

A Year In Kyle Library 2018-2019

August

Library cards are ready, log books are printed, books are sitting invitingly on shelves waiting to see old friends again and eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new S1 pupils - looking forward to transporting them to other worlds and on exciting new adventures. The year is ready to begin here at Kyle library.

September

S1 and S2 classes began their fortnightly visits to the library and here at Kyle our big emphasis is on reading for pleasure as we try to develop our reading culture within the school.

To help each pupil achieve the maximum enjoyment from their books we use an online reading tool called **Accelerated Reader** which aims to motivate and encourage reading within S1 and S2. At the beginning of the year we get each student to sit a **Star Reader Test** which generates a score relating to a book level and, therefore, helps pupils choose books at their reading ability -not so difficult that pupils are frustrated and put off reading but also challenging enough so that each student achieves maximum growth in their reading ability.

And so the Reading journey began!

This year our race was called '**On The Road To Glastonbury**' and classes earned points by reading and quizzing on books and competed to see which class would win.

Top Class in S1 – Mrs Thomson

Top Class in S2 – joint winners – Mrs Gemmell and Mrs Stewart

October

Kyle library supports **World Mental Health Day** with a week of activities aimed at promoting and facilitating good mental health.

We have been gifted a long –term loan of **Self Help Books** from Carnegie Library, called Shelf Help. Joan Black, the Lifelong Learning Librarian from Carnegie Library very kindly came to chat about the books at lunch-time and at a parent session later in the day.



We had **Mindful Colouring, Silent Reading/Relaxation** and a **Mental Health Quiz** to give a range of opportunities for pupils – and staff - to 'chill'.



31st October and book displays took on a more sinister feel!

November

November was a busy month at the library with **Book Week Scotland** running from 19th-23rd November.

We managed to cram in New Book Launch, Staff's Favourite Childhood Book Quiz, Book Group Party, Book Swap and a Teacher Dare lunch-time reading session – books chosen for teachers by members of the library committee.



And during Book Week Scotland all pupils taking quizzes on books they had read earned House Points – if ever an extra incentive was needed!

December

December saw us retaking **Star Reader Tests** and we were delighted that most students improved their scores – well done to all students who read and quizzed over the last term.

Library Committee organised '**Festive Reads**' for staff and it was lovely to gift wrap some books for holiday reading.

January

Kyle Library supported the Launch of **KyleReads** as we push to get more emphasis on reading for pleasure as well as for attainment. It was nice to see the S3 pupils down to borrow books!

February

Our Book Group had been reading the three short-listed books for the **Scottish Teen Book Prize** and the majority voted for **Farewell Tour of A Terminal Optimist by John Young** – will it be the winner? (Yes, it did win)– well done all who voted!

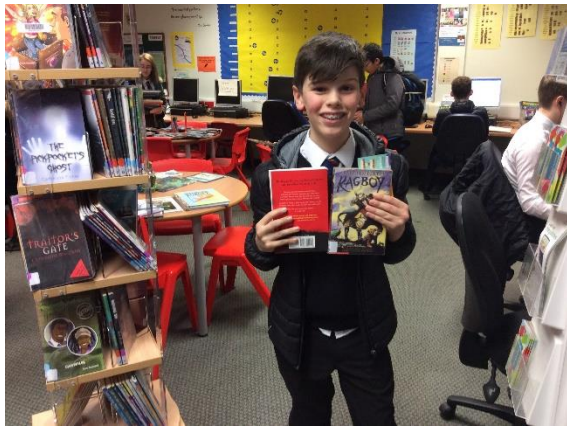
Kyle Library showed its support for **LGBT Month** with educational and informative posters and a book display of LGBT fiction and non –fiction.



March

World Book Day was 7th March but here at Kyle we decided to stretch it out to a week of book related activities. We had a **Last Chance To Love** (giving homes to withdrawn books), we created an enormous paper chain that showed all the books our brilliant S1 and S2 pupils have read since August, **Drop Everything and Read** (as you can see there was whole school involvement) and finally a **Staff Booky Bake-off**. After judging the cake was sold off to staff and pupils and we raised £60 for Book Aid to send 30 books around the world to those who need them most.





April

Time for everyone to sit the final **Star Reader Test** of the academic year to see how much progress has been made. Congratulations to all who are increasing their reading ages by doing more reading – it is as simple as that!

We had a craft session in the library run by S1 pupil Darroch Hamilton who showed us how to make an origami gift box – with a chocolate in each they made perfect Mother's Day present.



With our sights set on a reward trip for S1's to go to the Boswell Book Festival - and to celebrate World Book Night and the idea of gifting books - we created two fantastic hampers filled with books and Easter chocolates and had a whole school raffle. We raised an incredible £70 and we had two delighted winners, S1 pupil Kaiden Jones and our lovely janitor Robert, who then donated his prize to the Children's Ward at the local hospital –what a star!|



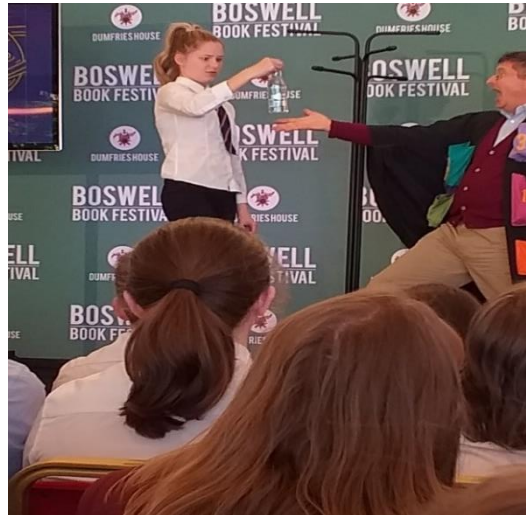
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We had a very successful trip to the **Boswell Book Festival** at Dumfries House with 30 S1 pupils who had been rewarded with this outing for outstanding effort towards their own personal targets. The sun shone, we had picnics in the grounds of Dumfries House and then we went to hear

author and historian Christopher Lloyd give a highly informative and interactive talk based on his new book.

Lots of pupils met the author and arrived back at school proudly clutching a signed copy of Christopher's new book.

All the students who attended had a great day out and were great ambassadors for Kyle Academy.



And as our Accelerated Reader year comes to a close - Now for the science bit!

This year our S1 and S2 classes have read 1,383 books and a total of 40,098,172 words.

34% of pupils have averaged 85% + on their book quizzes and 24% have averaged 90%+ on quizzes.

1752 Book Quizzes were taken and 78% of these were passed successfully.

We had 5 Word Millionaires – Sajeel Tufail (S1) and S2 pupils Molly McKinnon, Ben Edwards, Lewis McGlynn and Cayden Waddell

An amazing 36 pupils in S1 and S2 who reached and exceeded their own personal targets.

A huge Congratulations to our 5 S1 pupils who are already reading at the top level – Pranjol Ganguli, Darroch Hamilton, Aodan McGeechan, Aiden Reid and Sajeel Tufail.

34 pupils in S1 and S2 were recognized with Outstanding Reader Awards for having shown Excellent Ability in Reading.

Congratulations to the following pupil who have shown the most improvement in their reading ability over the school year – Emily Dick, Luke Gwillim, Ava Barr, Niamh Clark, Ellie Boyle, Aiden Reid, Megan Forrest, Rachel Martin, Rebecca Cuthill, Lyle Johnstone, Holly McMillan and Jak Burnett.

Well Done to all our certificate winners – you have all achieved amazing progress in your reading.



