



BOOK BUZZ

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Hello!



Welcome to our first edition of 'Book Buzz', our reading for pleasure newsletter!

This newsletter will be updated each month to include teacher recommendations, new releases, your recommendations, an author interview and more!

We are so lucky this month to have received some new and exciting books for our library - I hope that you get a chance to visit and take a look!

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Johnson
Events for February



Author Visit!! Vashti Hardy



This month, we have had a **real author** visit our school !!

Vashti Hardy, author of the Brightstorm series (well loved in Year 5&6!) visited KS1 and year 3&4 to share her newest book, 'Harley Hitch and the Missing Moon' which is the second in her Harley Hitch series.

This book is an inventive adventure with a strong female lead, aimed 6 years+.



"KS1 and Year 3 and 4 were lucky enough to have the author Vashti Hardy visit us to share her latest book in the Harley Hitch story. The children loved hearing Vashti share the process of how she writes her books. The children and Vashti also produced a hybrid robot pet together with different animal parts - it was great fun!" Mrs Gilpin



WHAT'S INCLUDED THIS MONTH

How do
you do?

A special
interview with
author, Emma
Perry!

New
Releases!

A mixture of
fiction, non-
fiction and
picture books
released during
January and
February 2022

Teacher
Picks!

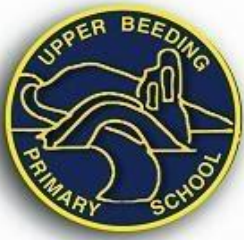
OUR book
recommendations
from
Mr Moule,
Mrs Stringer
and Mrs Gilpin

What are
YOU reading?

Book Reviews
from year 6!

DON'T FORGET IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY ON 3RD
MARCH!





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How do you do?

Emma Perry

What do you love most about writing stories for children?

The best thing about writing for children, for you, is that quite frankly, you are the best audience EVER! You know what you like and what you don't like. You also have the BEST imaginations. An absolutely perfect combination.

Where do you get your inspiration from?

Inspiration can come from anywhere and everywhere. The inspiration for THIS BOOK HAS ALPACAS AND BEARS struck when I took my children out to a farm park during half-term. The alpaca there, Joules, looked amazing and when it struck me that I couldn't think of any picture books featuring alpacas the idea was born. Rikin Parekh illustrated this book, and his artwork brings so much energy and humour to each page.

When did you start writing?

I came to writing quite late. Mainly because it had never struck me that I could actually try to be a writer. I've always been a reader, I've always loved books – but honestly, it wasn't until a few years ago that I realised that I could try to write books to. All I needed was the determination.

What was your first ever story about?

My first ever story to be published was I DON'T LIKE BOOKS. NEVER. EVER. THE END. I really wanted to write a story about books, and I thought about how much fun it would be if the books came to life. I've always wondered what it would like to jump into a story. Any story. That would be fun, wouldn't it? Mabel was brought to life by the super talented illustrator Sharon Davey. I just love the expressions she gives Mabel – especially those grumpy ones!

Have you always loved stories and reading?

Yes! I've always loved reading, absolutely. Every summer holiday I would get on my bike and visit my local library to stock up on books. I didn't finish every single book, and I might not have enjoyed every single book, but that didn't matter because I had fun finding out which books I DID like. Libraries are the BEST places.

What is your favourite children's book and why?

What? My favourite book? That's like asking me to name my favourite child!! I can't do it!! Toooooo hard. How about I tell you some of my favourites at the moment? Ok here goes... Jabari Jumps, Julian is a



Mermaid, Fly Tiger Fly, Ten Fat Sausages, Ergo, The Pet and...

Can you tell us 3 things that you love?

Books, puddles (see my next book!) and chocolate, and tea, and (Oops I'm not very good at counting!)

Thank you so much Upper Beeding Primary School for your fabulous questions, I loved answering them.

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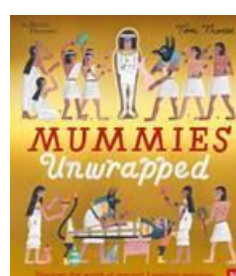
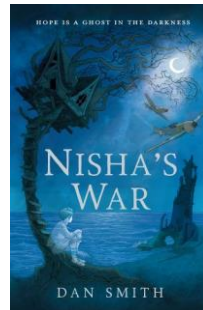
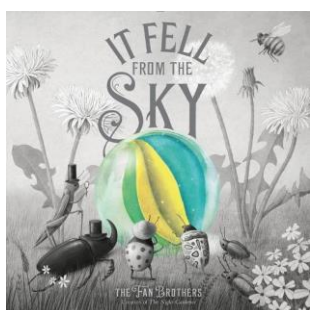
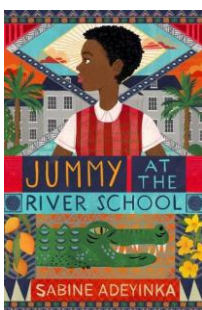
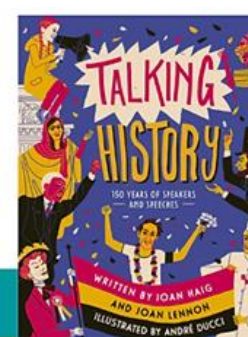
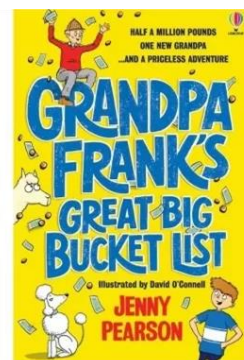
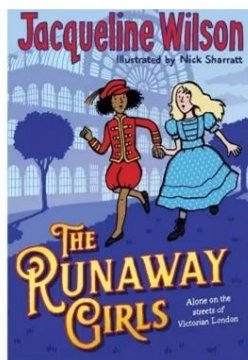
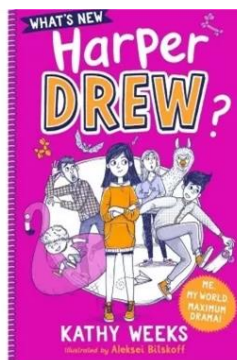
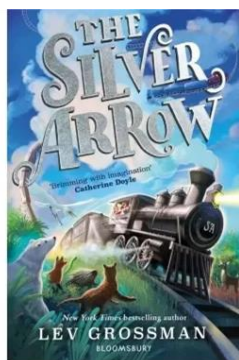


