



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Before we broke up for the summer holidays, pupils were introduced to the Ealing Summer Reading Challenge and the Gadgeteers! Upon our return in September, many children came into school with their medals after having completed the challenge. Sumaiya in Year 4 Lynx was especially proud of her achievement stating, "I had a lot of fun with the Summer Reading Challenge. I liked all the books and being able to get a medal."



*Sumaiya's Medal*

## BOUNCY CASTLES

Due to the hot weather at the end of last academic year, our Bouncy Castle Event was postponed to the start of this term. Pupils who had achieved 100+ reads, as well as those who have been engaged in the ARA Reading Competition, were invited with their year groups to have a bounce and celebrate their achievements. When asked about their experience pupils shouted, "THIS IS THE BEST DAY EVER!"



## READING AMBASSADORS

It has been a busy start to the academic year with the announcement of this year's Reading Ambassadors. Children were asked to submit applications to Miss McNeill before the end of last year. After the summer holidays and many hours reading through applications, Miss McNeill announced the 2022-2023 Reading Ambassadors. Helping spread a love of reading through the primary are the following children:



## READING AMBASSADORS

### Year 3

Lexie

Yugan

Analise

### Year 4

Matei

Hayat

### Year 5

Karlie-Rose

Nikita

Beauty

David P

### Year 6

Eva

Pheobe

Jaysie



*Pictured: Beauty, Nikita, Karlie-Rose, David and Matei*



*Pictured: Annalise, Lexie, Yugan and Mina-Mae*

## ROALD DAHL DAY – CAKE SALE

We had a “scrum-diddli-umptious” Roald Dahl Day! Children were invited to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character for the chance to win some fantastic prizes. In class, pupils enjoyed a variety of Roald Dahl themed activities - ranging from creating their own characters to making BFG inspired Dream Jars!

Congratulations to our costume contest winners:

Year 1 - Dominic / Year 2 - Mehdi / Year 3 - Mina Mae

Year 4 - Luka / Year 5 - Karlie-Rose / Year 6 - Safiya

Years 1 – 3 overall winner - Clarissa

Years 4 – 6 overall winner Adrine



*Pictured: Year 2 Koala Class*

## GOLDEN TICKET

Along with our annual dress up, we held a Willy Wonka themed cake sale after school. Children and parents were invited to purchase some of Mr Wonka's famous treats and were entered into a draw to win a special prize from Mr Wonka himself!

Golden Ticket Winners were Sarah G (Year 4 Kestrel) & Stefan P (Year 2 Owl)





# Recommended READS



## NURSERY

Our Tower  
Author: Joseph Coelho  
Illustrator: Richard Johnson

Three children find the magic in their tower block – showing that nature and adventure are for everyone. A beautifully illustrated, lyrically told story.



## RECEPTION

Martha Maps it Out  
Author: Leigh Hodgkinson

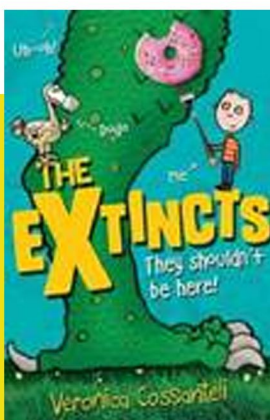
Martha loves making maps! In this charming and original picture book, follow Martha as she takes you on a tour of her world and shares her hopes and dreams for the future.



## KEY STAGE 1

Alice Éclair Spy Extraordinaire: A Recipe for Trouble  
Author: Sarah Todd Taylor

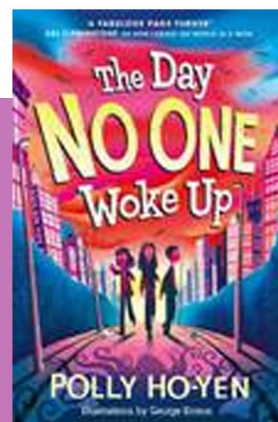
By day, 13-year-old Alice Éclair is a skilled baker, but by night, she is a spy. In this thrilling adventure, set in 1930s France, she must combine her skills as she embarks on a dangerous mission aboard a luxury steam train.



## LOWER KEY STAGE 2

The Extincts  
Author: Veronica Cossantelli

George loves helping out at Wormestall Farm, a secret sanctuary for extinct and mythical beasts, where unlikely things are always happening.



