, which won the Welsh Art's Review Young People's Book of the Year. Her new book, Seaglass, will be released September this year, which we are looking forward to sharing with you all.



## Authors Reading Advice

Dear beautiful young people of Broseley Primary. My reading advice is: you don't HAVE to finish a book you don't like. But also, it's good to try stuff that's different from what you usually read because you never know if you'll like it otherwise.



## Author Visits

We were incredibly lucky last term to have both a visit from Sarah Isaacs: author of Derek the Alien and a Video Call from Andrew Cope: author of the Spy Dog series. Everyone really enjoyed meeting them and can't wait to see which author we will meet next!



## Celebrations

We have had so many reading celebrations recently. The Book Fair was a huge success and I was delighted with the response to library open day. But we have been overwhelmed by how many of you were caught reading. What a great group of readers you are!

## Great Reads



### Picture Book

Smelly Louie Catherine Rayner



### KS1 Chapter Book

Nothing to see here hotel  
Steven Butler (see next page)



### LKS2

Sky Chasers Emma Carroll



### UKS2 (MG Book)

Wizards Of Once  
Cressida Cowell

## READING PATRON – ELOISE WILLIAMS



Hello everyone! I do hope you are well? Spring is here and with it some time to read outdoors in the sun, so I'm very happy.

How absolutely brilliant to see all the pictures of you being caught reading! Like lots of you, I like to read on car journeys or in a comfy chair.

I've had a look through the books you've chosen and have seen some firm favourites. I love Roald Dahl! He was born just up the road from me! I also love Horrid Henry and Perfect Peter REALLY gets on my nerves. I'm particularly impressed by the photo of Andreas reading to Darwin. My dog Watson Jones highly approves and says that I should read to him more. He is SO demanding!

At the moment we are reading our way through the Tir na n-Og shortlist. It's an award for good books here in Wales and I'm really lucky that Gaslight is on it! Celebrating lots because they are all outstanding. I highly recommend them all and so does Watson Jones.

I'm extraordinarily happy to be your Patron of Reading and can't wait to come and visit you in school. In the meantime, I'll look out for photos of you being caught reading. Well done all. See you soon!



### Ms Young Reads Nevermore - Jessica Townsend

Jessica Townsend takes us on a journey through Nevermore, with our heroine Morrigan. We meet amazing characters and visit fantastic places. Join her on the rollercoaster of emotions: hope, fear, joy and "wunder".

Perfect for fellow Harry Potter fans. You'll love it! Thoroughly recommended and the rightful winner of The Waterstones Book Prize. My copy is available from the Ms Young reads selection in the library.



### A Message from the illustrator @StevenLenton

If you love magic, slightly scary troll Grandmas and a bit of mystery, then you will love The Nothing To See Here Hotel. I loved creating the illustrations or this book and I think my favourite character is Hoggit the Pygmy Soot Dragon, who lives in Frankie Banister's fireplace!

My top tip for budding illustrators is to keep drawing and practice by drawing things that you LOVE, whether it be a person, a toy or even copying a character from a comic book – all drawing is great fun if you choose the right subject for YOU!

## Bookfest



**A Storm of Strawberries** - "even though people are different they still think and feel the same" (Emily H)



**Podkin One Ear** - "being brave, standing firm and facing your enemies" (Finlay P).



**Worm School** - "even if you're from different worlds, or species, you don't always have to be enemies" (Callum L)



**Letters from the Lighthouse** - "even though we've had bad experiences, it doesn't have to continue, we can move on" (Mia T)



**Jake Atlas** - "a boy can change his negative ways and use his difficulties to his advantage." (Reece T)



**The Matilda Effect** - "women can do anything they put their mind to, they shouldn't let men dictate what or how they do it" (Isabelle J)

## Miss Howell says...

Poetry and rap are becoming increasingly popular in school (just ask our Year 6 - church rappers and year 4). All inspired by Simon Mole, who Ms Young and I got to meet in London. Want to hone your rapping skills? Check out and subscribe to his YouTube channel; perhaps we could have a School poetry rap battle!