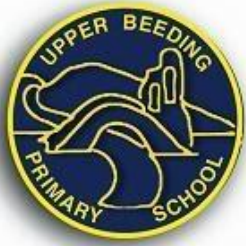
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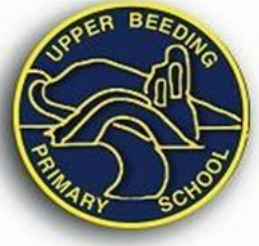
NEW RELEASES.....





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TEACHER PICKS !

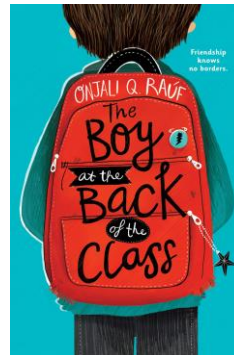
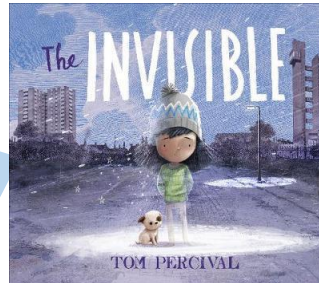
The Invisible by Tom Percival

My book review is for a "Picture Books to Shout About" nomination. To be fair it was hard to have a favourite amongst the ones chosen for this year as the theme was all about friendship, working together, and making a difference. All four books were inspirational and within the classes there was not a clear favourite as all books were equally enjoyed.

For me, by a fraction, my favourite was a book called "The Invisible" by Tom Percival.

It is a very thought-provoking book and at the back of the book is a heart-felt note from Tom, sharing his own experience of growing up with very little money. He recalls how he remembers seeing ice on his bedframe in the family caravan, his home freezing, but also full of love and books. This book is so powerful. It is both gentle and thought-provoking and gives a window into a life that for many goes unnoticed. Tom's use of colour helps you feel what Isobel is feeling. And at the end of the book, we feel uplifted, with Isobel finding a new sense of joy and belonging and that she has made a difference in her world.

Mrs Gilpin – Kenya Class



The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf:

This fantastic book deals with some mature themes of immigration, seeking asylum and life as a refugee through the eyes of children. A heart-warming story of adventure, battling prejudices and friendship.

Mr Moule - Morocco Class

Not everyone has to go to the pet shop to find their perfect pet...

"Once upon a time, there lived a boy called Henry and What Henry wanted more than anything in the whole wide world. . . MORE than chips. . . MORE than a cowboy costume. . . MORE than an all-expenses-paid trip to the moon. . . was a DOG..."

This is one of my favourite most recent picture books. It is a lovable tale of adventure and friendships... and the lengths some will go to find it. I like the detailed, yet simplistic illustrations and that the book is broken up into three chapters: Chapter 1 – the boy; Chapter 2 – the duck; Chapter 3 – the discovery, it definitely adds to the overall story.

What would your perfect pet be?

A fun, engaging, unique picture book – perfect for all ages!

Mrs Stringer – France Class. *****



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What are YOU reading?

I found this book very interesting to read because of all of the twists and turns because it starts and he seems like a normal boy and then he somehow becomes much quicker in races. Then later he's playing in a football match and sprouts his wings! Finally we find out that his parents are aliens and he has to save the world. My favourite part was when his dad tells a lot of 'dad jokes' because it reminds me of my dad. I like the way Lenny Henry made some of the words in bold so that they really stood out.

Overall I feel like this is a fantastic book and would recommend it to a friend.

Gene, Year 6



This book is a magical and wonderful book, which glues your eyes to the story! I literally couldn't stop reading this book. It is very funny and by the way it also includes a lot of action and adventure bits especially with the billionaire Noah.

I would recommend it to anyone in keystage 2.

Oscar, Year 6



'How to survive without grown-ups'
by Larry Hayes

The illustrations in this book are AMAZING and the main character definitely suits the people that would want read this, I love how it switches between comic and normal writing and the characters are so well made and described. Everything about this book is epic from start to finish. Andy, Mr Squibb and Captain Poopdeck are definitely my favourites because they are all such cool characters with 'want to read' characteristics. The magic pencil is amazing, especially when at the end he creates lots of monsters and cool heroes to defeat the monster. - that was my favourite scene! If I were to rate this it would be 100% and a 10/10.

Libby, Year 6



'Super Dweeb and the Pencil of Destiny'
by Jess Bradley

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