## UPPER KEY STAGE 2

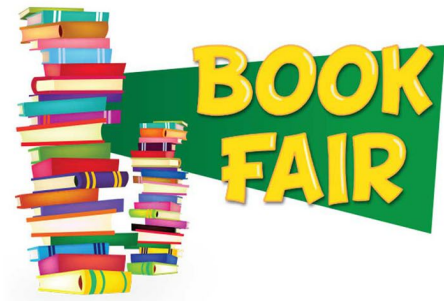
The Day No One Woke Up  
Author: Polly Ho-Yen

A tense and intriguing sci-fi mystery that's creepy and unnerving with one or two genuinely spine-tingling moments.



## BOOK FAIR

A massive thank you for all the support with our Scholastic Book Fair. We raised a whopping £1240! This means we are able to buy MANY books for our library and classrooms. We could not have done it without the support of the pupils, parents and carers. We cannot wait to update you with the books we have purchased and the updates we are making to our libraries!



## AUTHOR FOCUS - NORTHOLT LIBRARY

Our Year 5 classes had the chance to visit Northolt Library to participate in a workshop with local author Charlotte Sebag-Montefiore. Year 5 participated in a quiz where they had to decipher what sea creature the author, Charlotte, spoke of. The author pointed out the similarities and differences between both humans and some sea creatures. Afterwards, we spoke about the importance of the ocean and why we need to take care of it.

If you want to know more and are interested in 'free books', sign up to: [charlotteswonderfulstories.com](http://charlotteswonderfulstories.com)

One student said, "I thought that it was quite educational because she taught us about the sea."



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During our Black History Month celebrations, pupils had the opportunity to learn about different British Black Poets. Students were exposed to different poets such as: Benjamin Zephaniah, John Agard, Joseph Coelho and Grace Nichols.



## LITERACY LAB

We are very excited to announce that in the Spring Term our Literacy Lab, located in the Year 2 Playground, will be re-opening! There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on the first week back in January! Stay tuned for more information.





## POETRY WEEK

This year's Poetry Week theme was The Environment. Pupils were given a selection of poems written by multiple poets and were challenged to learn and recite them in front of the class. An ongoing action we have in the Primary is to increase students' fluency, oracy and prosody whilst reading. This week, all eyes and ears were on pupils as they performed their choices in front of their classes.

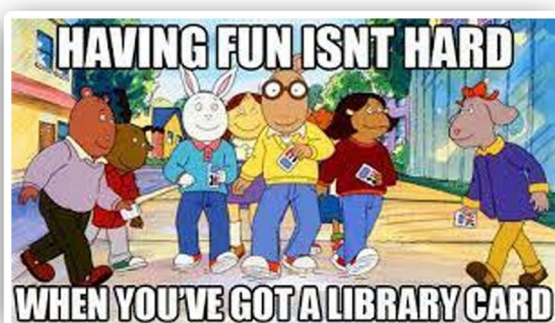
Pupils also had the chance to write their own version of a poem. Check out some of the great examples from Year 5!



## NORTHOLT LIBRARY VISITS

Over the term, year groups and classes have been visiting the Northolt Library. Pupils participated in workshops put on by the wonderful staff. They had a tour of the library and were shown how to check out and return books they borrow. If you haven't been already, please take a visit and get your library card today!

"Starfish Class really enjoyed their library visit yesterday afternoon. The staff were really welcoming. They read a story and sang action songs. The children were also invited to go outside to the garden to have a look at their vegetables that are growing. At the end, children were shown how to check out a book and they even received a medal."





# LOVE FOR READING – A CELEBRATION!

We have had so many events this term, it is hard to narrow down our favourite. As a school, we are always looking for ways to encourage pupils to read and foster a love for reading at an early age. That's why we have celebrated pupils' reading achievements so far this year by giving many fun and exciting opportunities. Pupils in the Autumn Term had a visit from Andy the Magician, a trip to Oxygen Free Jumping in Acton and towards the end of the term, will have the chance to win a fantastic bundle of prizes (voted on and chosen by the pupils).

## READING COMPETITION

Our Reading Ambassadors have been busy reading and sharing their thoughts on some of our reading competition books. Have a read of their reviews! Have you had the chance to read the same books? If so, what did you think?

ARA's Reading Ambassador Reading Competition Book  
Recommendations

Reading Ambassador Name and Year Group: Jack

Book Title: The Island Tree

Author: Anthony Browne

Year Group: 4

Review

★ This book is about a boy that lives in a house on a small island. He is a very lonely boy and he is very sad. He is very sad because he is the only boy on the island.

★ After a long time, he finds a girl who lives on the island. She is very kind and she is very smart. They become friends and they are very happy.

