

TCS Reading Newsletter: Term Four

Welcome to our Term Four Reading Newsletter. This term we held our biggest celebration for World Book Day ever to celebrate the National Year of Reading! We hope you enjoy reading about the activities and competitions.

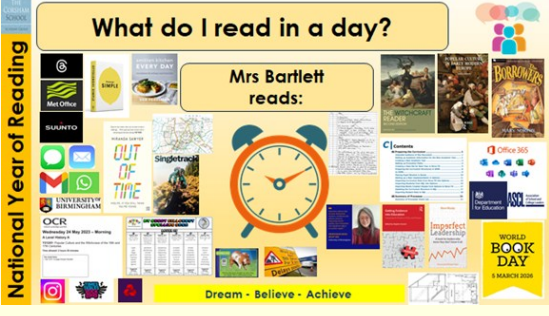
World Book Day Books

We hope you enjoyed spending your WBD vouchers for a FREE book. An extra special thank you to Janet Brakespear from our local Corsham Bookshop who also kindly donated books for our students to enjoy. These books can be taken home for free—simply visit the school library to collect one if you haven't already!



Staff 24 Hour Read Challenge

To celebrate all of the different types of reading we do, staff created posters to show what they read in a typical day. Students had a bingo card challenge to find a different member of staff for each reading category. Well done to everyone who took part—they won a prize and Corsham Credits!



Sponsored Reading challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our first ever Sponsored Read! Together, we raised...

£641.45!

This money will be spent on new books for 'Corsham Reads' in tutor time and students will get to vote for the book we buy.

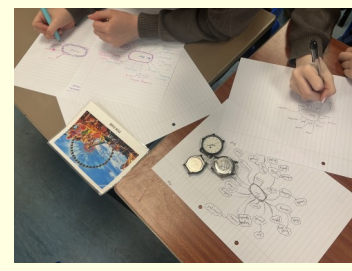
The tutor group with the most students participating in the Sponsored Read was... **7B2!**
We hope you enjoy your prize.



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We were thrilled to win a competition for a visit from author Joffre White this term! Joffre held a special writing workshop for Y7, delivered an inspiring assembly to Y8, signed books in the library at lunchtime and then answered all of our questions in special 'Q&A with an author' sessions for budding writers and book enthusiasts. Visit TCS social media pages to see more photos of this amazing event.

During the Y7 Writing Workshop, Joffre White inspired our students with the importance of imagination and curiosity. The students developed their use of mind maps using pictures and a series of random objects from Joffre's mystery tin!



Highlights from Lit Soc's Q&A

Q. Who is your favourite author?

A. That's a tricky one! JRR Tolkien—The Hobbit was a big influence to my Frog series. Terry Pratchett—If you haven't, you have to read Discworld!

Q. How do you create your characters?

A. Using traits from people I know, and also personal experiences and emotions. I take lots of inspiration from my son, what I love and my own life. All characters have human traits, so you don't have to make it up. Write what you know.

Q. During the writing of your books, which part is the hardest?

A. Starting with the ending helps you to know where the journey goes. Being disciplined is the hardest part of being a writer. If you want to become a writer, make it a regular part of your life! Make it a habit.



Did you know?

Joffre White had his book rejected by publishers before he was finally published. It just goes to show, you should always follow your dreams and never give up!

Visit the library to read Joffre White's Frog series, or his brand new book Aura Boy! We are lucky enough to have signed copies. Thank you, Joffre!

