



# LIBRARY MATTERS

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## LIBRARY STAFF

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## LIBRARY

### OPENING HOURS

Mon : 8.30 - 4.30  
Tue : 8.30 - 4.30  
Wed : 8.30 - 4.30  
Thur : 8.30 - 4.30  
Fri : 8.30 - 4.30

### \* LATEST \*

**Library is OPEN for  
OPEN DAY  
Saturday  
10th January**

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## Kids Lit Quiz 2014



The first term back after the long Summer break is always packed with activity in the library.

After the Year 8s had their Library Induction and settled in to their regular library periods, we challenged our readers!

We let them test their literary knowledge by taking a trial quiz to select a team to represent

Sullivan Upper at the annual regional final of the worldwide Kids Lit Quiz.

This year, scores from our keen readers were impressively high, making it easy to select a strong team.

On Thursday 13th November our team set off for Wellington College with high hopes for success, and indeed they

led the field through most of the 10 challenging rounds, only to be pipped at the post by Methody, who took first place, with our team coming second.

**Well done to our well read team :-**

**Jack Rann 8C,  
Peter Ritchie 8M,  
Sophie Gallagher 8M  
and Ella Andrews 8W**



Quiz Master Wayne Mills (aka The Book Guru) presents the Sullivan team with their prizes.

# Our Accelerated Reader Year



**Accelerated™  
Reader**

During the Autumn Term 2013, the Accelerated Reader scheme was introduced for all students in Year 8.

Accelerated Reader aims to motivate students of all ages and abilities to read more suitably challenging books, raise literacy standards and diagnose problems to help direct ongoing reading practice and develop a lifelong love of reading.

The 2013—2014 Library year turned out to be one during which millions of words were read and classes competed keenly for the ultimate prize of a day trip to Barry's Amusement Park in Portrush.

The class which read the most books and accurately passed the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes by

achieving 85% or higher was 8S. As you can see below, they had a glorious, fun day at the end of term to celebrate all their hard work!

Madeleine Inman and Matthew Jackson each read over 3 million words, Roisa O'Neill, Tony Cowen and Ronan Garrett each read over 2 million words and 28 other students were all word millionaires.

All our top readers were awarded prizes by Mr Peel at a special assembly which celebrated Sullivan school's love of reading.

During the 2014—2015 school year, all Year 8 and Year 9 classes are participating in the Accelerated Reading scheme, and already there are two students who have read over 2 million words! Which class will win the ultimate prize at the end of the year? Check up on progress by looking at the charts in the library.

## HOW TO SUCCEED WITH ACCELERATED READER

1. Pick a book with the correct color dot on the spine for your reading level
2. Read your book within 2 weeks
3. Take an Accelerated Reader Quiz in the SEON Room as soon as possible after finishing your book
4. Get a result of 85% or more to stay on target
5. . . . and repeat.....and repeat.....and repeat.....
6. To find out which books have quizzes on Accelerated Reader go to

[www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk)



**Will your class  
be on the bus  
this year?**

## Reading Mentors

Library periods for our Year 8 and 9 classes are now a hive of activity and each class has the use of the SEON room while the class is in progress. When a student finishes reading their library book, they go into the SEON room and log on to take the appropriate Accelerated Reader Quiz.

This year has seen the introduction of 6th Form Library Mentors who are very welcome assistants during these periods. Fourteen keen and very reliable volunteers have been working each week with the junior students to encourage and motivate them to achieve their reading targets and help them get totally hooked on reading.



### 6th Form Reading Mentors

8K—Claudia MacGougan and Victoria Wilton

8M—Victoria Wilton and Craig Bishop

8C—Susan Potts

8W Rebecca Reid

8J—Chloe Burns and Amy Hartin

9S—Conor Gibson and Jason Rothwell

9W—Sophie Kelly



9P—Peter Taylor and  
Patrick McCutcheon

9C—Sophie Henry and  
Sophie Pyper

The 6th form volunteers have been enjoying their work and it has also given them valuable experience which they can add to their CVs. Indeed it is now hard to know how we ever managed Accelerated Reader classes without them!

**Having difficulty finding a good book to read?**

#### Having difficulty finding a good book to read?

Ask a keen reader / 6th Form Mentor / Librarian / English Teacher for a recommendation

Browse the shelves in your school library / your local library / your local bookshop

Go online to [www.fantasticfiction.co.uk](http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk) and check out books by your favourite author



## The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe

How do you turn the foyer of the Frost Building into Narnia to welcome the audience to the excellent Junior Drama production of The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe?

Here's what the librarian created!



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After →

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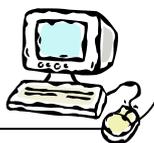
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**We are on the web**

**[www.sullivanupper.co.uk](http://www.sullivanupper.co.uk)**

**Click on Library**



*Best wishes*



*to all  
for 2015*



### LIBRARY NOTICES

During January and February, there are a number of times when the library will be unavailable due to scheduled Parent Interviews.

Wednesday 14th January 12.40 onwards

Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd  
afternoons from 1.10pm

Monday 9th February to Thursday 12th  
afternoons from 1.10pm

Thursday 26th February 12.40 onwards

We always aim to give advance notice of these closures during Assembly notices the day before planned closures.



## Scholastic Book Fair December 2014

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was held during the first week of October. Sales of books and accessories were brisk as usual, and during Library periods students in Years 8–10 took part in our Library Treasure Hunt prize quiz.

The secret message uncovered by following the clues was from Walt Disney—"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island"

Three students won gift vouchers for their correct quiz entries and they received their prizes during Assembly. Ciara Hill 8C, Bethany McKee 9P and Scott Miller 10C were the lucky recipients.

Sales totalling £719 ensured that the library received a great collection of free books as commission.

This, along with free Scholastic books earned with the English Department's Readathon have ensured our students will not be short of something to read in our school library.

Many thanks to all who supported Readathon and our Book Fair.



### Solid Gold Reads to help you on your way to becoming a word millionaire

Can't get off the blocks with Accelerated Reader?

Finding it difficult to get through your book?

Why not try one of our Solid Gold Reads to help you on your way to becoming a word millionaire?



In the library we have a selection of Barrington Stoke books, which are designed for reluctant readers. The books are shorter and easier to get through than some of our weightier tomes! They are also perfect for any student who may have dyslexia. We have called these books Solid Gold Reads.

All Barrington Stoke books in our library now have a gold sticker on the top of the spine and there is a poster which lists the books, shows the author name, which section to find it in and the book title.

Check out about Barrington Stoke books at [www.barringtonstoke.co.uk](http://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk)



**Sullivan Library  
welcomes all P6 and P7  
visitors on our Open Day  
Saturday 10th January**