★ This book is a good book to read. It is a very interesting book and it is a very good book to read.

Featured WOW Vocabulary

Isolated	Indicating	Lonely
Isolation	Device	Simple

ARA's Reading Ambassador Reading Competition Book  
Recommendations

Reading Ambassador Name and Year Group: Yor 5 Title

Book Title: Wishy Washy

Author: Andrea Beaty

Year Group: Yor 5

Review

★ A girl who lives on a small island. She is very lonely and she is very sad. She is very sad because she is the only girl on the island.

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Book Title: Wishy Washy

Author: Andrea Beaty

Year Group: Yor 5

Review

★ I loved the book and reading it. I loved the book and reading it. I loved the book and reading it.

★ It was a very good book to read. It was a very good book to read. It was a very good book to read.

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A reminder that all of the competition books are in our two beautiful school libraries. You can find out which books are in the competition by checking out the back of your Reading Records. Once you have read a book, write the name of the book you have read and write a short review about what you thought. Pupils are invited to borrow and return Competition books during allocated lunchtimes. Every book that is read, takes you one step closer to attending one of our fabulous Reading Enrichment celebrations!





## THE MAGIC OF READING

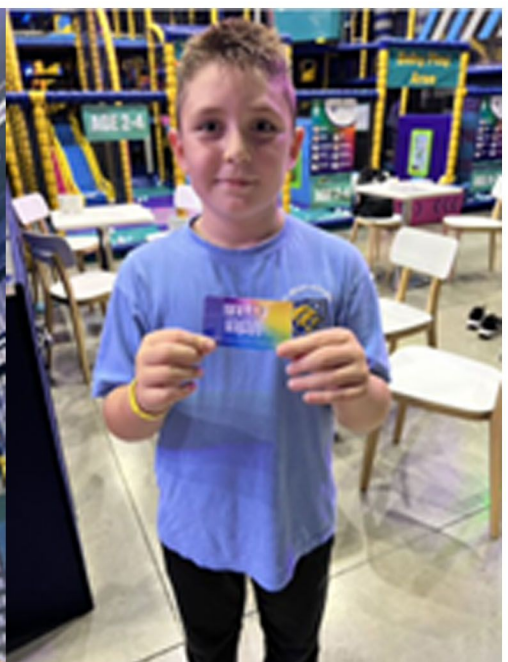
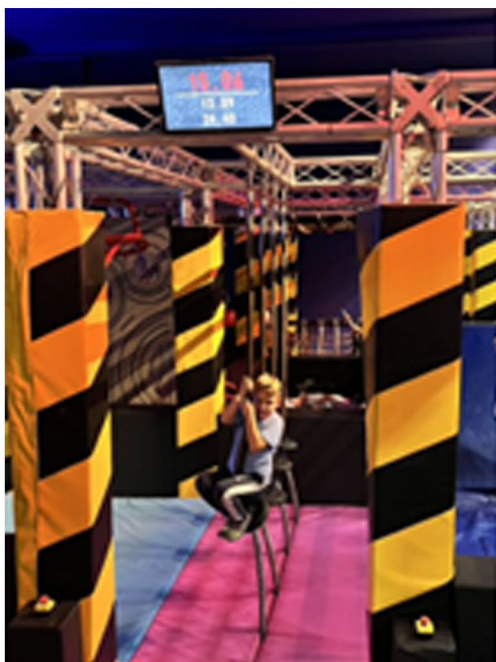
As a thank you for the fantastic reading that has been happening throughout the school this year, children who have achieved 100+ Reads in EYFS and Year 1 were invited to a magic show centred around reading!



*"I liked the show because it was so funny. He put milk in a newspaper and tipped it on someone's head and it disappeared!"*

## OXYGEN FREE JUMPING

Our first KS2 celebration for reading this term was a trip to Oxygen Free Jump. Pupils who were noted as being keen readers and participants in the Reading Competition were invited to come for a jumping filled day! Frazer in Year 6 said, "It was an amazing trampoline park. I was excited because it was going to be my first ever time going to Oxygen. I felt pleased to be rewarded for my reading."





## RAFFLE

To mark the end of another successful term of reading, we are happy to announce a raffle for pupils across the Primary. The Reading Ambassadors visited each class to collect votes from pupils for possible prizes. The top choices were books and a skateboard (a scooter for EYFS). Students will be receiving their raffle tickets in the upcoming days and winners will be announced at our Book and Bake Sale on Monday 5th December in the Primary Pod.



### KS1 PRIZE



### KS2 PRIZE



### EYFS PRIZE

