

Our Lady's Catholic High School Reading Newsletter - SUMMER 2022



Welcome to the final 'OLCHS Reading Newsletter' of 2021-22. This term's newsletter is full of tips, recommendations and challenges to keep you reading during the summer holidays!

Competitions

'The Week Junior' have launched a Summer of Reading challenge recently and there are so many wonderful prizes up for grabs, including a book bundle worth £250 and a £60 National Book Token! subscription. The attached book list has some great recommendations to get you started on the challenge. Follow the link below to find out more...

<https://theweekjunior.co.uk/summerofreading>

Spelling Bee and Poetry Slam 2022

Our annual Spelling Bee and Poetry Slam Finals took place during this half term for all Y7 and Y8 pupils. Both events were a huge success and the pupils had a wonderful time cheering on their classmates. A big well done to all our winners!



Y7 Spelling Bee Champion - Charlotte Potts
Y7 Runners-up - Betsy Lee, Liam Battle and Sam Dean



Y8 Spelling Bee Champion - Isabelle Potts
Y8 Runners-up - Henry Monks and Dylan McKnight

Y7 Poetry Slam Champions - Bruce Moore, Archie Nugent and Charlie Whelan
Y7 Runners-up - Anna Shaw, William McCondichie and Kieron Allen

Year 8 Poetry Slam Champions - Max Drew, Dylan McKnight and Bobby Pearson
Y8 Runners-up - Charlotte Hill, Libby Wilkinson and Codie Lambert



Millionaire Readers 2022

A huge congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded with their millionaire reader badge this year.

Zachary Craig, Tessa Maria Manoj, Isabella Chapman, Liana Kiraga, Halima Zahra Mal, Jacob Dunaj, Finlay Mitchell, Daniel Holden, Lucy Bevan, Courtney Iley, Charlotte Potts, Zuzanna Dunaj, Jonas Morne, Julia Kolodziej, Alex McKeever, Meera Patel, Louie Brooks, Samuel Dean, Eisha Ashraf, Jayden Lowe, Jake Blackhurst, Elodie Rennie-Bloor, Isabelle Potts, Owen Law, Rebecca Monaghan, Dylan Beirne, Sophia Heatley and Lauren Stewart.

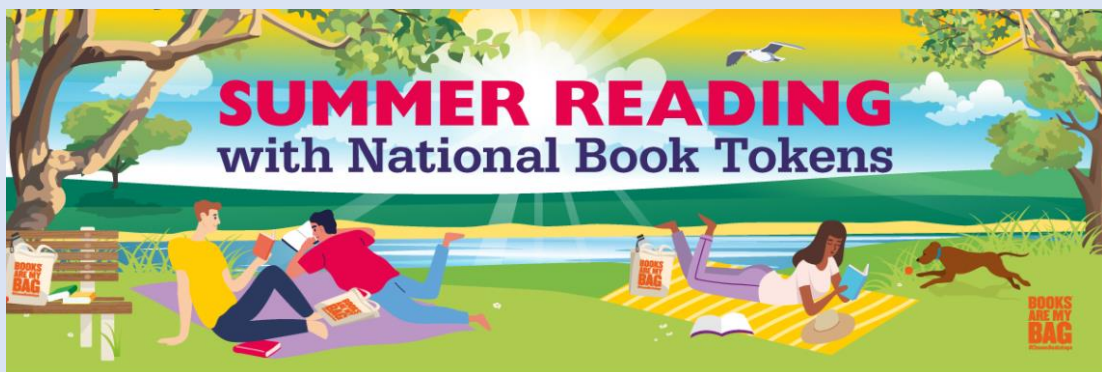
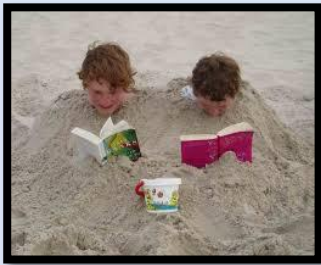
These pupils have managed to read over 1 million words over the course of this year - what an amazing achievement! Our millionaires will be celebrating their success on Thursday in the LRC at our Millionaire Celebration 2022.

