

# Library News!

Spring 2017



Welcome to the Spring issue of HCS Library News.

There are fifteen long days between the end of term and those much-anticipated chocolate eggs on Easter Sunday. If you need some distraction from your chocolate cravings, a good book to read could be the answer!



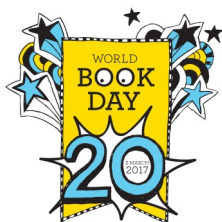
See our 'Spring' leaflet on the Library's Book Club web-page, or pick up a copy in school. There are suggestions for holiday reading and lots of new books and DVDs.

## Chinese New Year Celebrations



Chinese New Year was celebrated on Friday 27 January, when pupils flocked to the Library for a chance to grab a Fortune Cookie with a pair of chopsticks!

Sixth-former Shirley Zhang gave expert instruction on the art of using chopsticks. Pupils had the tricky task of removing the cookie from a traditional Chinese ginger jar. Their success was rewarded with a cookie or a clementine.



## World Book Day 2017



On World Book Day, 2 March 2017, staff and pupils were encouraged to wear a badge with the name of their favourite book. This generated some good discussions and a few pupils were so inspired that they came straight to the Library to borrow the book recommended by their teacher.

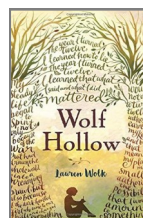
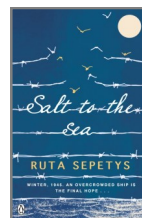
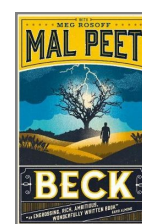
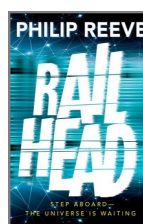
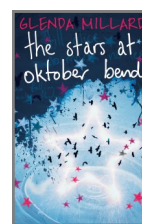
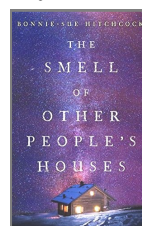
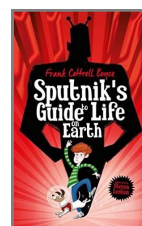
Mr Jackson arranged for a very topical Y8 debate to take place in the Library after school: 'This House believes that Harry Potter is overrated'. It was hotly contested, but it was soundly defeated. The Librarian was very relieved that there was such overwhelming support for Harry Potter!

Boxes of chocolates were up for grabs in the World Book Day 'Opening Lines' competition. Well done to all the forms who entered. The winning forms were: 7L, 8C, 9C, 10C, 11S, 6L3, 6T2. On the staff side, the winning department was the Bursary.

## Carnegie Debate

Book Club members are off to the County Carnegie Debate again this year, on 13 June.

Before that date, they will be busy reading the shortlist of 8 books - quite a challenge. They will also be preparing a presentation on one of the books to perform at the Shire Hall to pupils from schools across the county.



These are fantastic books—Enjoy Reading!



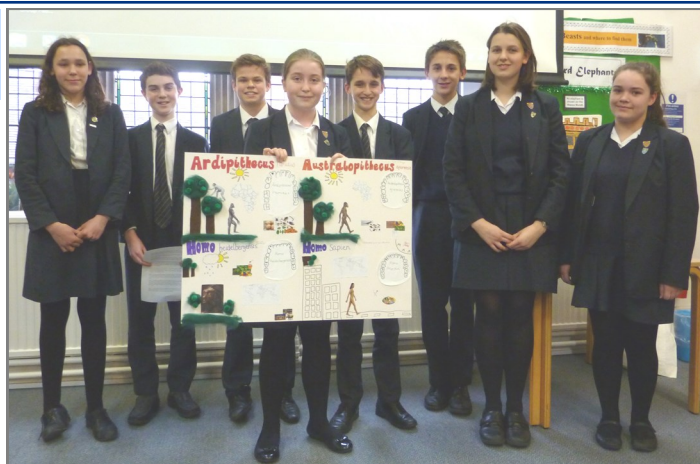
## Prize-winning Presentations

The annual Peter Prior Presentations by Year 9 scientists took place on 16 March, after school in the Library .

The competition puts to the test not only scientific understanding, but also pupils' communication skills. Using the Library's cinema screen for their Powerpoint presentations, the participants then have to steel their nerves to take questions from the audience of fellow pupils *and* science teachers – a daunting prospect!

The subject of the competition was Human Evolution. And there were some fascinating topics: Alcohol, Art, Face and Hands, Language, Teeth, Fire, Human/Dog coexistence, and Religion.

Well done to everyone who took part.



*Polly, Theo, Will B, Hannah, Alfie, Will P, Laura & Lara.*

## Library 'Speed-Dating'!



9T enjoyed Book 'Speed-Dating' in the Library during tutor time this term.

Each person had a minute to try and persuade the person opposite to read their book. After five such 'dates' roles were swapped, so that everyone had a chance to be persuaded by their partner.

Which book would you bring along?



## House Debate



**Winning Team: Sam Dent & Emily Jones**

The Senior House Debating competition took place in the Library on Tuesday 21 March.

Cornwall won the debate, proposing: 'This House thinks that Britain is better off out of the European Union.' Stuart took 2nd place, Somerset were 3rd and Langford 4th.



## Crosswords in the Library !



Mrs De Souza's weekly Crossword Club is proving very popular. Each week there is a new crossword to tackle. Stimulated by a large packet of Ginger Nuts, pupils increase their mental agility and improve their vocabulary by solving the clues. Their reward for completing the puzzle is a super-competitive game of Bananagrams!

If you would like to join in with Crossword Club, come along to the Library on Friday lunchtimes at 1.20pm. No experience necessary.

## Dates for your Diary

**First meetings for Book Clubs:**

- Y8 Book Club: 24 April
- Y7 Book Club 25 April
- Hay Festival for Y7 (and Y8 Book Club members) on 26 May
- Carnegie Debate on 13 June

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