

## October 2024 Reading Newsletter

Welcome to the first reading newsletter of the academic year. **Reading for pleasure** is valued highly in every year group of St Bridget's. Opportunities for reading are timetabled into every day.

### Why Reading for Pleasure?

- increases reading attainment
- increases writing attainment
- improves breadth of vocabulary
- develops self-confidence and reading in later life
- improves understanding of other cultures
- increases community participation
- increases empathy

(Clark & Rumbold, 2006; Howard, 2011; Wigfield & Guthrie, 1997; Clark and Douglas 2011)

The hobby of reading a book has tough competition from TV, gaming and other interests and encouraging reading today is harder than ever! Interestingly, the following were responses from our children when asked to finish the sentence:

I would read more if....

I didn't have as much gaming time.

I was sent to bed earlier.

There were more funny books.

I stopped going on my iPad and phone.

I saw more people reading at home.

I got into a really good book that I wanted to read (not that I HAD to read).

***The Scholastic Book Fair is coming next week - it will be open every day after school in the hall. Every purchase helps to buy new books for school. Please support our school!***

Celebrating reading at St Bridget's:

Even more children are arriving every day with their Blue Peter Book Badges! Well done to everyone who has applied.

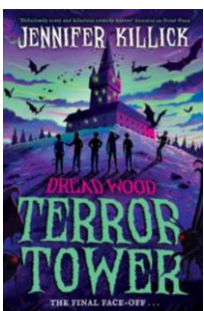


The Year 6 Reading Buddies have started reading with Year 1 pupils every lunchtime in the library.

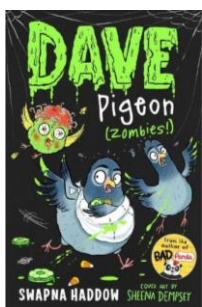


Visits to West Kirby Library have been organised for most year groups. Years 4, 5 and 6 will go before half term and years 2 and 3 will visit after half term

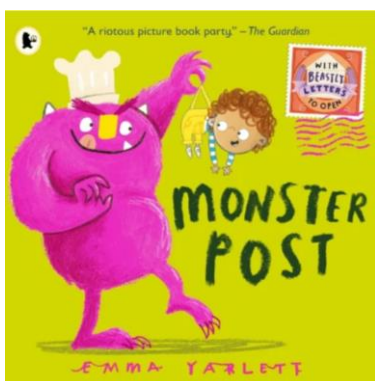
## Spooktacular Reads for Halloween:



This is the final instalment of the popular comedy-horror Dreadwood series, pitched at 8+



Another hilarious book for emerging readers in from the Dave Pigeon series.



A great novelty picture book with funny letters and gruesome recipes to open and read throughout.

EVERY TEACHER IS A READER....

...INTERVIEW WITH Mrs Ross

What was your favourite book as a child?

I loved the whole Narnia series. They were so magical. I love that children still enjoy the classics today.

What book are you reading right now?

Lost Voices of World War One.

Who is your favourite author?

Morris Gleitzman