OLCHS Summer Reading Photo Challenge 2022

Summer is all about spending time in the sunshine, but that doesn't mean you can't read too! The **OLCHS Summer Reading Challenge 2022** is a chance for you to show off what you've been reading and where you've been reading during the summer break. Email Mrs Zolotarczuk a photo of the most unusual place you manage to read while you're off school. See some ideas from other schools below!

All entries will be awarded three Being One of Ours points and prizes will be up for grabs for the winning entries! Please send your entries to Mrs Zolotarczuk by Monday 19th September -

szo@olchs.lancs.sch.uk



National Book Tokens are also running a similar summer competition! This summer, they're giving away a **£25 National Book Token every week until the end of August**. Simply upload a photo of your holiday reading to the gallery below and tell them in a few words where you plan to read.

<https://caboodle.nationalbooktokens.com/summer-reading/show-us-your-holiday-reading-and-win>

OLCHS RECOMMENDED READS

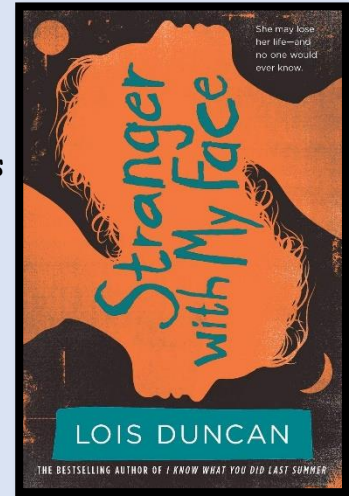
Stranger with My Face by Lois Duncan

Laurie Stratton finally has everything a sixteen-year-old could ever want. But just as her perfect summer comes to a close, things start to unravel when her boyfriend insists he saw her out with another guy—when Laurie was really home sick! More mysterious sightings convince Laurie someone very real is out there, watching her. . . .

The truth reveals a long-lost sister who has spent the years growing bitter and dangerous. She has learned how to haunt Laurie, but the visits soon become perilous. She wants something from Laurie—her life!

READ IF YOU ENJOY: HORROR!

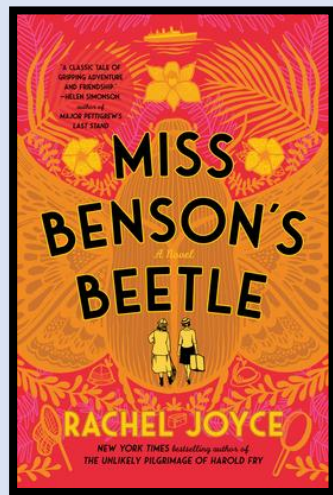
Recommended by Mrs Hardacre



Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce

Mrs Ainsworth - "I was already a huge fan of Rachel Joyce but her latest novel is by far my favourite. Set in 1950, it is an uplifting adventure story, revolving around an unexpected female friendship. The characters are well-developed and the locations are beautifully observed. It is both laugh out loud funny and tear-jerkingly poignant. I highly recommend this unforgettable summer read to KS4 pupils and adults alike."

Recommended by Mrs Ainsworth and Miss Consiglio

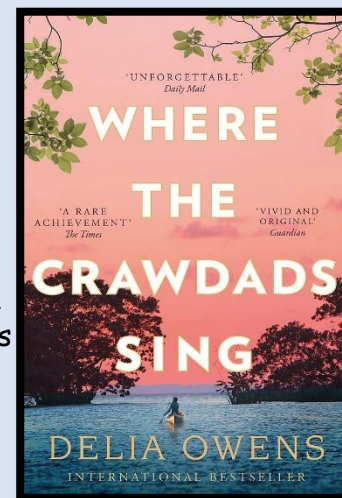


Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

For years, rumours of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

SUITABLE FOR KS4 pupils, STAFF AND PARENTS.

Recommended by Mrs Stott



I am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina

When Alfonso wakes up in the afterlife, he's on a ghost train guided by well-known victims of police shootings, who teach him what he needs to know about this subterranean spiritual world. Meanwhile, Alfonso's family and friends struggle with their grief and seek justice for Alfonso in the streets. As they confront their new realities, both Alfonso and those he loves realize the work that lies ahead in the fight for justice.

In the first graphic novel for young readers to focus on police brutality and the Black Lives Matter movement, as in Hamlet, the dead shall speak-- and the living yield even more surprises.

